

## NEWSLETTER: 2025—2026



### Ocean Grove Elementary

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August 28, 2025

**Tuesday, Sept. 2nd**

**For Grades 1-5**

**Start time: 8:25 am**

**Dismissal: 10:00 am**

*Regular hours start Wed., Sept. 3rd (see pg. 3 for bell schedule)*

Welcome back Ocean Grove Community!

I hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. Our staff is excited to welcome you all back and see how our students have grown, and we look forward to meeting new students and their families. As the beginning of a new school year approaches, 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.

We would like to welcome our new Music Teacher, Ms. Skidmore, to Ocean Grove as well as our new educational assistants Ms. Badger, Ms. Dykes, and Ms. Robinson who will be joining our Ocean Grove Team. We wish Mr. Rodgers, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Remmen all the best in their new positions and thank them for their work and dedication to our school community. They will certainly be missed.

On behalf of the entire staff, we are all looking forward to seeing you all soon and starting a great year at Ocean Grove.

Warm Regards,

Hendrick Horsthuis, 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 to the school ([oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca)), **by Monday, September 1st**, 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***Students not in attendance the first week will be withdrawn unless the school has been contacted.***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 according to our adjusted hours on September 2nd.***

There will be two buses arriving and departing each day. New bus passes are expected shortly for all online applications up to approximately mid-August, and will be handed out to students by teachers. 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 under [Student Transportation](#).

## School Supplies for Fall 2025

This year we have again ordered student school supplies on behalf of students through Teachers File. The cost this year is **\$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**

**\* By E-TRANSFER to [oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:oceangrove@sd72.bc.ca).** To ensure that payments sent are identified and applies 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

"SCH SUPPLIES" (Purpose of the Payment)

## Bell Schedule as of September 3rd:

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](#).



### School Exterior Construction

There will be contractors working on the school's roof for about a month. Please remind your child to stay away from the marked construction zones, fencing and scaffolding that may be present.

### 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.**

