

Miller Park Community School

School District #43 (Coquitlam)

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Welcome to the first week of school! Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9, 2016

This is a schedule of our first week at Miller Park for the 2016-2017 school year. During our first week we will be working in grade groupings of primary and intermediate students. Miller Park students in grades 1 to 5, may not be in permanent classrooms until Monday, September 12th because we will not know the exact number of children until the end of the first week. Children will be in similar grade groups the first week and will rotate through various activities focused on getting to know the school, each other, school-wide expectations for socially responsible behaviour and build on our theme of leadership. On Friday, we will get together for a whole school assembly and a special hot dog lunch provided by our awesome parent group. Students will be dismissed right after lunch at 12:20 on Friday so that teachers can help with class organization. Our parent information night will be Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 – please join us for a snack and more information about our year together.

2016-2017 Kindergarten students:

- 2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS and their parents or caregivers must attend school on Tuesday morning from 8:55 am to 9:30 am to confirm registration. Please go to the Library to sign up for Welcoming Conversations with our kindergarten teachers. These will happen during various 15 minute time slots between Wednesday, Sept. 7 and Tuesday, Sept.13. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Kindergarten students will attend either a morning session or an afternoon session each day.

Schedule for September 6th – 9th (Students in grades 1 – 5)

- **Tuesday, September 6th** – 8:50am – Welcome Bell – students go to their classroom from last year – 9:30 dismissal
New Kindergarten students will meet in the Library, New Students will meet in the Music Room
- **Wednesday, September 7th** – Students are in the grade groups and will attend all day (8:55 – 2:45)
Grade 1's attendance and dismissal from the Library
Grade 2/3's attendance and dismissal from the Music Room
Grade 4/5's attendance and dismissal from the Gym
- **Thursday, September 8th** – Students are in the same groups as Wednesday all day (8:55 – 2:45)
- **Friday, September 9th** – Students are in the same groups as Wednesday – dismissal at 12:20

Opening Week Supplies

Grades 1-5

•Pencil

•Crayons / pencil crayons

•Scissors

•Glue

Supplies should be marked with your child's name and be brought in a pencil box or zip lock bag if students do not require a pencil case as part of their regular school supplies. Students will also need to bring a recess snack and lunch.

Hot Dog Lunch

On Friday, September 9th our Parent Advisory Council is hosting a "Welcome Back" Hot Dog Lunch. Students will be treated to a hot dog, snack and juice. If you are able to help please put your name and phone number on the volunteer sign-up sheet located in the front hallway. **Please make sure you provide a recess snack on this day for your children.**

Welcome to our new families

We would like to welcome all our new students and their families to Miller Park Community School. We want you to know that we will do everything possible to help make this a smooth transition for you and your child(ren). Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Parking for Parents:

There is no parking on our school parking lots for parents due to the construction at Banting and the fact that all staff from both schools will be parking at our school. Please plan to park on one of our neighboring side streets and walk with your child to school or use the drive thru to drop your child off. We will have 6 staff members working to support children during the drop off time. Please remember that we are all doing our best to work through this transition, keep students safe and support our community the best that we can. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Lunch / Recess Break

We encourage healthy recess snacks and healthy lunches for children at school. Please provide a snack with high nutritional value. Some of our children have serious food allergies to nuts and peanut products and as a result we have had to designate some of our classrooms as "peanut free zones". You will receive a notice if this applies to your son/daughter's classroom.

Our lunch program will be operating on a monthly basis. The Lunch Order Form for September is attached and due with payment, cash or a cheque payable to Miller Park Community School by September 10 if you are interested in participating. Parents can contact Ms. Rinke if there are any concerns or questions about this program.

Bell / Daily Schedule

Welcoming Bell:	8:50
School Begins:	8:55
Recess Begins:	10:25
Recess Ends:	10:40
Lunch Begins:	12:03
Outside Play Bell Rings:	12:20
Class Begins:	12:45
School Day Ends:	2:45

School Procedures / Student Safety

If you arrive late, please report to the office. As student safety is a top priority at Miller Park, we have a "Safe Arrival Program". Our school secretary, Mrs. Phelan will phone the parents/alternates of students who have not arrived at school and of whose whereabouts we are unsure. To help us ensure the safety of your children please phone the school before 9:00 am at 604-936-4208 to report an absence, your support is greatly appreciated. You can also let us know about your child's absence online by going to our website and using the absence report button located on this page.

Newsletters

School newsletters are sent to all parents by email on Mondays each week. The intent of these newsletters is to keep you informed with up to date school and community information. We encourage all our parents to read these carefully as they contain important information on school goals, student expectations and the dates of special events. All newsletters are posted and archived on our school website. Please ensure our school secretary, Mrs. Phelan has your correct email address to ensure delivery to your family.

Lost and Found

Should your child be missing an item, please check the lost and found clothing bin located in the hallway by the office. At the end of each month remaining clothes are gathered and sent to SHARE or a Community Charity.

Parent Involvement

Our Parent Advisory Council a fabulous group. We encourage all parents to be actively involved in their child's education and hope that you will support our Parent Advisory Council and become actively involved in all aspects of Miller Park School Community. Studies show an increase in child success when parents are directly connected to the school. Please contact any of our executive members including our President, Erika Vasquez at : no_el_vasquez@hotmail.com for further information about how you can help to support our community school.

Planner

Cost will be \$5 for those students whose classes will be using them – grades 1 to 5. This will be due during the week that students are placed into classes. We will send a notice home to those students once this occurs.

Miller Park Community School SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016 - 2017

Designation	
School Opens	Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Non-Instructional Day(Common District)	Friday, September 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2016
Non-Instructional Day(Common District/Provincial Day)	Friday, October 21, 2016
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2016
Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day	Monday, November 14, 2016
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2016
Winter Vacation Period	December 19/16 - January 2/17
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Monday, January 30, 2017
BC Family Day	Monday, February 13, 2017
Non-Instructional Day(Common District)	Friday, February 24, 2017
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring Vacation Period	March 13 – March 24, 2017
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District)	Friday, April 21, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Friday, June 9, 2017
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 29, 2017
Administrative Day	Friday, June 30, 2017