



Welcome Back Ravens!

Where does the time go? We hope everyone had an amazing and relaxing summer with family and friends. It is really important to take time to rest, reconnect and recharge in the beautiful BC summers. While we are always a little sad to see summer come to an end, we are very excited about another fantastic year ahead. We are thrilled to welcome our students back to school and are looking forward to connecting with all of you soon. We can't wait to work with your children and explore the exciting programs our teachers have planned for this coming year. Our priority is to foster an environment that is safe while maintaining the integrity of our Middle School philosophy leading to academic success for our students and a sense of belonging for all. Our Peter Ewart community would like to extend a warm welcome to our Grade Six students and new students to our school. We look forward to welcoming our students and staff to our school for the 2026-2027 school year.

#### PEMS GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

##### Vision:

An inclusive community where relationships are nurtured, courage is celebrated, integrity is built and excellence is pursued.

##### Mission:

Believe in your abilities

Belong to your community

Be better than you were yesterday

We are excited to share that extra-curricular opportunities will be returning for students in the fall! We want to encourage all students to become involved in the many aspects of Raven culture that make Peter Ewart Middle School such an amazing place to work and learn. There are so many ways to enrich your middle school experience within our community through academics, explorations, extra-curricular clubs, music, and athletics. So, get involved!

Parents, we invite you to become involved partners in all aspects of the school. To help you get the year started off right, below is some important information you will need about the first few days of school. Please take some time to read through it carefully.

#### STAYING CONNECTED

In order to stay informed, please be sure you use at least one of the following on-line methods:

**Attendance:** If your child is going to be away from school – you can email [pemattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:pemattendance@sd35.bc.ca) to report the absence.



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**Website:** Stay up to date at Website: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/pems>

**School supplies:** Lists can be found on the school website.

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/pems/school-supply-lists-2025-2026-locks-and-agenda-information>

**District:** Be sure to check out the district's website for the latest updates [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca)

### CLASS PLACEMENTS

Parents will be emailed in the afternoon on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> indicating their child's tentative division and where to meet their teacher outside on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday morning, there will be staff wearing hi-vis vests outside to assist students in finding their line up/meeting spot and their class. Please know that as the School District reconfigures their numbers over the month of September, this may not be the continued placement for this school year. We appreciate your patience as we go through this process.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There have been some changes to Grade 7 classroom placements for the 2026-2027 school year. This is due to staffing changes and increased enrollment. All changes have been made with care.

### ILLNESS/ABSENCE

Please keep sick children home from school. This way they do not infect other children. However, sometimes children are recovering and no longer contagious. If this is the case, we ask that you please contact your child's teacher.

Peter Ewart has an automated system where we contact the home of every student who is absent to inform parents of their child's absence. You can help our wonderful secretaries by emailing the school at [pemattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:pemattendance@sd35.bc.ca) and letting us know your child will be absent or late. If this is not an option we ask that you phone the school at 778-726-4815.

### BELL SCHEDULE

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| 8:18          | Warning Bell                           |
| 8:23 – 9:44   | Block 1                                |
| 9:44 – 9:59.  | Recess                                 |
| 9:59 – 11:20  | Block 2                                |
| 11:20 – 11:53 | Lunch (15 mins eating/18 mins outside) |
| 11:53 – 1:14  | Block 3                                |
| 1:14 – 1:19   | Transition                             |
| 1:19 – 2:40   | Block 4                                |
| 2:40          | END OF DAY                             |



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### DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please review some important reminders below related to pick-up and drop-off in the North parking lot of the school (SEE THE ATTACHED MAP):

- The lane at the front of the school will remain closed to all traffic.
- Pick-up and drop-off should only take place in the pick-up/drop-off lane in the North parking lot.
- There is no stopping to pick-up or drop-off in the through lane or throughout the parking lot
  - Children cutting past cars pulling in and out of the pick-up/drop-off lane is extremely dangerous.
    - Even if your child is right there and ready, please follow the procedure for the safety of all.
- Staff should be treated with respect.
  - They are there to keep all children safe.
- Cones should not be driven over or moved.
  - It may not be evident why they have been placed where they are, but rest assured, in a school of almost 1000 students, there are a variety of factors for us to consider.
- Please drive under 10 km/hour on school property.
  - We want all of our students to make it home safely.
- Pull ahead as far forward as you can in the drop-off lane.
  - The cars in line behind you are waiting to pick up their children too.

Most of Peter Ewart Middle School's catchment is within walking distance. We are fortunate in this community to have the vast majority of our students within walking distance to and from school. Furthermore, we have parking to the north of our grounds. If you're finding it particularly frustrating to drive onto our school property and your child is unable to walk from home, consider dropping them off nearby and having them walk on one of the many pathways to our school. We appreciate your patience, please allow extra time for pick up/drop off.

### MORNING LINE UPS

Teachers will meet their students at their designated doors/meeting spots. The spots will be marked with a sign that has the teacher's name and room number on it. Doors will also be marked. Further instructions will be included in the email sent out by the school on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY PICK UPS

Late arrivals need to enter through the front entrance and sign-in at the office.

If your child needs to leave early for any reason, please call the school directly and communicate with our office staff. If your child calls home requesting to leave early, you must call the office directly to give your permission. Office phone number 778-726-4815.



## LOCKERS

We intend to use lockers this year. Lockers are assigned by the classroom teacher. Please note that most lockers are 'half' lockers, so those big suitcase style rolling backpacks will NOT fit in them. We request that locks are to be purchased through the school as we have the ability to open them if a child forgets the combination.

## VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

Any visitors to the building should phone ahead and make an appointment through the office to enter the building. Visitors enter the building through the main entrance. Visitors must sign in before entering the office. A drop off table is located outside the office for items dropped off by parents/guardians.

## ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTERS/E BIKES

The Langley School District has made the decision that **e-scooters, e-bikes, and e-dirt bikes are not permitted on middle school campuses.**

This means students may not ride, park, store, or bring these devices onto school property at any time.

For specific details related to the school district guidelines please refer to communication sent out directly from the Langley School district.

## ATHLETICS

We will be offering athletics this year. We will keep you updated as these become available.

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

We will be offering clubs this year. We will keep you updated as these become available.

## THE FIRST WEEK:

The following is a glimpse of what the first week of school will look like.

| THE FIRST WEEK                       |                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>   | ONLY Grade 6 students and WEB Mentors attend school from 8:25 am to 11:15 am.                                    |
| Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> | <b>First full day of classes for ALL students.</b><br>The block rotation is HGFE.<br>Explorations classes start. |
| Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup> | The block rotation is ABCD.<br>Explorations classes start.                                                       |



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| Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup> | The block rotation is EFGH.<br>Grade Group Assemblies.<br><br>Grade 7...Block F<br>Grade 6...Block G<br>Grade 8...Block H<br><br><b><u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Changes in student/classroom placement may occur due to District reconfiguration. Please continue to check your emails over the weekend for any important information.</b> |
| Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> | The block rotation is BADC.<br>Photo Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**UPCOMING DATES**

- September 11 – PAC Meeting 9:15 (Band Room)
- September 14 – Photo Day
- September 24 – Meet the Teacher 6pm
- September 25 – School Improvement Day (Students do not attend)
- September 29 – Assembly for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 2 -- PAC Meeting 9:15 (Band Room)
- October 5 – World Teacher Day
- October 9 – Photo Retakes
- October 12 – Thanksgiving Monday (Stat Holiday. School Closed)
- October 21 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 22 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (1 Hour Early Dismissal)
- October 23 – Professional Development Day (Students do not attend.)

Thank you for taking the time to read through this email and we realize that you may still have some questions. We will continue to give you the most up to date information as we receive it. We are incredibly excited to welcome your child back to school. This year will be a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with peers and with staff and to engage in the terrific opportunities that Langley Middle Schools have to offer. We can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Labby (Principal), Ryan Roman (Vice Principal) and Mark Stanton (Vice Principal)