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Fall Newsletter – 2024

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

- First Day Back – School in Session from 8:50-10:00 am (first bell @ 8:50am).....Tuesday, Sept. 3rd**
- First Full Day of School.....Wednesday, Sept. 4th**
- Early Dismissal @ 1:48pm (School Organization).....Friday, Sept. 6th**
- Parent/Teacher Intakes Early Dismissal @ 1:48...Thurs./Fri., Sept. 26th and 27th.**
- Orange Shirt Day.....Friday, Sept. 27th**
- Observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School is not in session).....Monday, Sept. 30th**
- Thanksgiving Day (School is not in session)..... Monday, Oct. 14th**
- Professional Development Day (School is not in session)...Friday, Oct. 18th**
- School Photos (Student Picture Day).....Thursday, Oct. 10th**
- Photo Retakes.....Friday, Oct, 30th.**

Updates from the Principal

We would like to welcome back our staff and families to another school year. You may have noticed that our renovations are almost complete, and we are hoping to be finished this fall. We are grateful for all the improvements to the school. As with last year, I am hoping to send community newsletters several times throughout the year to update families. We are looking forward to connecting with all the Edmonds families and having another great school year!

Kind Regards,
 Mr. Hamilton

The First Week of School (What It Will Look Like and What to Expect)

The new school year begins on **September 3rd for Students in Grades 1 to 7. On Tuesday, Sept. 3rd students will attend from 8:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (first bell @ 8:50am).** Students in grades 1 to 7 will report to **last year's teacher at 8:50 a.m. for attendance** and they will remain with their last year's teacher for the remainder of the week. If your child's last year's teacher is **not at Edmonds this year** – there will be a teacher assigned to work with the class for the week. Grade 1 to 7 students **NEW** to Edmonds Community School will be welcomed in the office and assigned a temporary class for the week. Regular school hours will begin **on September 4th** – following our regular hours of schedule which is 8:50 a.m. first bell and students brought in at 8:55 am and a 2:48 p.m. dismissal. **Lunch Envelopes** will be given out on Tuesday and the lunch program will start **on Wednesday, Sept. 4th**. Please try to return the lunch envelopes on Wednesday morning.

Welcoming Our New Kindergartens

Welcome to our Kindergarten families! Please join us with your child on Tuesday, September 3rd from 10:45 – 11:30 for our **Welcome to Our School** event. This event will be in rooms 109 and 110. There will be activities for you and your child to participate in together. During this time, you will also sign up for a **Welcome Conversation** with our kindergarten teachers and receive additional information about the **Gradual Entry Schedule** which was sent out earlier.

School Supplies

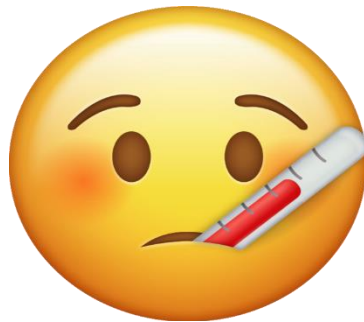
We are very grateful to be able to access **Affordability Funding** again this year. This means that the school will cover the cost of the school supplies for all Edmonds students. Families can expect that their children use the supplies purchased by the school for each classroom.

A few reminders...

- As you may have heard, there have been updates from the BC Government around guidelines for student **cell phone use** in schools. Please note that we will be asking students to keep personal devices off and stored safely during class time. Cell phones can cause considerable distraction and interrupt learning. Exceptions to this are if the classroom teacher is asking students to use phones for a particular educational purpose. The school will continue to focus on encouraging safe, responsible use of technology. If you need to contact your child during school hours for an important reason, please phone the office.
- **Traffic in the parking lot – the parking lot is for staff and visitors.** Please do not use the staff parking lot as a drop-off zone. Many students and families walk to school through this area and it creates a safety concern if there are cars driving through. It also blocks access for staff and emergency vehicles. If you are parking your car and taking a younger

student to school - there is residential parking along 18th Avenue. For older students, there is a 5-minute drop-off zone in front of the school.

- **Rain Jackets** – As we enter the fall season, we can expect the weather to turn colder and wetter. We want students to be outside as much as possible to get fresh air. **Please make sure your child(ren) have a jacket for colder, wetter weather.** In the case of **extreme weather**, we will have inside days. For grades K-3, it is **advisable to have a change of clothes at school.**
- As we enter **cold and flu season**, we typically see more staff and students getting ill. Please keep children home if they are sick (e.g. coughing, runny nose, fever, stomach pain, etc.). If we are noticing symptoms at school, the office will phone home and request the student gets picked up. We are working together to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
- If your **child is not feeling well or coming late**- please call the office **before 9:00** each morning your child is away. This avoids a follow up phone call from the office. The phone number is (604) 296-9012 and press “2” after the recording. State your child’s name and division **CLEARLY**.
- If you are picking **your child up EARLY from class – let your child’s teacher** know ahead of time – this will help us locate and get the child ready and in the office.



A Heartfelt Thank-You to John Nanson

I would like to take some time to congratulate Mr. Nanson on the next step in life’s journey. Mr. Nanson has accepted a vice principal position in Squamish. John has been a very important leader in the Edmonds community and administrative team at Edmonds Community School for almost a decade. He is a tireless advocate for our families and the Edmonds Community to which he is deeply committed. John took the role of Community Coordinator to a level that went well beyond the school as he worked to strengthen and build the Edmonds community. Though we will miss Mr. Nanson, we wish him the best in his new position and know he will bring the same care, creativity, and dedication to his new school. We are currently working to fill the position and will keep the community updated.

National Day for Truth And Reconciliation and ORANGE SHIRT DAY- Monday September 30th.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, is a day to **recognize the legacy of the Canadian Residential School system**. It commemorates the residential school experience and honours the healing journey of the survivors and their families. It also shows commitment to the ongoing process of Reconciliation. Leading up to this day and throughout the year, **Edmonds will recognize Orange Shirt Day through teaching and school-wide activities. Wearing orange shirts is a symbol of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and to ensure that every child matters.**

Edmonds Community Partnership with BFC

We are excited that Edmonds Community School is continuing to partner with Burnaby Football Club (BFC) to **offer development and team programs for students right here at Edmonds Community School**. It was really successful last year, and we look forward to expanding opportunities for Edmonds students. BFC is a city-wide soccer club, with options for students to play at any level. They are also partnering with us to host mentorship programs for students who are interested in becoming Referees or Coaches. We look forward to working with Coach Nico and the BFC team. **There will be a chance for students to sign up for programs soon after school starts - keep an eye out for Community Office notices.** Here is a link to their website: <https://www.burnabyfc.com/about-us/>.

From the Edmonds Office

At the start of each year, parents/caregivers are required to complete a number of forms that **are sent home in a package at the start of the year (by the end of September)**. Some of these forms carry over from previous years and some are filled out each year. **Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible.** All forms, **except the Student Verification and Emergency Release**, are located **ONLINE** at <https://forms.sd41.bc.ca/Forms/sdconsentac>.

NOTE: PLEASE TRY TO CREATE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS OTHER THAN YAHOO OR HOTMAIL AND PROVIDE THIS NEW EMAIL TO THE OFFICE. THIS WILL ENSURE YOU DO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS. MOST OF THE TIME, THE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE SENT TO THE HOTMAIL AND YAHOO EMAIL ADDRESSES DO NOT WORK. THIS IS A DISTRICT-WIDE ISSUE.

If you are new to Edmonds this year:

- Consent to Send Commercial Electronic Messages (CASL)
- Media Release
- Student Personal Information
- Walking Permission

For all students, every year:

- District Technologies & Information Systems: Student Acceptable Use Agreement - Grades K, 4, 8 for the parents. **STUDENTS of Grades 4-12 also have to review & sign this agreement.**
- O365 Permission - Information only and reviewed in Grades K, 4, 8 (No approval required just for information to parents.)
- Student verification form - needs to be reviewed – please indicate changes on the paper copy and return it to the school. - **Paper copy will be sent home.**
- Student Emergency Release form - filled out completely and returned to the school. - **Paper copy will be sent home.**

School Cash Online

The School Cash on-line system is available to pay for field trips, events, hot lunch program, etc. If you have any questions about set-up and use - **PLEASE** contact the office at 604-296-9012. We are encouraging as many families as possible to use the School Cash Online system. **The button is located on the Edmonds webpage.**

