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Hello Ridgeview Families,

We have our Orientation Health and Safety sessions underway and are reconnecting with our students. In preparation for next week, we have included a few reminders and provided more operational details. After this communication, we will start our Ridgeview eBulletin next Thursday, September 17th.

As a staff, we are prepared and we all know how to operate under all of the Health and Safety COVID Protocols. We have included some kid friendly language to also review with your child in this newsletter. We look forward to getting to the learning with all of our strict health and safety measures in place.

If your child has not seen the return to school video from Mr. Zerbe and Mr. Parslow, please watch it together: [Welcome Back to School video](#) .

The following information will provide families of all students with an overview of daily life and strict routines in place at Ridgeview.

Dates to Note:

SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL:

Please note, that families of Kindergarten students have been emailed specific details for gradual entry in July and those plans will not change – please follow the gradual entry schedule.

Monday, September 14th – We will continue to use a staggered entry start based on last June’s success (see below). Students will line (physically distanced, 2m) up at this year’s grade entry door. We ask that parents stand back if they are on site or remain off the property to help with physical distancing. Teachers will come out and greet the students and call out their new class list. This is the final *learning cohort*. You will know who your child’s teacher is then or at the end of the day when the teachers walk the students out. Your child’s new teacher will also be sending a greeting email on Monday with information to start off the year.

By Monday September 14th, we will have completed class designs and honoured any parent request made before May 31, 2020. We cannot make any changes once students are inside their *learning cohort*. If a student has friends in the other class, they are able to connect with them during recess and lunch; however, our protocols still ask that students remain physically distant outside – and as Dr. Bonnie

Henry has guided us – outside presents as a safer environment. Though, once the *learning cohort* returns inside, we need to follow strict guidelines to ensure student safety and help with contact tracing.

Monday, September 14th through to Wednesday, September 16th – students will have **3 early dismissals** as teachers will remain with their new *learning cohorts* for the 20 minute eating time at lunch, to help establish health and safety protocols. For these 3 days the staggered start and end times are as follows to accommodate this:

| Grade | Start Time | Early Dismissal |
|----------|------------|-----------------|
| 2 & 4 | 8:40 am | 2:20 pm |
| 1, 3 & 5 | 8:50 am | 2:30 pm |
| 6 & 7 | 9:00 am | 2:40 pm |

*Note again that on the morning of Monday September 14th, – students return to their grade entry door as outlined during the Student Orientation in week 1.

Thursday, September 17th – The everyday start and end times and detailed daily schedule:

| | Monday - Friday |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:40 | K, 2, 4 Entry |
| 8:50 | Grade 1, 3, 5 Entry |
| 9:00 | Grade 6 and 7 Entry |
| 10:00 | Recess One (K, 2, 4) |
| 10:20 | Recess Two (1, 3, 5, 6 and 7) |
| 12:00 | Lunch Eating Gr. K, 2, 4, 7 |
| 12:20 | Play All |
| 12:40 | Lunch Eating Gr. 1, 3, 5, 6 |
| 2:40 | K, 2, 4 Dismissal |
| 2:50 | Grade 1, 3, 5 Dismissal |
| 3:00 | Grade 6 and 7 Dismissal |

Learning Cohorts

Students will be in a *learning cohort*, which is defined in West Vancouver as the child's class plus their teacher and a designated EA if required. The idea of the *learning cohort* is to limit exposure to others. Students must minimize physical contact in the classroom, and students need to follow existing Health & Safety protocols that we set out and established in June. When students go outside for their supervised recess and lunch – they must maintain physical distance from each other (ie. No tag). Keep your hands and feet to self!

Your Learning Cohort



- Your learning cohort is your class, including students, teachers and EAs
- Minimal physical contact is encouraged with those in your learning group
- At recess, you can play with others in different groups but physical distancing is important



Daily Health Assessment and Illness

As a part of their daily routine, families must complete the daily health assessment ([BC COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#)) before dropping their child(ren) off at school each day. If children or staff develop any symptoms during the day, they will be isolated immediately from their class and parents will be expected to pick them up right away. They can then follow up with the correct medical professional.

Before You Leave For School...



Do a Health Check with your parents...

- Do you have a fever?
- Are you coughing?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Do you feel unwell?



If so, you must stay home until you are better.

Staggered Schedules

We will have staggered starts, recess, lunch and dismissals. Each grade will have a designated entrance/exit, much like in June. These entrances will be reviewed during the orientation sessions.

Students must arrive on time for handwashing which is structured into routine and staffed at the start of the day - we need your continued support with this please. Remember, parents are not permitted in the building at this time and there will be no “drop offs” of personal items. There will be no hot lunch program for now – please bring your own lunch. We also ask for no “in” and “outs” with doctor’s appointments, etc. If your child is having difficulty coming in we may need to ask that you try again the next day if we can not successfully receive your child. Parents, you need to practice social distancing and stand back from your child’s line up. **We need students and families to depart after drop off and pick up as we have staggered times to reduce people on the property all at once.**

Before You Leave for School...



Carefully check your backpack each morning

Do you have...

- Water bottle
- Lunch
- Snacks
- School materials



Remember - there are
NO drop offs at school.
If you forget, you will
have to do without

Masks

It is a personal choice at elementary if a child wishes to wear one. The school has been provided with 2 reusable cloth masks per child for them to use as needed. Students may bring in their own masks too. Adults in the building will be wearing masks in high traffic areas, when working with students from different learning cohorts when physical distancing cannot happen.

Hand Hygiene

Our stringent health and safety protocols will continue to be in place in any “stage” to maintain the calm and safe environment that we have established at Ridgeview with this past June’s reopening. Students will complete hand hygiene procedures before and after eating, as well as before and after anytime they leave their classroom.

Clean Your Hands



- Immediately upon arrival at school.
- Before and after breaks (recess, lunch).
- Before and after eating, drinking (excluding drinks kept at a student's desk)
- Before and after using an indoor learning space used by many, such as the gym
- Immediately after using the toilet.
- Immediately after sneezing, coughing, using a tissue.
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.



Movement Inside the School

Inside is a controlled environment with limited movement. Students will be receiving Music and Library in their classrooms. Students only move for washrooms, waterbottle refill times, to the gym or to get outside. We have very clear signage for this and staff will guide students.

In the Hallways, Washrooms & Water Fountain



Traffic Flow

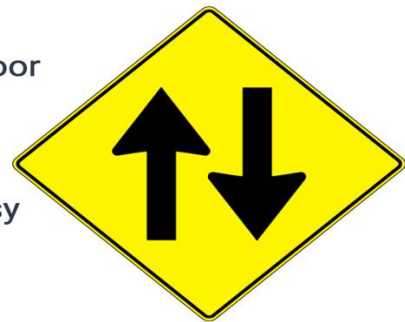
- Keep right in the Hallways and on the Stairs
- Each division will be assigned entrance / exit door

Washrooms

- 3 at a time
- Wait on the dragon footprints outside if it is busy

Water Fountains

- Bottle filling only
- Wait on the dragon footprints if it is busy



School Supplies

Primary students will be bringing their school supplies home after their orientation session, if they had ordered them through Creative Children, to be labeled prior to Monday. Intermediate students will complete that task in school on Monday. If you have not ordered through Creative Children – please be prepared to bring school supplies for Monday, September 14th. Here are the [School Supply Lists](#). If you

are looking for an easy and convenient way to label all of your child's supplies and belongings, our PAC is running Mabels Labels fundraiser (see below). Kindergarten supplies are ordered in bulk and families are asked to pay a fee of \$65 through School Cash for their supplies (more information on how to set up this account with your child's PIN will be sent out later next week).

Don't Share Your Things



- As always, don't share your food or personal items
- Keep your water bottles, school supplies, and items from home to yourself
- Personal items should be labelled with person's name to discourage accidental sharing.



Student Agendas

Students in Grades 1 – 7 use a student agenda planner. These are \$10 payable on School Cash Online. If you are new to the school and do not already have a School Cash Online account, information on how to set up this account with your child's PIN will be sent out later next week.

Mabels Labels Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, this fundraiser is the easiest to contribute to while getting the most practical products ever! Mabels Labels has the coolest, customizable stickers for your kids' clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles... Simply go to www.mableslabels.ca, click on "fundraising", enter "Ridgeview Elementary" and start ordering. Your order will be shipped directly to your home and 20% of your order amount goes directly to the RPAC. This fundraiser will stay open all year until June 2021 so order anytime! Thank you for your support!

Summer Travel

Remember, students returning from outside of Canada from any summer family trips, must follow health guidelines to self-quarantine for at least 14 days before returning to school. Please plan accordingly and contact the office to let us know if this will delay your arrival back to school.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We are excited to see all of our students start off their school year in a safe, informed, and happy manner.

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