

Miller Park Community School

School District #43 (Coquitlam)

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Principal: Tanya Macdonald



Calendar of Events for September:	
September 12, 2022	Students move to assigned classes
September 12, 2022	Registration for Afterschool Programs begins
September 21, 2022	Miller Park Shirt Day!
September 23, 2022	Pro D Day (Students do not attend)
September 26, 2022	Afterschool Programs begin
September 29, 2022 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Open House
September 29, 2022	Orange Shirt Day in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day
September 30, 2022	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools are closed)

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to a new school year!

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we prepare for our new classes this week. We are welcoming 30 new families to our building as well as 38 new Kindergarten families! As a result of our growth over the summer, the district has given us an additional division. The posting for this position went out yesterday and I hope to have the new teacher hired next week. In the meantime, we will have a TTOC in that classroom.

We will be organizing into 12 Divisions this year! Even with the added division, our classes this year are full at some grade levels and almost full at others.

We will be ready to move students into their assigned classes on Monday September 12, 2022.

Pick up and Drop off locations:

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 from the grass field. Teachers will let their students and families know the drop off and pick up locations on Monday. Tuesday morning and moving forward, students will use these locations as their drop off and pick up spots. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are unsure. Staff contact information is on the Miller Park website.

School Supplies:

Students can bring their supplies on Monday next week. Supply lists are in the front entrance for you to take a picture of or on the website under the Parent Tab along the top of the page for viewing.

School Photos:

School Photos are FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2022. Kindergartens will have their pictures done when they arrive at 11:30am.

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Class Placements:

Students will be placed on Monday with their assigned teacher for the 2022-23 school year. We are enrolling 247 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 2022-2023 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

Ministry of Education class sizes also play a role in how we construct our classes {Kindergarten 20 students, Grade 1 to 3 - 22 students, and Grade 4/5 - 28 students}.

In emails in the spring I mentioned that parents could request 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.

Newsletters:

This year I will be sending out a newsletter twice a month on Fridays (mid and end of the month).

I also send out reminders for events that are happening. Please watch for the emails and make note of the information and special days.

I will send another newsletter September 16, 2022 as this time of year we have lots of information for you!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Tanya MacDonald