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| **Message from the Principal:** |

Welcome to a new school year! We look forward to working with you and your child(ren).

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we prepared for our new classes. The kids have had a busy and fun week but are definitely ready to start in their classes!

Our organization has been approved and we are ready to move students into their assigned classes on Monday September 8, 2025.

Our Calendar for September:

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| Dates: | Activity |
| **September 3,4,5** | First Week of School Activities |
| **September 8** | Staff Meeting @ 3:00pm |
| **September 8** | Breakfast program begins 8:30 – 8:55am |
| **September 19** | Pro D Day |
| **September 22 – October 10** | Gymnastics equipment here |
| **September 24** | Individual Photos |
| **September 24 6:00 – 7:00pm** | Meet the Teacher Night |
| **September 25** | Terry Fox Run |
| **September 22 - 26** | Truth and Reconciliation Week |
| **September 26** | Fire/Earthquake Drill @ 10:15am |
| **September 29** | Orange Shirt Day |
| **September 29 6:00pm** | PAC Meeting (in person) Library |
| **September 30** | Truth and Reconciliation Day (Tuesday) |

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| **Pick up and Drop off locations:** |

On Monday, students will line up on the grass field as they have been doing this past week. During the day students will be moved into their assigned classes and dismissed at 2:48pm from the grass field. Teachers will let their students and families know the drop off and pick up locations for Tuesday. Tuesday morning and moving forward, students will use these locations as their drop off and pick up spots. Teachers will be reaching out to parents on Monday to let you know that your child is in their class this year.

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| **School Supplies:** |

Students can bring their supplies on Monday next week. Supply lists are on the website under the Parent Tab (along the top of the page) for viewing. There is an order form for School start but this is the required list and can be purchased at a store of your choice.

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| School Photos: |

School Photos are Wednesday September 24, 2025.

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| Class Placements: |

Students will be placed on Monday with their assigned teacher for the 2025-26 school year.  We are enrolling 250 students in twelve divisions.

Class placement is not a simple process.  Teachers spent a significant amount of time discussing class placements for students and our school organization for the 2025-26 school year. Our class placement process ensured that thoughtful consideration of each student’s social, emotional and academic needs was aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The professionals at Miller Park Elementary considered each placement decision carefully, as they created classes that included a variety of students that learn in a variety of ways.  In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process included:

**Student learning & teacher teaching styles                       Leadership abilities**

**Balance of academic, social & emotional abilities           Cohesive student groupings**

**Gender balance                                                                        Friendships**

**Previous classroom history                                                    Class composition**

In emails in the spring I mentioned that parents could provide input regarding their son’s/daughter’s placement.  Parents who felt that there was information that the current classroom teacher or principal should consider when placing your child, were asked to provide it in a letter directed to me.   I did receive some letters and these were considered as part of the placement process.  However, a request for consideration did not guarantee its successful implementation if our staff felt other factors as listed above necessitated a different placement or class size limitations and composition did not allow for it.

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| **Parking Lot:** |

Please meet your child at their assigned dismissal spot. Please do not ask your child to meet you at the car. The parking lot is busy and keeping all of our children safe is my top priority1

Please use caution and be safe in the parking lot!

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| Breakfast Club: |

Breakfast Club will start this week on Monday!

Each Friday I will post the menu for the week ahead in the newsletter.

Sept 8 – 12:

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| **8 Mon** | **9 Tue** | **10 Wed** | **11 Thu** | **12 Fri** |
| Pizza + Yogurt | Grilled Cheese + Hash Browns | Japchae (Korean stir fry noodle) + Sausage | Chicken Nugget +Edamame | Breakfast Wrap + Egg |
| \*\* Cereal, Toast, Milk, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cucumber, Carrots Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Plums, Watermelon | \*\* Cereal, Toast, Milk, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cucumber, Carrots Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Plums, Watermelon | \*\* Cereal, Toast, Milk, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cucumber, Carrots Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Plums, Bananas | \*\* Cereal, Toast, Milk, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cucumber, Carrots Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Plums, Bananas | \*\* Cereal, Toast, Milk, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cucumber, Carrots Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Plums, Bananas |

For those new, this is a free breakfast and no registration is required. Just come through the back doors to the gym between 8:30 – 8:55am. Please, no early birds!

When students finish breakfast, they may stay until 8:55am when the bell rings. Typically the older kids like to head outside to play after they have eaten. This will be a family decision.

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| AfterSchool Programs: |

Mark your calendars! Fall after school program registration will open via Karelo on Sunday, September 14th at 10 am, with programs running from Monday, October 6th-Friday, December 12th. No programs on stat holidays or Pro D days. The brochure will be posted on the website and emailed to parents next week. Please note that programs are now ten weeks instead of eight. Email or call Delphina Liles with any questions, [dliles@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dliles@sd43.bc.ca), 604-250-2119.

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| PAC |

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be on September 29, 2025 at 6:00pm. It will be held in person in the Miller Park Library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

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| Meet the Teacher Night |

You are invited to drop in between 6:00 – 7:00pm on September 24, 2025 to meet your child’s teacher and see their learning spaces. This is not a formal meeting as teachers will still be getting to know your child but it’s a great opportunity to put a name to a face and see where your child spends their day!

Have a great weekend! See you on Monday!

Mrs. Tanya MacDonald