



# SIMONDS ELEMENTARY & U-CONNECT

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## To our Simonds Families:

I hope you have all had a great summer! Our custodians are working hard to make everything shine and teachers have been in setting up classrooms to welcome students. We are looking forward to starting another fantastic school year!

## Bell Schedule

Our bell schedule this year will be the same as last year:

Time	Period
8:45 am	Welcome bell
8:50 am	Classes begin
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Recess
12:00 pm - 12:33 pm	Lunch (Outside Play Time)
12:33 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch (Inside Eating Time)
12:45 pm	Classes resume
2:33 pm	Dismissal

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 2.

All Simonds students will start school on Tuesday, September 2<sup>ND</sup> from **8:45 AM – 10:00 AM**

### Simonds Kindergarten Students:

- K students have a different schedule for the first 2 weeks. Please refer to the Kindergarten emails. Kindergarten students do not attend September 2<sup>nd</sup> unless they have a family conference scheduled.

### All NEW Grade 1 - 5 students to Simonds Elementary

- All new Gr 1-5 students and their parents are asked to meet in the library at the welcome bell (8:45 AM). At that time, we will integrate your child into a classroom with same age peers for the morning and provide parents with a map so that you know where to pick up your children at dismissal (at 10:00 AM). The library can be accessed by going through the main doors at the front of the school. Parents are welcome to wait in the library with their children.

### Simonds Grade 1 – 5 Students

- Gr 1-5 students will be at school from **8:45 AM – 10:00 AM**.
- **Students will return to their class (from last year) for the first week.**
- They will line up outside their class from last year as per the list below. There are some minor adjustments for ROOMS and teachers supervising. Watch for posted signs indicating where classes line up. They will also be dismissed from the same door for this week.

**CLASS LOCATIONS:**

Last Year's Teacher	Assigned teacher and meeting instructions:	Room
Ms. Nauta/Ms. Meadows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Meadows will meet at usual classroom door</li> </ul>	Rm. 1
Ms. Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher TBD will meet at usual classroom door</li> </ul>	Rm. 7
Ms. Reves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Reves will meet at usual classroom door</li> </ul>	Rm. 3
Ms. Dhaliwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Andrews will meet at usual classroom door</li> </ul>	Rm. 2
Ms. Silva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Silva will meet at usual classroom meeting spot</li> </ul>	Rm. 10
Ms. Hatzl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Hatzl will meet at outside door by <b>front</b> undercover area</li> <li></li> </ul>	Rm. 16
Ms. Polishak/Ms. Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Hansen will meet at usual outside door (<b>front</b> undercover area)</li> </ul>	Rm. 17

**REST OF THE WEEK (Wednesday, Sept. 3 – Friday, Sept. 5):**

Wednesday to Friday will be regular full days (**8:45 AM – 2:33 PM**). If there are changes to the above schedule, you will be emailed updated information on Tuesday afternoon. Please note, class placements will be made at the end of the week and posted in My Education BC with information emailed home Friday after 3:00 pm. Please ensure you have access to My Education to see your child's division. Instructions will be sent out with the notification for accessing this information.

A note about class placements: Simonds is a smaller school, which means that that we are very limited when it comes to class requests and often will have combined grade classes. Our staff work very hard to create balanced, cohesive classes so that we honour all class-size and composition needs of our school and students. If you have any further questions about class placements, please contact Mrs. Allen.

**NEW AND RETURNING TEACHING STAFF (SIMONDS):**

We would like to welcome back Ms. Meadows, Ms. Nauta, Ms. Reves, Ms. Solano, Ms. Silva, Ms. Hatzl, and Ms. Hansen. Welcome to Ms. Andrews who will be working with Ms. Solano. We are still in the process of completing our staffing for the school year. A complete list of our staff can be found on our website and should be updated by the start of the school year. Our support staff this year will be Mr. Messere, Ms. Chi, Ms. Dhaliwal, Mr. Parker, Ms. Sawatzky and Ms. Young for ELL. We also would like to welcome Zeina Salah as our elementary counselor on Tuesdays.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

While **medical information** is always gathered on our student registration sheets in the first days of schools, some of our students have serious conditions that we need to be aware of as soon as possible, such as anaphylactic reactions or diabetes. We ask that parents of children with life threatening or serious medical conditions pick up a medical form on Tuesday at the office and complete this as soon as possible. If medications, including rescue medications, need to be left with the school, the forms for these will also be available Tuesday morning.

**ONLINE CONSENT FORMS:**

We will once again collect parent consents through an online form rather than on paper. At the beginning of the school year, an email will be sent to the primary guardian of each child as indicated in MyEdBC. Instructions will be included in that email. Student verification and medical forms will still be sent out by paper.

**Students of Aboriginal Ancestry**

During the first weeks of school, our Aboriginal Support Worker, Ashli Tran, will be collecting forms for those who self-identify as Aboriginal. If you have previously completed this form with your student, you do not need to redo the form. If you are new to Simonds or in Kindergarten, a form will be sent to you.

**ABSENCES (Important!):**

The first day at all our Langley schools is an important time for us to confirm enrolment for the school year. If your child is coming back to Simonds Elementary but unable to attend school on Tuesday, we ask that you inform our office **as soon as possible** at **604-530-2361** as we have a waitlist of students hoping to register.

**DEVICE REMINDERS:**

Simonds Elementary is a device-free school. Students who have personal digital devices should not bring them to school as we do not have spaces or lockers to lock them up during the day. If devices are brought to school, they are not to be used during instructional and supervision times, which begins when students arrive on site, during recess, lunch and other breaks until the end of the day. Parents can call the office if they need to speak with their student in an emergency, and students are able to access communication through the main office or their teacher if need be. Personal devices that are being used at school will be asked to be brought to the main office and will be sent home with parents.

**WET WEATHER:**

As the fall turns wet, we will still try to get the students out as much as possible, even if it is raining lightly. Please ensure children are dressed for the conditions. Students should have boots that can withstand the mud and small pools of water. The swamp will be closed on rainy days.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

If you haven't already ordered your school supplies through School Start (<http://www.schoolstart.ca>), please do so as soon as possible. Your teacher will advise when to bring them in. Select "Simonds Elementary" and then the grade of your child to see the list of required supplies.

We look forward to a great partnership as we work together to support the learning of Simonds students! See you Tuesday at the bell.

Regards,

**Michelle Allen**

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