



Ocean Grove Elementary

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Welcome back Ocean Grove Community!

I wanted to let you know that I am very excited to be part of the Ocean Grove team and school community. It has been a goal of mine to return to an elementary school after having had the pleasure of being an administrator in a middle and high school. My teaching experience is in elementary, which was awhile ago, but after having spent the past few days with Ms. Beres, my admin partner, and the staff at Ocean Grove as they prepare for the new year, I am thrilled with the positive energy and the care they are putting into their classes without even starting school yet. I also want to send out an appreciation to our custodial and maintenance teams for their hard work.

We have new staff members this year who are passionate about being at Ocean Grove and I will introduce them in our next newsletter.

The first week of school has many emotions that go with it and families will be anxious that their child gets the best start. We will do our very best. In the first week, flexibility is the key.

On September 7th we have students put into temporary learning groups as we confirm who is returning, how many spaces we have for students waiting for placement, and observe any changes that need to be made for optimal learning. We make these decisions deliberately and carefully.

I will send out a newsletters next Friday, September 9th as well. From then on, newsletters will be sent out once a month.

First day for grades 1 thru 5 is Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Start time: 8:25 am

Dismissal: 10:55 am (includes recess)

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If students attended Ocean Grove last year they will go to their last year's classroom except:

- * Mrs. Kretlow's students will meet in old classroom then move out to Portable 4;
- * Mrs. Farrell's students will meet outside old classroom then move to Room 137;
- * Mrs. Hatfield's students will meet outside old classroom then move to Room 134;

Students new to our school will be met by a staff member outside the main entrance of the school and directed to their classroom.

Please drop off your child at the exterior door of their classroom.

On Tuesday students will be taken outside for a morning break with their teacher. Please send a healthy snack with your child. Students should also come to school each day with a labelled refillable water bottle.

An email will be sent out **Tuesday, Sept. 6th** after school introducing your child to their temporary LEARNING GROUP teacher for this week and providing instructions regarding room location. On **Thursday, Sept. 8th** after school a "welcome email" will be sent out by your child's classroom teacher advising of their placement for this school year. Your child will go to that classroom on **Friday** morning.

Kindergarten Students:

Kindergarten begins with "gradual entry", and new kindergarten students are invited to attend for one hour on **Tuesday, Sept. 6th** between 11:30 to 12:30. Please refer to information emailed directly to kindergarten families. If you have any questions please contact: laurasewid@sd72.bc.ca

Bus students: There will be two buses arriving and departing each day. New bus passes have been received for all online applications made up to and including August 26th, and will be handed out to students by teachers.

All bus students require a new pass for this school year. Last year's passes should not be used. Staff will help students find their way onto the correct bus. For full information regarding bus routes and pick-up/drop-off times, and bus pass applications, please see information on the SD72 website (www.sd72.bc.ca).

Louise Panziera, Principal

Returning Late from Summer Vacation Or Moving Away

Students already registered but returning late from summer break **MUST** let the school know, via email the school, **by Monday, September 5th**, 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.

We also ask that if you are moving out of town that you notify us so that we can process any waitlists as soon as possible.

School Supplies for Fall 2022

This year we have ordered student school supplies on behalf of students through Teachers File. The cost this year is **\$40 per student** for all grades.

If you have not done so already, please pay the \$40 per student directly online to Teachers File, using this link: [School Supplies](#) or go to the website: www.teachersfiles.ca

It would be appreciated if you could pay for the supplies asap. If you do not have the ability to pay online via PayPal or credit card, you may send a cheque directly to Teachers File at the address indicated online @ Teachersfile.ca

Ensure that you include your child's full name and grade with payment.

Bell Schedule as of September 7th:

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

For information on non-instructional days, winter/spring break, and other important dates, please refer to the School District calendar: [SD72 Calendar](#)