

Ocean Grove Elementary

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June UPDATE 2023

Dear Ocean Grove Community,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for your support, patience and understanding in my first year as a principal at an elementary school. Being a principal here has brought me more joy to my work. I am looking forward to working along Ms. Beres and the Ocean Grove staff and community again next year.

This school has tremendous strengths and opportunities for our learners. Most importantly we have a staff that is reflective and dedicated to enhancing our school culture around learning, community contribution, compassion, and diversity. My experience as a formal school leader tells me these qualities and attitudes are key. I am hopeful and excited about next year.

On behalf of Ocean Grove staff we wish you a happy, healthy and fun summer.

Sincerely,

Louise Panziera



To help parents stay on top of all the information that they need from their child's school and the school district, there is a **Parent Portal** available through a website and a mobile app on IOS and Android devices (search for CRSD72 Parent App in the App Store or Google Play).

Through the Parent Portal, parents and guardians can see:

- school and district news relevant to your child(ren);
- upcoming events;
- emergency contact information on file at the school;
- your child's absences AND you can report new absences/lates;
- report cards, and more!

If you haven't already, check it out: [Parent Portal](#)





2023-2024

Student School Supplies



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, we will be coordinating the purchase of student school supplies for the 2023-2024 year through Teacher's File.

The cost will remain at \$40 per student, for all grades, and payment will be made directly to Teacher's File, not to the school office.

You may order your child's school supplies directly online at

<http://packs.teachersfile.ca>

Supply bags contain all top quality brand name products that have been specifically asked for on school supply lists! Items are guaranteed.

For those who are not able to pay online and would like to pay via cash/cheque, please contact Teacher's File directly to confirm your order and payment. All orders will be delivered directly to the school.

No long shopping lines! No hassle! Save money!

*Can't remember if you placed your order? Visit the online checker on **The Teacher's File website** at: <http://packs.teachersfile.ca/> after **Aug. 1st**.*



Some teachers may request specific items that are not covered by this package in September.

Supplies will vary from class to class.

Students should also have a pair of running shoes for gym.



About Gym/Indoor runners: please make sure your child has properly fitted non-marking runners.

For safety reasons, no high heel type runners, no slip-on runners that do not cover the heel. Please send Velcro runners if your child does not know how to tie.

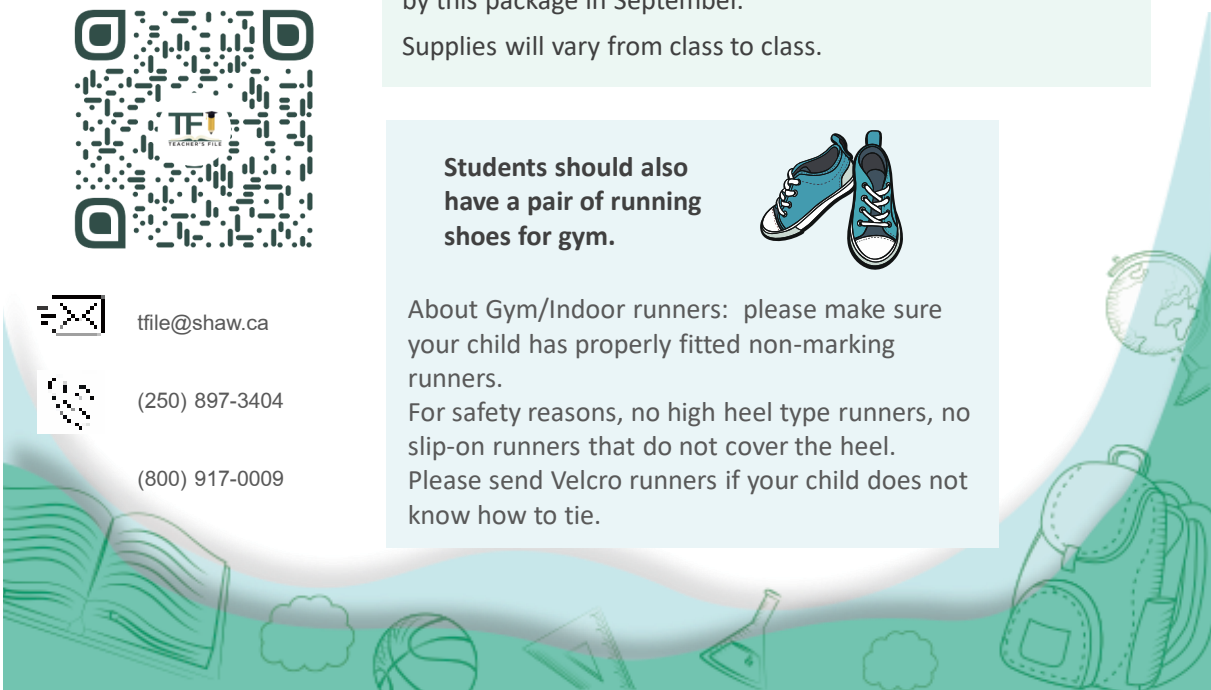


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Student Placement for 2023—2024

Each year, much thought is given to the placement of students into classrooms. It is a process that begins in May and continues through the first week of school in September. Class placements will not be finalized until the end of the first week of September as per Board policy.

There are many factors that go into each student's placement, including (but not limited to):

- the needs of the child
- resources of the school
- fluctuating student population
- class size legislation
- social factors/peer dynamics
- class size and composition
- allocation of teaching staff
- class composition guidelines

For the upcoming school year, Ocean Grove is expected to have approximately 300 students. Each student has a set of unique needs that we try to match with the resources that are available to the school. As you can imagine, it is a very complex process. Therefore, please recognize that if you have considerations to share for your child's placement, they must be sent to louise.panziera@sd72.bc.ca and deborah.beres@sd72.bc.ca with the understanding that not all requests will be able to be accommodated. Additionally, this process is not about selecting a teacher; rather, it is about placing students.

This process is one that we do with utmost thought and diligence and we make every effort to provide the best learning environment given our resources and the factors identified above.



September Start-Up

Grades 1 thru 5: School starts on Tuesday, September 5th. Students will come to school from **8:25 to 10:55 am** on the first day. Additional information will be emailed the week before school starts.

Kindergarten: New kindergarten students come to school for one hour on Tuesday, September 5th, between **11:00 to Noon**. Additional information will be emailed regarding the gradual transition program.

Watch the local newspapers for news about school openings and bussing.
Please note times may change dependent on bussing.

It is a continual challenge trying to return **Lost & Found** items to students.
Most items are not labelled with students' names/initials.
Lost & Found items have been on display all week and will be again next week.
Any items not claimed from our Lost & Found by noon on Wednesday, June 28th will be collected and donated to a local charity.

Student Medications

All student medications provided to the school this year must be **PICKED UP before leaving for the summer.**

We are not permitted to keep medications at the school over the summer. New medical information forms will be required again in September.

Some classes will be participating in a **water fight** the last day of school at 10:30 am.

Your child's teacher will advise if they are participating.



**Last Day of School is
Thursday, June 29th**

**Early Dismissal
at 10:55 am**

(school buses WILL be running)

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**