



Mission Hill Elementary School

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Our mission: "We inspire and nurture students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community."



way' k'u limt p cyſap (Pronounced: wai kwoo lim pee chee yup; and means "Welcome Back" in Okanagan/Syilx).
Bienvenu!

Our First Day of School is Tuesday, September 3rd.

8:30am-11:30am- Students will be going to their last year classes. New students will meet at the front of the school.

September 4th- Will be a full day of school and the current plan is that students will be going into their new classes. Due to possible changes in our enrollment numbers, we ask for your patience while teachers and the P/VP team work to ensure that your child is placed in the classroom that best meets their learning needs. We hope to post final class placements on the morning of Wednesday, September 4th.

Please be sure to get started on positive routines to set your child up for success.

- Create sleep routines so your child comes to school well rested and ready to learn. Ten to twelve hours of rest is recommended for elementary age students – this is where they process what they have learned and move this learning into long term memory.
- Create time to read – read anything and everything! Take turns reading. Make it fun. Make it a daily occurrence. Before bed is always a great quiet time.

The questions we ask and the conversations we have with our children can shape the way they view school – let's start with a positive, optimistic outlook. Questions like, "What was a nice/kind thing you did for someone else today?", "Tell me about your favourite part of your day?" are a good start to framing positivity.

As always, we encourage you to stay connected! Inform your child's teacher or myself when there are struggles. Let us know how things are going – the education journey is a partnership, so communication is key!

We have a lot happening at Mission Hill this year so please encourage your child to get involved in school activities – embrace the opportunities!

Student and Parent Code of Conduct

On a business note, we ask that you review the student and parent handbook at the front of the student agenda. It is always helpful when we are all using consistent language when we are talking to our children. The handbook will provide a lot of information about the workings of our school, safety procedures and expectations of our students to promote a safe, caring and orderly school. Please sign the agenda in the appropriate space at the end of the pages to indicate that you have reviewed it. For our grade 4-7 parents please be sure to review the attached code of conduct as the intermediates will not be receiving agenda books this year.

Cell Phones or Tablets

The use of cell phones and or tablets are for educational purposes only. Students will not be allowed to use their phone during school hours for personal use. All students will have to keep their phones away in their backpacks or give them to staff to lock in a safe location.

School Supplies/Fees

Kindergarten: School Supplies \$45; Cultural Fees \$5 (\$50.00)
Grade 1: \$60.00-School Supplies, Agenda, Cultural Fee
Grade 2-3: \$65.00- School Supplies, Agenda, Cultural Fee
Grade 4-7: \$60.00- School Supplies, Cultural Fee
Parents can now pay for school fees online, starting September 4th, or you can come in and pay with cash or cheque. We know that you may not be able to pay all the fees at once but please pay what you can, when you can before October 31st.

Welcome Back Barbecue – The Silver Star Rotary Club and our PAC are hosting a welcome back to Mission Hill barbecue and carnival on September 19, 2024. More information to follow.



Allergy Alert!

We do have students that have severe allergies to nuts. If your child is in a class with a classmate that has an allergy, please respect the fact that these are life threatening allergies and refrain from packing lunches that include nuts. We also ask that children not share lunches to ensure the safety of these students.

Terry Fox

We will be running the Terry Fox run on Friday September 20th, 2024. Terry Fox hoped to raise one dollar from every Canadian on his cross Canada journey, and while he was unable to complete his journey, he did far exceed his goal. We at Mission Hill would like to honour his heroism through the national running event and by raising funds. Bring a loonie or toonie to support cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.

Volunteers

We cherish our volunteers. If you are planning on helping at Mission Hill with our students, SD 22 requires a criminal record check. Please come into the office for information on the online registration. Thanks for supporting your community school!

way' to all of Mission Hills Indigenous Families

In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from the Indigenous Education Department by the mail. Please take the time to read the information provided, find the Consent Form and sign it (if you agree to services of course!) to be returned to the school. Currently, we don't have an Indigenous Support Worker but hope to sometime in September.

CALLING ALL PARENTS) – come and meet your Mission Hill PAC The first PAC meeting is on **Monday, September 16th** at 7:00pm in the library. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Come and make Mission Hill the best place possible for our students. Any questions or comments email the PAC at missionhillpac@outlook.com

Kindergartens

Our Kindergarten children have been eagerly learning the ins and outs of school. They are making friends, learning routines and structures, and leaving school with lots of smiles. Thank you for your part in making the start of their schooling so positive. Kindergarten students will start Wednesday, Sept 4th in the groups that were assigned in June and are on a gradual entry start.

Other items to note:

- Please ensure your child has indoor shoes.
- To ensure we have up-to-date information, please make any necessary changes, and return them to the school office asap. For example your email, address or phone number has changed you can email the secretary, Ms. Pietrasik at wpietrasik@sd22.bc.ca

Help!! We are still in dire need of noon-hour supervisors. If you want the unique opportunity to see students at play, please, please, apply!!

[Noon Hour Supervisors Posting](#)

Bell Schedule

Morning	8:25
Classes Begin	8:30
Recess Begins	10:20
Recess Ends	10:35
Student Play	12:25
Student Eat	12:57
Afternoon Classes Begin	1:16
Dismissal	2:30

Safe Arrival

We have a safe arrival program. If your child is ill or will be absent from school, please leave a message at 250-545-0639.

If a student is absent and the school has not received a call from home, the school will phone home, to ensure student safety.



September 3 Welcome Back
September 16 PAC Meeting 7:00pm
September 17 Picture Day
September 19 Welcome Back BBQ- PAC
September 20 Terry Fox Run
September 23 District Non-Instructional
Day-no school for students
September 25 Cross-Country Race #1
Marshall Fields
September 27 Orange Shirt Day
September 30 No School Truth and
Reconciliation Day
October 2 Cross-Country Race #2 DND
Ground

