

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 2022-2023 school year is here! We are so excited to welcome our new and returning students to school tomorrow. Please see below for some reminders and new information.

First Week:

Tuesday, September 6th - **half day for students** – start at 8:40am and end at 11:45 Div.1 K/1/2 students line-up outside the front door behind the door mat. Div. 2 2/3/4 students and Div. 3 5/6/7 students line up at their classroom outside doors. Please wait for your teacher to invite you into the classroom.

Bus pick up for home will be at 11:45am

Please remember to pack a snack and inside shoes if you have them.

Wednesday – Friday is business as usual with the 8:40 start and 2:30 end – normal bus schedule

School Supplies Fees:

Fees this year are \$40 per student. There are three options for payment; e-transfer to denman@sd71.bc.ca, and cash or cheque to the school office. We use a shared supplies model in our classrooms to conserve materials and reduce waste and to save families time and money in purchasing individual supplies. Please pay the supplies fee as soon as possible. Please contact Isabel or myself in the office if you need to create a payment schedule.

Bus Passes:

This year, all students need a bus pass. There are two different kinds of passes: **regular** riders for students living 1.6km or more from the school and **courtesy** riders who require a pass for use to access childcare pick-up/drop-off. We will be attaching bus passes to backpacks starting tomorrow. Isabel will be helping families without passes to apply for one this month.

Student Forms:

Isabel has been very busy in the office preparing and compiling verification forms, walking permission slips and FOIPPA forms for all students to go home tomorrow. Please review them carefully and email or call if you have any questions. We hope to have them all **returned by next Friday, Sept 16th**. Please return them in the envelope as we will reuse them throughout the year.

Volunteers:

All volunteers who are not school district employees need to complete a criminal record check (good for three years on file). If a volunteer will also be driving, a driver's abstract will also be required. Please contact Isabel.elgueta@sd71.bc.ca for more information.

Salad Bar:

The salad bar will continue this year on Thursdays. We provide all students a delicious hot soup (including vegetarian option) and a beautiful local salad bar including 5-6 veggies, 2-3 proteins, 2-3 grains and 2-3 fruits. The salad bar is free and with our new dishwasher, students can now use glass plates, bowls, mugs and stainless utensils. We do need volunteers for this program to be the most successful. The volunteers are needed from 11am – 1:30pm Thursdays. Please email yolanda.lehton@sd71.bc.ca if you are interested.

Salad bar starts on Thursday, September 15th.

Thank-you for your support for a great 2022-2023 school year!

Yolanda Lehton

Vice-Principal

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