



HEATHER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISTRICT No.57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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September 14, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

I would like to welcome all returning and new Heather Park students and families to the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a very long time since we have a school building filled with students. The return to school this year is much different than anything any of us have experienced before as we navigate the School District No. 57 British Columbia Re-Start Plan. According to this re-start plan in Stage 2 students are placed in learning groups composed of up to 60 people including school staff. Learning groups are intended to reduce the number of in-person, close interactions a person has in school without requiring physical distancing to consistently be practiced. Learning groups have been established and we are staggering our bell schedules for these learning groups. Before school supervision will be provided outside beginning at 8:25am and will continue until all classes begin. Likewise, after school supervision will be provided until 2:52pm. As a result, we ask that drop-off and pick-up occurs at the school property borders (sidewalks) instead of the school entrances and physical distancing is maintained.

The Ministry of Education has instructed schools to group students into learning groups of 60 or less people and to have staggered start times, end times and breaks in an attempt to maintain physical distancing. As a result, Learning Groups will have staggered start and dismissal times. This year morning recess breaks have been cancelled and will be scheduled within the learning groups. The lunch time break has also been staggered and will be scheduled according to learning groups. This year students will be taken outside more often during instructional time and it is important that students dress for the weather.

Bell Schedule 2020-2021			
	Schedule A	Schedule B	Schedule C
First Bell	8:35am		
Class Begins	8:40am	8:50am	9:00am
Dismissal	2:22pm	2:32pm	2:42pm
Last Bell	2:42pm		
Learning Groups >60 students	Learning Groups		
	Beach (20)	Heckley (20)	Wilkins (22)
	McLachlan (20)	Wyer (22)	Hall (22)
	Glennen (22)	Frost (24)	Bracey (29)
	Harrhy (22)	Barg (24)	Keating (29)
	Harms (29)	Meier (29)	Grisedale (29)
	Laurin (29)		
	Kozak (29)	St-Denis (22)	Paun (22)
	Quesnel (22)	Gagne (22)	
Campbell (24)	Maloney (29)		
Mulligan (29)	Lacaille (29)		

Students will not be storing personal items in lockers this year. Lockers will only be used as coat racks/hooks and boot/shoe racks. We ask that students only bring the materials required for the day because all personal items must go home at the end of the day and cannot be stored in lockers. This will assist our custodial staff being able to effectively sanitize surfaces at least once a day.

The most important thing that we can do to stay safe is to take the time to do a self-assessment every day and to keep students at home if they are not feeling well or exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19. If your children have symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting or muscle aches, please do not send them to school. A BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool can be found at- <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>.

Important September Dates:

- September 14 – First full day of school
- September 16 – École Heather Park PAC Meeting @ 6:45pm
- September 20 – Terry Fox Virtual Run <https://terryfox.org/RUN/>
- September 25 – Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)

We look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Sincerely,

Parrish Child
Principal, École Heather Park Elementary