



Davis Bay Elementary

September 7th - WELCOME BACK EDITION!

Important Dates and Reminders:

SCHOOL START TIME IS 8:40

A.M.

September 7th

First day of School

September 8th, 9th, &10th

Welcome Kinders From: 8:40 - 9:40 a.m.

September 27th

Professional Day - no school for students

Reconciliation Week begins

September 30th

Truth & Reconciliation Day - no school

"The beginning is the most important part of the work" ~ Plato

And so it begins... another new and wonderful year! At Davis Bay we believe that every day is a new beginning and this feels especially important to remember right now as once again we face some uncertainties and a year that will be filled with challenges and changes. But with challenge and change come new opportunities and we're ready to embrace those and start another incredible year! We are looking forward to welcoming and belonging in our new families, as well as welcoming back our former wonderful families... we can't wait to see you!

Start up details and reminders...

Our first day back is short, but please remember to have your child bring a snack and a water bottle. Also know that in the interest of 'keeping it green' we will be asking your child to bring home their lunch/snack garbage for recycling and



composting until we get our systems here up and ready. We thank you for your support in this.

Please remember to park in the Church parking lot and walk your child to the school yard. We also appreciate you being mindful of speed around grounds, parking lots, and especially our excited children and families!

If you are new to our school, please see the attached Welcome to Davis Bay newsletter.

Our Amazing Davis Bay Team



Here they are in all their amazingness (Is that a word? If it isn't, it should be!)

K/1	Phyllis Dyson - DEN
K/1	Kerry Underdown-Preto - NEST
1/2	Veronica Favro - DEN
2/3	Steve Pond - DEN
2/3	Linda Russell - NEST
4/5	Jonathan Bisset - DEN
4/5	Peter Metcalfe - NEST
6/7	Doug Styles - DEN
6/7	Simon Hocking - NEST

Intermediate Music - Michael Agronovich; Primary Music - Wendy Knight; Library - Beth Jay; Inclusion Support Teacher - Laurie MacHale; Numeracy/Literacy Support Teacher - Kathy Stoddart; Counsellor - Kate Cree; Indigenous Support Teacher - Mary-Jo Hunt

Educational Support team: Robin Hansen, Terry Mikita, Diane McKay, Gabriela Vega, Sarah Villeneuve, Michelle Buckham, Marilyn Jares (Library) and more to be announced!

And last but not at all least our wonderful administration assistant Crystal Hage and our fabulous custodian Takashi Ogawa.





Covid continues...

As stated in our Superintendent's communication, we will be going forward slowly and mindfully. Last year brought challenges but it also presented some beautiful opportunities for change! Therefore we will be starting off with some 'Covid keepers' in terms of protocols and routines.

Our keepers:

- Having our teachers meet and greet their students outside every morning and escorting them to class; teachers will also release students to parents/caregivers after school
- Using our outdoor hand washing stations and sanitizing when transitioning
- Wearing masks (grade 4-7)
- Supporting mask wearing (K-3) if wanted/needed
- Staying home when unwell
- Having separate primary and intermediate recess and breaks (many of our students preferred this last year, so we'll start out with this again)

Note: we do not need to be in cohorts at this time and parents are welcome onto our school field, however we ask that you be mindful about following the health and safety protocols: only entering our school for pre-arranged meetings (after making arrangements with the office or your child's teacher) and sanitizing, signing in and wearing a mask upon entry... thank you!

No matter what the year brings, know this: we are looking forward to welcoming all of our students to an exciting year of growing, learning, friendship and fun... see you next week!

