

Here We Go!

As we head into week two, I want to thank the Noel Booth community (staff, parents and students) for their patience and understanding as we navigated the business of back to school. It's always an unsettling time as class lists are finalized and everyone gets back into the daily routines of school.

The great news is that tomorrow is the first official day in our classes for the year! We look forward to starting the year off with positivity as we head into the fun learning ahead.

Furthermore, please see the attached information about combined classes. Creating new classes is a task our staff members take very seriously. We work hard to make what we believe are the best educational decisions for every child. The administration and staff began meeting before the summer break to discuss each child's placement. This process took many days and hours to complete.

When building class lists, we always take the following criteria into consideration:

- Gender and social compatibility
- Small groups that need to be kept together for instructional purposes
- Leadership style of individual students
- Degree of independence in student work habits
- Integration of diverse learners
- Separation of students who do not work well together (if possible)
- Class size and composition

A few parents may not be entirely happy with something about their children's class placement. You can help ease your child's anxiety by modeling understanding and restraint. Your child will take his or her cue from you: by looking at the positive, you will teach your child flexibility. Disappointments, challenges and changes are necessary for growing up and developing resilience and coping strategies. We have a wonderful staff at Noel Booth Elementary, and all children will be in very good hands no matter which class they are in.

I hope you enjoyed the weekend and are well rested for the fun week ahead! Tribble spent the weekend relaxing, as usual...

See you tomorrow 😊

All the best,
Mrs. Melissa Wilsdon
Principal- Noel Booth Elementary





Week Events

Date	Activity
Monday, Sept. 14	<u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> Group A (9:00-11:15am) *Bring a snack Group B (11:30-1:45) *Bring a snack
Tuesday, Sept. 15	<u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> Group A & B (9:00-11:15am) *Bring a snack
Wednesday, Sept. 16	<u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> Group A & B (9:00-12:15pm) *Bring a snack Photo Day- Individual Photos PAC Meeting @ 6pm *All parents are welcome to join!
Thursday, Sept. 17	<u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> Group A (9:00-1:45pm) *Bring snack and lunch
Friday, Sept. 18	<u>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</u> Group A & B (9:00-1:45pm) *Bring snack and lunch



Important Information

Food Programs	We are excited to share that our breakfast club will be open on Monday starting at 8:20am! All students are welcome to join for a yummy breakfast. Thank you to Mr. England and Ms. Harman, our EAs responsible for making this happen through our Feeding Futures funding. If your family needs food support (snacks/lunch), please reach out to a staff member. We are happy to help!
Fraser Health- September Health Messaging	Back to School Health (from Fraser Health) Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about back to school health. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child. Tips for Parents for a Healthy Back to School Season As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health

concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's **Healthy Back to School Guide**.

The guide provides information on a variety of ways to keep children healthy during a school year. For instance, fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can greatly support your child's health and wellness.

Staying healthy during the school year is also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. It is important to make sure children wash their hands properly, and to keep them home if they are feeling unwell.

Another way to protect your child's health is to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help prevent several serious illnesses and infectious diseases, for example, measles. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records [here](#).

Vaccines are available at many **pharmacy locations**, physician offices, and at all **public health units**.

If you are new to B.C. or Canada, provide your immunization records to public health at [**fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform**](https://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform).

Need fast access to health advice? Call Fraser Health Virtual Care

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians can provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience. It can save you time and may help you avoid having to visit a clinic or emergency department. Nurses can also connect you with an Urgent and Primary Care Centre, if needed.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

1. **Dial 1-800-314-0999.** For an interpreter, say your language in English.
2. For web chat, go to [**fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare**](https://fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare) and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10am to 10pm every day, including statutory holidays. After hours, call 8-1-1.

Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: [**Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare**](https://fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare)

Medical Alerts	Each September, we update our records for students with life-threatening medical conditions to help ensure a safe school environment. Even if forms were completed last year, they must be updated annually, as medical needs and medications can change. Please stop by the office this week or next to complete the required paperwork. Thank you for your cooperation.
Meet 'n Mingle	This year we look forward to welcoming you to our first meet 'n mingle event on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 5-6pm. This fun family friendly event will include a Scavenger Hunt for students to introduce Noel Booth staff to their families, as well as the food truck "Gourmet Grub" if you'd like to purchase dinner and avoid cleaning dishes! The PAC will also have Barefoot & Grounded on site selling flower bouquets and ice cream available by donation. We look forward to hopefully seeing all of you there, rain or shine!
School Supplies	All families should have received a message from the classroom teacher regarding this week. Please refer to this email for information regarding school supplies and when they're needed. If you have any questions, reach out to the teacher for more information as the office will not have the specifics for each individual classroom.
Staffing	We are very excited to welcome the newest member to the NBE team, Tori Kauss! She is our new admin assistant and started on Friday. She looks forward to connecting with you and meeting the community! Please be patient as she gets settled in. Welcome, Tori 😊



Friendly Reminders

Attendance

As classes are based on students who attend during the first week, it is important to let us know if your child will be absent during this time.

Please contact the office at 604-530-9747. You can also e-mail nbeattendance@sd35.bc.ca.

If you are NOT returning to the school this year, please let the office know as soon as possible. This helps us ensure that spaces are given to families that are waiting.

Before/After School Supervision

Please be aware that supervision before school does not start until 8:33am. Do not send your child to school before this time unsupervised.

After school, we have supervision until 2:45pm. Please be sure to pick up your child before this time.

If your child is coming to school unaccompanied by an adult, please have a conversation with them about appropriate before school behavior and safety.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Bell Schedule

8:43am	Welcome Bell	*New Time*
8:48am	Classes Begin	
10:15-10:30am	RECESS	
12:00-12:33pm	LUNCH	
2:35pm	School Ends	*New Time*

Bikes, Scooters, E-Bikes

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please remind them to dismount once they enter the school grounds and when they pass through either crosswalk.

*The Langley School District has new guidelines around the use and storage of e-scooters and e-bikes at our schools. **E-scooters and e-dirt bikes are prohibited on all school sites. This ban applies for elementary, middle, and secondary schools.** Legally, e-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults. Health and safety are a priority. Please have conversations with your child about these guidelines and help us maintain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school administrator. For more information, visit the district website [here](#).*

Cell Phone Policy Reminder	This is a friendly reminder that personal digital devices are not to be used during non-instructional times, from the student's arrival at the start of the day, to the student's departure at the end of the day. This includes during recess, lunch, and other breaks. Students are encouraged to keep their personal digital devices at home. Any devices brought to school should be turned off and stored away in backpacks. Please click here to refer to <u>Administrative Procedure 350- Appendix A (Student Use of Personal Digital Devices)</u>.
Code of Conduct for Parent/Guardians	The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's <u>Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct</u>.
Crosswalk Safety	Please remember the importance of road safety when exiting off 200th St. onto the school road. Our fabulous crossing guards need time and space to safely escort students across the street. Do not move your vehicle into the crosswalk when staff or students are present. If a crossing guard is not present at any time, please ensure that you are helping your child cross safely. Morning Crosswalk (8:25-8:45am) Afternoon Crosswalk (2:35-2:55pm)
Parking Lot Drop Off/Pick Up	Please help make the parking lot safe for our students. Below are a few reminders: - Please drive slowly and always watch for people crossing - Parents must park at the parking lot closest to the tennis court - The parking lot in front of the school is only for staff - Do not use the accessible parking spots unless you have a pass/are picking up a student that requires the space We appreciate everyone working together to keep the school grounds a safe space and to get students into school/home efficiently!

School Supplies	<u>Gr. 1-7:</u> In order to help save you time, keep costs to a minimum and to ensure consistency of supplies, our school has arranged with School Start to provide the opportunity to purchase school supplies online and have them delivered directly to your home over the summer. See instructions in the link below. <u>Kindergarten:</u> Class supplies will be purchased in bulk by the school. Kindergarten parents are asked to make payment for their child's supplies starting on September 1st. Online payment can be made at https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com; the cost will be \$65.00 per student. You will require your child's birthdate and school pupil number. If you do not know this information, please contact the school at 604-530-9747. If you do not wish to use School Start to purchase your child's supplies, simply print off the order form and use it as a supply list for your local stationery/office supply store. Use this link for more information: https://www.sd35.bc.ca/noelbooth/school-supplies
West Coast Recess	Living in a rain forest offers many diverse weather conditions. It makes sense that we are well prepared to be outside in the rain. It is important for children to get outside throughout the day for fresh air and exercise. Research has proven time and time again the impact that physical activity has on learning. For this reason, many local schools and districts are adopting a "West Coast Recess". <u>Being prepared for the weather</u> We know that if kids are well prepared to be outside in the rain they enjoy it. As long as they stay dry and warm there is a great deal of fun to be had in all kinds of weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as: - A rain jacket - Rubber boots so they can enjoy the puddles - Rain pants - An umbrella - A rain hat or coat with a hood - A change of clothes just in case. (sweatpants, sock, underwear, t-shirt) Let's be prepared and get outside to have some fun!

Thank you,

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