



Ocean Grove Elementary

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September 1, 2023

Tuesday, Sept. 5th

Start time: 8:25 am

Dismissal: 10:10 am

Welcome back Ocean Grove Community!

We are ready to get into our 2023-24 school year. Our staff is excited to see how our students have grown, and we look forward to meeting new students and their families. Your child may be experiencing different emotions. The important message you can relay is that everything will be okay and there are many great kids and adults at Ocean Grove to help.

This is an introductory newsletter with some important start up information. Additional information will be sent in the next newsletter mid-September.

On Tuesday, September 5th ONLY:

- all returning students will go to their last year's classroom;
- all students new to Ocean Grove this year will go the Library and will be greeted by Mrs. Sharpe, our Teacher-Librarian, for a tour of the school;
- Ms. Mercer's former students will be greeted by Mrs. Muurmans;
- Ms. Watkinson's former students will meet in Mr. Brzovic's Portable 2; and
- Staff members will be outside to provide directions and answer any questions.

On September 6th and 7th we have students placed into temporary learning groups while 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. The teacher they are with for their temporary groups may not be their teacher for the year.

Please drop off your child at the exterior door of their classroom. Please send a healthy snack with your child.

An email will be sent out **Tuesday, Sept. 5th** after school introducing your child to their temporary LEARNING GROUP teacher for Wednesday, Sept. 6th and Thursday, Sept. 7th and providing instructions regarding room location. On Thursday, Sept. 7th 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. However, if we feel that more time is required to balance classes, your child may in their temporary learning group until the following Monday.

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Kindergarten Students:

Kindergarten begins with “gradual entry”, and new kindergarten students are invited to attend for one hour on **Tuesday, Sept. 5th** between 11:00 to 12:00. Please refer to information emailed directly to kindergarten families. If you have any questions please email: laura.sewid@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 on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. If you have not received a confirmation email directly from Transportation, your child may not yet take the school bus. Any late bus passes received by the school will be handed out to students when the passes have been received by the school office.

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 4th**, 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.

School Supplies for Fall 2023

This year we have again 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 already paid Teacher’s File directly online, please bring your \$40 to the school office. We accept exact cash or cheque payable to *Ocean Grove School*. If you can’t remember if you have already paid online, please go to the Teacher’s File website to confirm.

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

Bell Schedule as of September 6th:

8:25 am School Starts

10:10 - 10:25 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 website calendar.

Parking

In consideration for all of our families, staff, community affiliates and neighbours, it is important to park in designated spots only. Many families found it successful to park somewhere in the neighbourhood, and the children walk to their meeting point.

If you are parking in 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.



**No Parking allowed within
6 metres of a crosswalk.**

