



Ecole Nestor Elementary School

August 29, 2019

Welcome back students and families!

On behalf of the entire staff at Nestor, we would like to extend a very warm welcome back and hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer vacation.

A few important points to note:

- **Students return to school on Tuesday, September 3 (8:50-9:20 for Grades 1-5; 10:00-10:30 for Kindergarten) – school supplies are not necessary on this day**
- **Students will report to their last year's class for attendance on Tuesday, September 3**
- **New students who have fully registered will report to the Library**
- **Wednesday, September 4 is a FULL day of school for students in Grades 1-5**

As much as we love summer holidays, we miss our students and greatly look forward to welcoming them back to school. During the first weeks of school we spend much time connecting as a school, while working on building a safe and strong school community. Spending quality time to ensure that students feel a strong sense of belonging to their school is essential to both their academic and social emotional development and growth.

Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter. ~Solis

The first days of school are filled with excitement and anticipation. Although excitement is a pleasant feeling, sometimes feelings of anticipation are not as pleasant and can also evoke other feelings such as stress, anxiety and restlessness. It is important to recognize how students may be feeling, especially during the first few days of school. As parents and teachers, we know that it is part of our role to support students and encourage the use of strategies to help them manage their feelings. We are not problem solvers; we are solution guides.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 17th** - Information Evening - 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym. We will be discussing the RULER Approach, school-wide routines and expectations, curriculum, supporting students with schoolwork at home, and communication. All families are welcome to attend!
- **Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th** - Welcoming Conversations Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m., so that Welcoming Conversations can take place between parents and teachers. Welcoming Conversations are not parent/teacher interviews; rather they provide an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss classroom routines and expectations for students and parents. This is also an optimal time to see the classroom. Each teacher will have her own topics. Please note that these meetings are not optional. Please make necessary arrangements to attend once you have received your meeting time.
- **Friday, September 20th** - District Wide Pro-D Day

Drop Off and Pick Up Times - So Much Traffic!

- Mornings and afternoons will continue to be very busy at Nestor. Safety of all members of the school community is of upmost importance. If you are driving your child/children, please use extreme caution, obey the speed limit and use the drive through has a drop off only area.
- There is no parking alongside the drop off area directly on Nestor Street, except day care buses.
- There is **no left turn** from Nestor into the drive through area. As we await signage from the City of Coquitlam, last school year's traffic rules remain in place.

Your patience and attention to ensuring that our community stays safe is greatly appreciated by all.

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