

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The first day of school for the 2024/2025 school year is Tuesday, September 3.

We ask that students in **Grades 1-5** come to school from 9:00 to 9:30 am. We ask that our incoming **Kindergarten** students go to the undercover area outside at the front of the school (where the Connecting to Kindergarten event was in the Spring) from 10:00 to 10:30. Parents who have any questions can check in with the office. Students will not need any school supplies on Tuesday, September 3.

Students in **Grades 1-5** will go to their line up spot from last year and will return to the classroom they were in last year. Our incoming **Kindergarten** students will go directly to the undercover area outside at the front of the school. This will give children the opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers can take attendance and answer questions about the first week. **New students will check in at one of the outside gym doors (Student Services staff will be at the gym to greet them) and then be sent to their temporary classroom for the week.**

Attendance is very important during this first week as it will confirm our student registrations for school organization at James Park (and all schools) throughout our district. *If your child(ren) will be absent, please submit an absence report online or call the school office before 9:00 am.*

Students will stay with their last year's teacher until we have our organization approved by the School Board. We hope this will happen sometime at the end of the first week or at the beginning of the second week of school.

Our first week of school will be planned collaboratively with all our teachers. We will have activities to actively engage our students and give each child an opportunity to spend some time with their peers, teachers and support staff.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 4 students (Grade 1-5) should bring their backpacks, snacks, lunches, jackets and pencil boxes to school each day. Kindergarten students should follow the gradual entry schedule. Please visit our website - www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark.ca for calendar information (click "on the calendar").

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 2 Labour Day	Sept. 3 First Day of School Grades 1-5 9:00 – 9:30 am Students to line up as detailed above. Kindergarten students arrive at 10:00 am and stay until 10:30 with their parents/caregivers – all students go to the undercover area at the front of the school.	Sept. 4 Grades 1-5 8:55 am– 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students and parents are involved in scheduled 'Welcoming Conversations'. K students only come to school this week for their scheduled 'Welcoming Conversation')	Sept. 5 Grades 1-5 8:55 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students and parents are involved in scheduled 'Welcoming Conversations'. K students only come to school this week for their scheduled 'Welcoming Conversation')	Sept. 6 Grades 1-5 8:55 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. (Kindergarten students will begin their gradual entry to school with a short time at school- first full day of school for K students is on Monday, September 18th)

ENTER AND EXIT DOORS (All entry/exit doors being used have a NUMBER on the glass portion of the outside door) *** the division listed below is **LAST YEAR's division**

Kehler- Division 1: outside classroom door #11
Ewert (Nakatsu last year)- Division 2: outside portable door #18
Skucas-Escano- Division 3 : outside classroom door # 9
Skrebsky (Smith last year)- Division 4: outside classroom door #10
Burke- Division 5: outside classroom door #7
Wilkman- Division 6: Learning Commons door- door # 2
Herten- Division 7 : top stairs west side of building- door # 15
Skipper (Hagen last year)- Division 8: outside classroom door #1
Chiang- Division 9: regular entrance front door #16
Dimmer-Drew/ Hassanali- Division 10: top stairs east side of building- door # 14
Nielsen- Division 11: outside classroom door # 5
Weiseman/ Kong- Division 12: outside classroom door # 8
(Watt/Skipper last year)/ Hassanali- Division 13: outside classroom door #4
Lafave- Division 14: outside classroom door # 17
Tonogai- Division 15: outside gym door- door # 12
Parhar- Division 16: outside gym door- door # 13
Andrews/ Kong- Division 17: Learning Commons door- door # 3
McIntyre- Division 18: outside classroom door # 6

Regards,

Rob Wright
Principal



We have had students leave James Park this summer, but we have also had staff leave. We wish everyone well and know that some may come back and rejoin our James Park community in the future.

We say goodbye and good luck to the following staff:

Mr. Nakatsu (teacher), Ms. Hagen (teacher), Ms. Persuhn (EA), Ms. Lopez (EA), Mr. Warhurst (caretaker)

We welcome the following staff to James Park:

Ms. Ewert (teacher), Ms. Keen (teacher), Ms. Skipper (teacher)