



# Spruceland Traditional Elementary

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## September 6th, 2019

Hello and welcome to the 2019-2020 school year.

We have many new and exciting things happening at Spruceland Traditional Elementary School this year. To coordinate with our Positive Behaviour Support program, we are changing our school mascot to "The Sharks". We will be expecting SHARK behaviour from our students and will be teaching and rewarding this behaviour in all settings around the school. SHARK behaviour is being Safe, Hard Working, Accountable, Respectful, and Kind.

There will be a slight change to our Friday walk and talk as well. We will have walk and talk every Friday morning in September, October, April, May and June. By taking out the winter months, we are hoping to have stronger participation in the months that we are doing the walk and talk. Please take this time to walk with our students and staff when you arrive on Fridays.

We are looking forward to the exciting learning that will happen for all of us this year. Spruceland students showed some amazing growth last year and we are looking to build upon that this year. We also have created an opportunity for our teachers to learn and improve our practice with the early dismissal on Wednesdays.

Please note the morning break time for your child's class. We will be going out for morning break in groups of 4 classes at a time at 10:00, 10:15, 10:30, and 10:45 am. Students will be going out with their classes for the 15 minute nutrition and activity break instead of a school-wide recess.

Your child's education is a partnership and I encourage you to be curious and supportive of the learning taking place, and communicate regularly with your child's classroom teacher. Please check our school website regularly to learn of important dates at the school.

Sid Jawanda - Principal

## Upcoming Events for Sept. 2019

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Strong Start opens 8:45-11:45am**

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal @ 1:25pm**

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting in Learning Commons at 6pm**

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Terry Fox Run**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – First full day of Kindergarten**

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back BBQ lunch – whole school**

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Open House 6:-7:00pm**

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional Day – no school for students**

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day**

**Date to note in Oct.**

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photos**



This year we will be going to an early dismissal model on Wednesdays. This will be from September 11, 2019 to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. On the Wednesday of those weeks, students will be dismissed at 1:25pm.

If your child will be dropped off before 8:25am, please make arrangements with our principal or vice principal.

If you are unable to pick your child up at the new early Wednesday dismissal time of 1:37pm, please contact the office to discuss options. Please ask for the Vice Principal Mr. Petrisor.

Lunch schedules for that day will be adjusted accordingly.

### **Spruceland Bell Schedule for Sept. 2019 - June 2020**

	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Fridays:</b>	<b>Wednesdays:</b>
Programs/Supervision Start:	8:25am	8:25am
Warning Bell:	8:40am	8:40am
Instruction Begins:	8:45am	8:45am
Lunch Begins:	12:20pm	11:50am
Dismissal to Outside:	12:35pm	12:05pm
Warning Bell:	1:00pm	12:30pm
Instruction Begins:	1:05pm	12:35pm
Instruction Ends:	2:37pm	1:25pm
Supervision Ends:	2:52pm	1:37pm

*Classes will take a 15 minute break during the morning session.*



***We will be hosting an Open House on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:00pm.***

To ensure student safety, **all visitors** coming to the school between 8:45am-2:25pm **MUST**:

- 1.) Sign in at the office and sign out when you leave.
- 2.) Wear a school lanyard as a guest or volunteer. This system will improve our lists of people in the school during a lockdown or evacuation. (School special events are an exception.)
- 3.) It is very important that our hallways remain quiet during class time and use of inappropriate language is strictly prohibited.
- 4.) All parents wanting to be volunteers need to apply for a Police Record Check every 3 years. Applications can be picked up at our office, you must then fill out and drop off to the RCMP. We are happy to support all applications.
- 5.) **All lunches for students are to be brought to the office and we will call your child down to pick up.**

### **School Uniform:**

**By choosing to attend our Traditional School, we expect ALL students to wear their school uniform:**

- Uniforms are to be worn every day except theme days.
- Royal blue or white top (no other colours). Logo on the left.
- Accessories such as headbands, barrettes and scarves should be small, tidy and the school colours of white, black or royal blue.
- Black bottoms not shorter than fingertip length and black leggings or shorts should be worn underneath. Solid black – no patterns, stripes, etc. No ripped jeans or mesh leggings.
- Should your child arrive at school without the proper uniform, they will be provided a change of clothing and you will be contacted.
- Indoor shoes are non-marking.
- Purchase shirts at the school or shirts and hoodies directly from Custom Stitch at 537 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (250-561-1530)
- Mark clothing with your child's name.
- Please donate clean shirts to the office.





***Strong Start is a free drop in for ages 0-5 from 8:45 – 11:45am., Mon. to Fri. There is no Strong Start the first Monday of each month. Strong Start resumes on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.***

### **School Fees:**

Each student from Grades 1 to 3 are required to purchase a Student Planner. This planner is used to develop responsibility for homework and a useful tool for both parents and teachers as a communication tool between home and school. The cost is \$10.00. As well, there is a \$10.00 cultural fee for all students that enables us to schedule special events/performers that enrich daily curriculum. **Both fees are payable to the classroom teacher.**



### **Virtues:**

At our Traditional School, we teach a virtue each month. Our focus for September is teaching “good manners”. Our shared goal is to develop your children into courteous, responsible and caring individuals. We expect them to “Work Hard, Play Safely and Be a Friend”.

### **Spruceland is an allergy aware school:**

- Be considerate of classroom allergies when sending lunches and snacks to school.
- Use a paper towel so the food does not touch the desk or table.
- Wash hands thoroughly after eating.

### **Allergy Aware School**



**If your child is going to be late or absent or later for any reason, please contact the office at 250-563-4208.**

**Please also note and discuss with your child(ren) that using the office phone is for emergencies and not to arrange after school plans.**



Use of wheeled devices are prohibited on school grounds. This would include Heely shoes (runners with wheels attached), Razor Scooters, skateboards and bicycles. Once a student arrives at school on their bicycle, they should walk the bike to the bike stand and lock it up.



## **School Newsletters:**

School newsletters are sent out in digital form. They are emailed out the last Friday of each month giving you the info for the following month's news and activities. They are also posted to our website <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/stes> and the PAC Facebook page. There will be printed copies available for those families that cannot access a digital copy. Please ensure the office has your current email address.

## **School Policies:**

Please review the following policies and discuss with child as they relate to them. *(Press Ctrl and click on the link to be taken directly to the policy information)*

- [Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct](#)
- [Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks](#)
- [Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather](#)
- [Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools](#)
- [Policy 5101 Financial Hardship](#)

Please see also attached with this newsletter, a reference sheet regarding the School District 57 Emergency Procedures which are followed in the event of an emergency in our school or district.

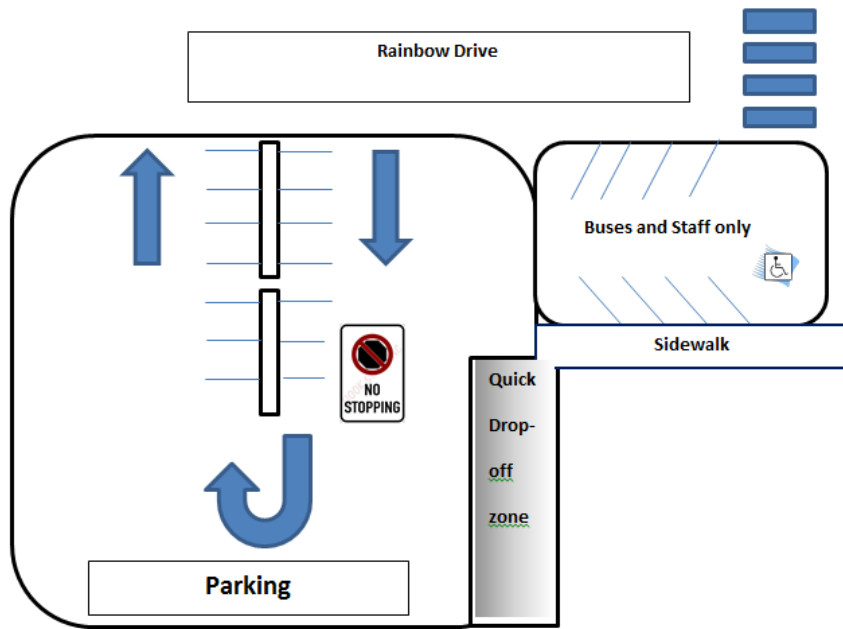
## **Traffic Safety**

Safety in our parking lot is paramount. Thank you to all families who are making our parking lot a safe place. Here are a few reminders to help us keep everyone safe when arriving and leaving school. **Please focus on your driving rather than watching your child walk into the school, this is unfortunately an ongoing concern.**

**Thanks!**

- One way entrance and exit.
- Quick drop off at the curb only. Please do not park in the drop off zone.
- Do not drop off your children in the 'no stopping' zone as it causes congestion and a back-up of vehicles.
- Walk quickly across the parking lot. Please do not let students cross on their own.

Thanks for all of your patience and commitment to ensure the safety of our students!



### After-school pick up:

If you are picking up your child after school, we encourage you to wait outside near the main entrance foyer, or outside the boot room areas.