

September 11, 2020

Dear Eagle View Elementary Families,

It has been exciting to welcome back students in our building, and listen to their stories from the summer. We look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growing at Eagle View.



We want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we worked through the K-12 Education Restart Plan and what that looks like for our school. It has been interesting for sure with a few hiccups and glitches along the way but we want to assure you that health and safety are at the forefront of all our decisions. Only one learning group will be in the hallway at a time, masks can be worn by students anytime and adults may wear masks anytime as well, however they must wear masks whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained unless they are in their cohort. Parents are asked to remain outside of the building for now, but please know we miss your presence and look forward to having you back inside soon. Stage 2, as outlined by the Ministry of Education, will look and feel different from where we left off in June (Stage 3), and many thanks to our Eagle View Staff who have worked diligently towards making a successful reentry for your children Thursday and Friday.

This school year brings us an increase in enrollment with 257 children in 13 divisions and a handful of students participating in the Transitional Hybrid program at Strawberry Vale. A huge thank you for working so hard over the summer on handwashing procedures and practicing physical distancing. The students came ready to embark on their educational journey with a clear idea of what safety looks like.

Please consider the following start up details which are a bit different this year to keep us all healthy and safe:

- Arrival and Departure protocol during Stage 2 – students will line up in their designated spot. A gentle reminder to parents, please provide some distance to alleviate the congestion around lineups and doorways so we can have a safe and controlled entrance and exit.
- If your child is late, please phone the office and someone will come to the door and sign your child in. If leaving early, please phone the office and they will call your child to the front door and the adult will sign them out.
- Your child will bring home a package of important forms on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you for reading, updating and returning the forms to Eagle View by Friday, September 25**
- Throughout the year, please check the website for information/updates about Eagle View <https://eagleview.sd61.bc.ca/> We hope to have it more up to date soon.
- School Times during this stage:
  - Monday to Friday 8:30 - 2:22  
Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives on time and is collected within 15 minutes of the 2:22 dismissal time.
- Attendance: Thank you for calling the school when your child is unable to come. A message may be left 24 hours a day - 250.744.2701

- On behalf of the **PAC**, we welcome you to join our enthusiastic parents at monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings, there are many ways to volunteer ... even for an hour or two. **This year, PAC meetings will be held the second WEDNESDAY of the month starting at 6:00 pm in an outdoor space. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 16.**
- Looking after our environment - Eagle View functions on a "Pack In/Pack Out" Lunch system. This means that your child will put everything back into his/her lunch box. We ask that you then teach your children about the importance of recycling by recycling these things at home. Thank you!
- Parking at Eagle View is a challenge at drop off and pick up times; please consider
  - Walking or cycling to school, especially this year as we get used to living outdoors more.
  - Parking a distance from the school and walking part way provides before school exercise that sets students up for a successful focused morning.
  - If you must come by car, carpooling with a friend in your bubble is recommended.
- Eagle View staff arrive at different times during the day. Please do NOT park in the staff parking lot for this reason.
- Mrs. Fraelic, who is our before and after school supervisor requests that you be mindful of the cones noting the yellow lines opposite where the bus drops off students. Please do not park in or near the coned area or the bus has a difficult time maneuvering through the space.
- Stage 2 Return to School plan has a lot more outdoor learning. Please have your child dress appropriate for the weather. You may want to even send an extra set of clothes to school that remain at school for those unpredictable weather days.
- The **Terry Fox Run** will be a full day event this year as learning groups/cohorts will walk around the school grounds for approximately 30 minutes. Please stay tuned for details around this event.
- **Meet the Teacher Night**, scheduled for September 24, has hit the pause button! We are not sure about how this could look at the moment as large gatherings are not an option, but we don't want to miss an opportunity to connect. Hopefully we will be able plan something. Your child's teacher can be reached by email or a phone call to the office.
- Other important dates include:
  - Monday, September 28 Professional Development Day (no school in session)
  - Wednesday, September 30 Orange Shirt Day

Again, welcome back and thank you for your patience and understanding, for being kind, being calm and keeping everyone safe.

Jana Relf, Principal and Sanjiv Galhon, Vice Principal