



Principal's Message

On behalf of the Davidson Road Elementary School staff, I am very excited to welcome back all of our returning students/families who have made DRE such a great place to be. As we begin another exciting year at DRE, I would like to take a moment to welcome all of our new students and their families to the DRE learning community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff. Teachers, support staff, and operations staff have been working diligently to ensure that our school is clean, safe and ready to receive our students.

As with most things right now, school startup will look different than past years. Despite our unique circumstances, I can assure you that our priorities are the safety/well-being of our students and staff, and our goal is to create a rich learning environment for all students within the safety guidelines.

Documents will come home with students in the coming weeks. Some documents are for parents to keep; others require parents to read, complete, sign and return. Please check your child's backpack regularly. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher. Parents can also stay informed using our school's website. Please check the school website regularly for information, upcoming school events and calendar information.

I am very excited about the upcoming school year and welcoming all of our students to DRE. Although we are headed into another year of living with the pandemic, I am confident that our energetic, talented staff, and dedicated parents and families will work together to support achievement and success for our amazing and diverse students.

Mr. Hayher

Absence Reporting

Please note that our new Absence Reporting System through SchoolMessenger is our sole absence reporting system for school attendance. This means parents now have 3 options on how they can report an absence, late, or early departure:

1. Use the SchoolMessenger App on your smartphone ([CLICK HERE](#) for instructions on how to sign up and get started - note: the app is by far the easiest way to report absences for your children)
2. Use the SchoolMessenger Parent Portal at go.schoolmessenger.ca
3. Phone the school and push "1" to report using the SchoolMessenger automated system

Visit <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger> for parent resources to help you get started with SchoolMessenger

Student Contact Information (Verification Forms)

Students will bring home verification forms during the second week of school. Please complete with **home address, phone numbers (home, work, and cell), email addresses, and emergency contact information.** Sign, date, and return the form to your child's teacher. The information

Upcoming Events

September 7

- First day of school for students in Grades 1-5 8:30-11:00
- Kindergarten "Meet and Greet"

September 15

- First full day for Kindergarten

September 23

- Student Photo Day

September 24

- Parent/Teacher Conference Online
Scheduler opens- more details to come

September 30

- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Schools Closed

October 6

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- Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm
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Please check the calendar on our school website regularly.

Medication at School

All students who require medication to be dispensed during school hours MUST have a "Request for Administration of Medication" form filled out by their doctor and the "Medical Alert Planning Form" completed & signed by the parent. Parents must update these documents (available at the office) annually. Please note that school staff cannot dispense medication to students unless these forms are completed. Please email the school office to request a blank form.

School Bus Info

For information regarding bussing, routes and rider eligibility please contact the Transportation Office.

e. transportation@sd23.bc.ca

p. 250.870.5151

provided by you helps us to contact parents in the event of an emergency and to maintain effective lines of communication between school/home. The email provided on this form is used to send school messages out to families.

Messages for Students and Parents

Gentle Reminder: Students may phone home from time to time and for a variety of reasons. Parents, please remind your child to leave a message if they call home and no one answers. We ask parents to check their phone messages before calling the school. The school office often receives phone calls from parents wishing to pass on messages to their children. The phones within the classrooms are only for internal communication and emergencies. We do not interrupt classes to deliver messages except on an emergency basis. As the office is extremely busy and we minimize class interruptions, we are not able to page students for messages until lunchtime or the end of the day. We encourage parents to discuss appointments and after school arrangements with your child before leaving for school in the morning. **Please write your child a NOTE when they need to leave early for an appointment or if someone else is picking up your child. Parents please call the school once you arrive in the DRE parking lot and office staff will bring your child out.**

Davidson Road Elementary School Staff

Office Staff

Gurprit Hayher (Principal)
Jennifer Adamson (Vice-Principal)
Kathy Senger (Admin Assistant)
Melissa Ball (Clerical/Library Assistant)

Teaching Staff

Barbara Sveistrup (K)
Jolene Olsen (K)
Lisa Marshall (K)
Jessica Suurallik (K/1)
Alexis Morrison (1)
Kim Mortenson (gr. 1)
Julie Rosco (gr. 1)
Carmen Heinrichs (gr. 1/2)
Emily Mitchell (gr. 2)
Katie Hewitson (gr. 2)
Madison Horvat (gr. 2/3)
Ashlee Spinks (gr. 3)
Holly Langlois (gr. 3)
Anita Csatho/Katey Triplett (gr. 4)
Brad Low (gr. 4)
Barbara Prescott (gr. 4/5)
Lane Hardy (gr. 5)
John Prescott (gr. 5)
Geneva Lively (Fine Arts Prep)
Monika Durose (Fine Arts/French Prep)
Lara Bischoff (Learning Commons Teacher)
Dante Wetherow (LAT)
Carleen Faubert (ELL)
Kelli Cook/Brita Colero (School Counsellor)

School Support Staff

Indigenous Advocate
Tina Maclean (Resource Teacher)
Cheryl Elsworth (Speech/Language)
Cathy Barker (CEA)
Nancy Butler (CEA)
Judy Marsh (CEA)
Janice Peatman (CEA)
Elicia Schram (CEA)
Darci Kroes (CEA)
Brad Raisanen (Daytime Custodian)
Jessica Frankie (Evening Custodian)

School Fees

Parents can pay school fees online using [School Cash Online](#) – this link is also on the DRE homepage. A \$35 fee is for consumable school supplies used throughout the year. The District cultural performances fee is \$10.

Allergy Aware School

Our School is an allergy aware environment. As we have a number of students throughout our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, fish, and seafood. We ask that parents are extremely vigilant about what is sent to school. **Letters will be sent home by classroom teachers regarding allergies within individual classes.**



Student Accident Insurance

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness.

To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>



Dogs

All families are reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property. We ask parents who decide to walk with their dog to school to wait with their dog by the driveway gate at the main entrance. Another option for parents is to have someone else wait with their dog while they go to the school to pick up or drop off their child. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Code of Conduct

We have updated our Code of Conduct and a draft copy can be found by clicking [here](#).

It includes changes to Policy 486 (Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies) to reflect the "Responsible Student Use of Personal Technology Devices, School Technology, and District Networks" policy:

The purpose of using network services and digital technologies while in educational settings is to engage in responsible educational activities. Therefore, the use of personal technology devices, school technologies, and district network services requires students to abide by the school's Code of Conduct and procedures, as well as Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486: Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies.

Some examples of responsible use with district and personal devices include the following:

- **Act responsibly** when accessing technology and district networks, including the Internet in their school.
- Use technology equipment and property according to all applicable rules and with **care and respect**.
- Engage in **appropriate use** as directed by school staff.
- Respect the **safety and privacy of self and others** and do not provide personal contact information about themselves or other students.
- Treat others with **respect and kindness** when using digital devices and network services.
- Respect **resource limits** of the network services and do not engage in activities that jeopardize the integrity, security or performance of the network.
- Understand the importance of **privacy and security** and take all reasonable precautions when accessing network services and digital technologies.

The use of Personal Technology Devices, School Technology, and District Networks is a privilege and usage may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct. Schools will not be held responsible for any misplaced, lost, stolen, or broken items brought to school by students. Use of network services and digital technologies which violate the terms outlined in policy and/or the School's Code of Conduct may result in serious consequences including definite or indefinite suspensions and/or police intervention.

September 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 Schools Closed – Holiday	7 Welcome back to school! 8:30 -11:00	8 Kindergarten Mini Sessions - see schedule sent home 	9 Kindergarten Mini Sessions - see schedule sent home	10 Kindergarten Mini Sessions - see schedule sent home
13 Kindergarten Mini Sessions – see schedule sent home	14 Kindergarten Mini Sessions - see schedule sent home	15 First Full Day of Kindergarten 	16	17 Reminder: Return Verification Forms
20 Reminder: Pay School Fees Visit Link on School Website	21	22	23 STUDENT PHOTOS 	24 Schedule Parent Teacher Conference Online – Opens at 8:00am
27 September 27 - October 1 is Truth and Reconciliation Week	28 Davidson Dynamo Day! Wear your DRE gear!	29 	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed)	October 1



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Dear DRE Families,

First, on behalf on the DRE staff, we want to thank you for your incredible support and flexibility in an educational landscape that continues to evolve and change. Please ensure that you read the information in this document carefully. Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the school at 250-870-5117.

Our school will continue to follow the guidance of the Provincial and Regional Health Officers along with our District's Communicable Disease Plan (which is available on the District website [here](#)) and keep our school safe.

Like last year, our teachers will familiarize our students with safety protocols and operations staff will ensure clean, safe learning spaces. Our school's Communicable Disease Prevention Measures Plan is available on our website [here](#). The information below give you an idea of our safety protocols.

- Daily Health Check – staff, parents, and students must complete a daily health check before arriving on site. Individuals who are ill or presenting symptoms do not attend. [The K-12 Daily Health Check link](#)
- Students will enter through designated entrances with their classroom teachers. Students arriving late will go to the main entrance of the school and will be let in by admin/office staff. If parents drop off after 8:35am parents must call the office and wait for office staff to let their child into the school.
- If a student is presenting symptoms or is ill parents will be called to pick up. Parents, once you arrive in the school parking lot please call the school at 250-870-5117. Office staff will then send the student out.
- Like last year, entry into the school is limited and by appointment only. A place will be set up outside the main entrance for dropping items off.
- For adults and grades 4-12 students, masks are required indoors and on school busses
- Students in grades K-3 are encouraged to wear masks

- Hand hygiene (regular handwashing throughout the day, before and after eating). Sneeze/cough into the crease of your sleeve
- Physical Spacing – strict physical distancing is not required. We will create space and spread people out. Individuals will need to respect others personal space. Occupancy limits for smaller spaces have been established and visual cues to manage the flow of students and staff are in place.
- Gatherings – we are currently limited to gatherings of 50 individuals or two classes (whichever is greater.)
- Students are not in learning groups and students will be able to play outside with friends from other classes
- Custodial cleaning team will disinfect frequently touched items at least 1x per day

Below are a few reminders from last year that supported our safety protocols. Please send your child each day with:

- A labelled and full water bottle
- Suitable, healthy snacks and lunch in labelled containers - we are implementing a litterless lunch. To support physical spacing and manage flow of students during eating time, students will take home what they bring with them.
- Clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather and physical activity. Students will be spending more time outside. Parents are strongly encouraged to send clothing appropriate for the weather.

Please *do not* send personal belongings like toys, trading cards, etc, from home.

Again, we are incredibly grateful for the support that has been shown by all of our DRE Families through this unique set of circumstances. Thank you for staying engaged and connected to our Davidson Road Elementary School community.

By working together, we can help students feel welcome, safe, and ready to learn. If you have any questions at all, please contact us at 250-870-5117 or dre@sd23.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Mr. Hayher and Mrs. Adamson

Additional Details for Davidson Road Elementary School

Classroom Lists:

Once finalized, classroom lists will be posted online using student PEN (Personal Education Numbers.) Parents can find their child's PEN number on their child's report card. For those who do not have a PEN number class please go to the back field on Tuesday, September 7th where school staff will be able to guide you.

On Tuesday, September 7th, students can find their teacher by last name on the field. There will be signs according to the map below. Students in Kindergarten have received their startup and gradual entry packages which are different than this.



Getting ready for school

This is a first critical step in providing a safe learning environment and we ask all parents for their help. If your child is experiencing cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, they must not take the bus or go to school. They should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results, and not return to school until their symptoms have resolved.

If a student begins to experience cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms while at school, the symptomatic student will be separated into an area away from others. The student's parent will be contacted and arrangements will be made for the individual to be promptly picked up from school.

Parents/caregivers can use [the K-12 Daily Health Check link](#) to assess their child daily before sending them to school.

School Arrival (Drop Off) and Dismissal (Pick up)

Once the warning bell rings at 8:25, students will line up with their class at the designated place in the morning, according to the map below. Students will be dismissed from here at the end of the day. During the first day of school, teachers will practice this with their class.

- Drop off should be no earlier than 8:15 as this is when supervision starts. Students who arrive beforehand may not have supervision.
- Parents/caregivers are to leave school grounds shortly after dropping off and everyone must leave the school grounds once students are dismissed for the day.
- If parents need to drop off late or pick up early, please pull into the visitor parking lot and call the office (250-870-5117) to wait for someone to come out to meet your child.
- Where possible, please minimize the number of family members participating in drop off and pick up. This is to alleviate pedestrian traffic along our sidewalks and drop off and pick up areas.
- Please send your child each day with:
 - A labelled and full water bottle
 - Suitable, healthy snacks and lunch in labelled containers - we are implementing a litterless lunch. To support physical spacing and manage flow of students during eating time, students will take home what they bring with them.
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Hand Hygiene

Students will be expected to wash their hands frequently:

- When entering or exiting the building
- When changing activities that involve common materials or spaces
- Before and after eating
- After using the bathroom
- When going outside for playtime, action breaks, recess, etc.

Students with sensitive skin can bring skin moisturizer for their individual use.

Entering the school

Students will enter the school with their classroom teacher using their assigned entrance. Entrance into the school is staggered so that only one class enters at a time. Students will be led directly to their classroom where they will wash their hands. We are limiting visitors to the school and will welcome parents into the school by appointment. Please call the school at 250-870-5117 to arrange an appointment. All visitors invited into the school must follow site health and safety protocols, including wearing masks.

If parents need to drop off late or pick up early, please pull into the visitor parking lot and call the office (250-870-5117) to wait for someone to come out with your child.

