



Ocean Grove Elementary NEWSLETTER

September 3, 2026



September 2026 Start-Up

Monday, September 7th
Tuesday, September 8th

Schools CLOSED for Labour Day
No Classes (Pro-D Day)



Wednesday, September 9th

Grades 1 – 5
Kindergarten

8:25 am to 10:00 am
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

School buses will be running!

This is an introductory newsletter with some important start-up information. Additional information will be sent in the next newsletter mid-September. On Wednesday, September 9th ONLY:

- all returning grade 1-5 students will go to their last year's classroom;
- all grade 1-5 students new to Ocean Grove will go to the Library (just across the foyer);
- Ms. Beres' and Mrs. Sharpe's former students will go to room 112 (across from the gym); and
- Staff members will be outside to provide direction and answer any questions.

Please drop off your child to the exterior door of their classroom. Remember to send a healthy snack and reusable water bottle with your child.

Students are placed into temporary learning groups while we confirm who is returning, how many spaces we have available, and observe any changes that we need to be made for optimal learning. We make these decisions deliberately and carefully.

Once placements have been confirmed a "welcome email" will be sent out by your child's classroom teacher advising of their placement for this school year and providing instructions regarding room location. Once received, your child will go to that classroom the next morning.

Returning Late from Vacation or Moving Away?

Students already registered but returning late from summer break **MUST** let the school know via email to oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca, by **Tuesday, September 9th**, to ensure that they are included in the school's enrolment count. **Students not in attendance the first week will be withdrawn unless the school has been contacted.**

Bus Students

School buses will be running for grade 1-5 students according to our adjusted schedule on September 9th.



School buses will be the same as last year, with two buses arriving and departing each day. As advised last year, returning students are expected to use the same bus passes issued to them last year. Students new to our school, or students who have moved, must complete an online application for a new bus pass. New bus passes are expected shortly for all applications made to approximately July 31st, and will be handed out to students by teachers. Any late bus passes received by the school will be handed out to students when the passes have been received by the school office.

Any *replacement* bus passes requested are subject to a \$10 fee. Please contact the school office to request a replacement and provide payment. For full information regarding bus routes and pick-up/drop-off times, and bus applications, please see information on the SD72 website under Student Transportation.

Student School Supplies

This year we have again pre-ordered student school supplies on behalf of all students through Teacher's File. The cost this year remains at **\$45 per student** for all grades. We are now requesting payment of student school supplies **by September 30th**. Payment may be made by:

- **Exact cash or cheque payable to Ocean Grove School.** Please ensure that payment is provided to the office in an envelope/baggie clearly labelled with the student's full name and grade. For families with multiple students, separate payment is not required as long as all information is provided.

OR

- **E-transfer** to oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca. To ensure that payments sent are identified and applied to the correct student(s) and account, in the NOTES section of the e-transfer the sender **MUST INCLUDE:**



**First and Last Name of Student
AND
"SCHOOL SUPPLIES" (Purpose of the Payment)**

Bell Schedule

8:25 am	School Starts
10:10 – 10:25 am	Recess
11:55 – 12:40	Lunch
(30 min. play then 15 min. eating time)	
2:10 pm	School Dismissal

School Calendar

For information on non-instructional days, winter/spring break, student-led conference days, and other important dates, please refer to the SD72 website calendar.

Parking

In consideration for all of our families, staff, community affiliates and neighbours, it is important to park in designated spots only. Like all schools, we have limited parking spaces which do not accommodate drivers for all students. Many families find it successful to park somewhere in the neighbourhood, and the children walk to their meeting point. If you are parking in the neighbourhood please respect our neighbours and do not block their driveways or park on their lawns/property.

If you are parking on the back on Crawford, the crosswalk regulation is to park SIX METRES away.

Our adults on supervision are there to ensure the safety of students. Compliance with parking lets us focus on the students and not on redirecting drivers.

Visitors

All visitors to the school MUST sign in at the office before heading elsewhere in the school.

Student Paperwork

Keep your eyes open for a package of annual student paperwork to be sent home with all students shortly.



**HAVE
A GREAT
FIRST DAY**