

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all of your support as we welcomed back 93% of our students this week for their orientation to their teachers and the safety protocols that we have put in place. It was great to see the masked faces of students and the smiles in their eyes along with the many parents who accompanied them to the school.

There has been an incredible amount of work that has gone into preparing for the arrival of students back to school and Mr. Ryan and I would like to extend a big thank you to our amazing staff for all of their work. We have a very welcoming community and I hope that your children felt this over the past two days. There will be a few hiccups along the way as we navigate this reality, but we are putting the health and safety as first priority for our students and staff. Please note that we are following the guidelines by the BC Public Health Authority and Ministry of Education and are asking that you remind your children of the importance of following the direction of the staff and the guidelines that we have been sending out to you over the past few weeks.

**Please be reminded of the following: (Carefully read this information and the attachments)**

- Both students and parents must be wearing a mask when entering the school grounds at all times even if you are physically distanced from others.
- Please also complete the “Daily Health Check” with your child each day. I have attached the daily health check document for your reference.
- If your child is sick, please do not send her/him to school and only have your child return when the symptoms are gone.
- If a child becomes sick during the school day, they will be placed in an isolation room with supervision until a parent can come to pick the child up.
- Parents/Guardians can only enter the building with a pre-arranged appointment. Doors will be locked throughout the day to ensure that we keep community contact to a minimum. Please call the school to arrange for an appointment.
- School supplies: On Monday students will only need a notebook and a pen and pencil to write with. The teachers will let your child know when to bring in the rest of their school supplies.
- We are not using lockers for the time being. Students need to keep all their belongings and lunches in a backpack.
- There will be no access to microwaves nor hot water for noodles. Please only send your child with lunches that do not need to be heated nor require hot water.
- Your child can bring a pre-filled water bottle. Although we have de-commissioned our water fountains, we do have two water bottle filling stations in the school for students to replenish their water bottles if needed.
- We are asking that your child only arrive at school 10 minutes prior to their start time as indicated in the attachment. Students who are late to school will have to wait outside until someone is able to let them into the building. Please call the office if your child will be arriving late to school.
- Students who arrive earlier than 10 minutes prior to their start time are required to wait in their designated gathering area until the start of the school day. (see attached map). Students arriving early will not be let into the building early.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather so that while they wait they will be prepared for the elements.

**Attached are the documents that you can refer to for your child's start and end times based on the learning group your child was placed in. The students who attended today will know their learning group and the location where they are to gather prior to entering the building. If your child does not know their learning group there will be staff throughout our grounds available to guide them to the gathering spot for their learning group.**

- COVID-19 Block Schedule 202-2021 #1 (This includes the start and end times as well as some protocols)
- School Map with Designated Arrival areas (the map shows the locations and arrival times for students based on the "Learning Group" (Core Class))
- Divisions with Teacher Names and Team # (the document has the teacher's names as well as the team names)
- Daily Health Check (this document is a daily health check for you to do with your child – for home use only)

I know this is a ton of information for you to digest and we appreciate your attention going over this information with your child this weekend. If you ever can't find an email all this information is posted on our school website at :

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/maplecreek/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Take and, stay safe and be well,

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