



Welcome to a new school year! We are so happy you are part of the East Chilliwack community and we're looking forward to full-time learning using the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)! The first week of school is quickly approaching and the staff are busy making preparations for the students to return next week. Please find below some helpful information for our first days of school.

Quick COVID Information:

Masks: All Staff and students in grades 4 and 5 are to wear masks while inside the school and on School Buses. Students in Kindergarten to grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks but it is not required.

There are some exceptions to the mask mandate:

- to a person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons;
- to a person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask;
- if a person is eating or drinking;
- while outside;
- while alone in a personal office;
- if a person is behind a barrier;
- while providing service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment) where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip-reading movements are important.

Daily Health Screen: All people coming into the school need to pass a [daily health screen](#). This website also has a K to 12 Health Check App you can download if you wish.

Hand Sanitizing: Students will be encouraged to wash/sanitize hands multiple times each day in their classrooms.

Visitors: All visitors must sign in at the office and pass a daily health screen.

Social Distancing: Students will be encouraged to be mindful of personal space.

Assemblies: We are allowed to hold whole school assemblies however we will not be doing this during the beginning of the school year.



Cohorts: Students will not be in cohorts this year and will be able to play with all their friends during recess and lunch. We will have one recess and one lunch this year.

If a student presents symptoms while at school, they will be caringly escorted to the office and will wait in an isolated first aid room then sent home as soon as possible; please make sure that the office has updated current contact information.

First Days of School:

Tuesday, September 7 – First day of school (8:00-10:00)

Students in grades 1-5 will be in attendance until 10:00 am for the first day. Students do not need to bring anything for the first day. Busses will be running when we dismiss at 10:00.

Wednesday, September 8 – Second day of school (8:00-2:02)

Students in grades 1-5 will be in attendance the entire day. Please send your student with snacks and lunch.

Bus Registration

Please make sure you register for bussing at
<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department>

Where do students go on the first day?

We will have signs up in multiple locations of where students need to go when the bell rings. We will have staff out to help guide students if they are unsure where to go. Below is where students will go to meet teachers:

Grade 1 students – Ms. Ratzlaff’s Room – Room 13 (Line up by the Gaga Ball pit)

Grade 2 students – Ms. Rees’ Room – Room 11 (Line up by the blue and yellow playground)

Grade 3 students – Mrs. Hinksman’s Room – Portable 4 (Line up by the portables)

Grade 4 students – Mrs. MacDonald’s Room – Portable 3 (Line up by the portables)

Grade 5 students – Mrs. Massey’s Room – Portable 5 (Line up by the green playground)

When will my student find out who their teacher is?

During the first week of school, students will be with their grade group peers and will spend time with all teachers teaching that grade level. The school must wait for direction from the district office before finalizing class lists. Registrations and enrollment issues at the district level can cause delays for the entire district finalizing classes. We are usually able to finalize our lists by Friday of the first week and the teacher will email you.



Bell Schedule:

8:00 Warning Bell

8:05 School Starts

10:10 Recess Starts

10:25 Recess Ends

11:55 Lunch Playtime Starts

12:20 Lunch Playtime Ends / Eating Period Begins

12:35 Afternoon Class Begins

2:02 Dismissal

2:05 Busses pick up

School Supplies:

Basic school supplies will be purchased by the school for all grades. The cost will be \$60.00 (this includes a planner for grades 2-5). Once classes are set, your child's teacher will send home a notice. Individual teachers may ask that you purchase additional supplies. Please pay your child's teacher once classrooms are finalized.

Parking Lot:

We have a small, one-way parking lot. Drop off and pickup time is extremely busy. Student safety is our prime concern. If you are making the choice to pick up or drop off, please be mindful of student safety. Watch for students crossing the parking lot, exercise patience, and **expect it to be congested**. A couple of guidelines will help keep the parking lot moving:

- The drive through lanes in the middle of the parking lot are for pickup/drop off only. **Do not leave your car unattended in these lanes**. If you need to leave your vehicle, please park in a perimeter parking stall.
- We have three lanes in the parking lot:
 - a. Lane 1 is closest to the school and is the bus lane only.
 - b. Lane 2 is the Pickup and Drop-off lane.
 - c. Lane 3 is the Thru lane. In the morning when traffic is at its busiest, staff may direct you into the through lane (lane 3) to drop off. We do this so that traffic doesn't back out onto the road. Remind your child each day before they exit your vehicle to look both ways before crossing to the school.
 - d. At dismissal, parents can park (but not leave) their vehicles in both the pickup/drop-off lane and the thru lane. We do this once again so that traffic doesn't back out onto the road.
- At dismissal time, please make sure you are not blocking our entrance to the parking lot. We have to fit 4 busses into the parking lot and they need a wide area to turn into the parking lot. They will honk their horns to have you move if you're blocking access.



Kindergarten 2021/22 Gradual Entry

Date	Hours of Attendance
Wednesday Sept 8, 2021	Kindergarten teachers begin student/parent/teacher interviews
Thursday Sept 9, 2021	Kindergarten teachers/student/parent interviews
Friday Sept 10, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Monday Sept 13, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Tuesday Sept 14, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Wednesday Sept 15, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 12:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Thursday Sept 16, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 12:35 AM Students will need a recess snack and a bag lunch
Friday Sept 17, 2021	Gradual Entry All students attend 8:30 – 12:35 AM Students will need a recess snack and a bag lunch
Monday Sept 20, 2021	All students attend all day 8:00 am – 2:02 PM Students will need a recess snack and a bag lunch

*Busses will start for Kindergarten students on Monday, September 20th, 2021 if you have registered.

Kindergarten parents were all emailed important start up information which included the above gradual entry schedule and an interview time during the first week of school. If you do not know your interview time or need further information, please contact the school office at 604-794-7533.

Looking forward to having a great year!