



# McKenzie Elementary

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Dear parents and guardians,

I am so pleased that you have opted for your child to return to school two days a week or have enrolled them in the Essential Service Worker (ESW) program. We know that things will look and feel very different in our building but we also know that it is safe and that we are excited for your child to be back. Safety of students and staff is important to us so I ask that you read the McKenzie Elementary Student Expectations at School during COVID which is attached to this email. If you cannot open the document, please let your teacher know as this will review the expectations that all students who enter our building must follow. Parents will not be allowed in the building in order for us to keep numbers low. The protocol from the BCCDC and Ministry of Health suggests that for younger students, physical distancing is difficult and the focus will be on reducing physical contact with one another and encouraging them to maintain a safe physical distance and frequently wash their hands.

Your child's teacher will be assigning your child the days for return to school and they will attend either Monday and Tuesday OR Wednesday and Thursday. Students in our ESW program will attend according to the schedule that we have already agreed upon. **If ANYONE in the household shows any signs of any illness your child cannot come to school. We will be asking each student and family a series of health related questions upon entry to school each day.**

In order to limit the number of students outside at any given time, we will be implementing a staggered recess and lunch system that will maximize supervision and ensure we have fewer students interacting with each other. Students in divisions 7-12 will have their breaks at the same time and students in divisions 1-6 will have their breaks at the same time. Due to the numbers of students returning in some classes, students may be working in an alternate classroom with a different teacher than prior to the pandemic. In this case, you will be contacted by a staff member to let you know so that you can prepare your child appropriately. In this case, students will still have the opportunity to connect with their regular teacher.

When you arrive to school, please ensure you line up with your child in their assigned line up area. For most students, this is still in the same place as before the pandemic but please look for signs that will show you where to line up. Parents are required to stay with their children until they check in with a staff member. Pick up will be in the same place as drop off; please be on time as we do not have special supervision. Students should arrive at 8:45 and be picked up at 2:45

A Power Point Story is included in this email and we encourage you to read it with your child so that they understand some of the changes in the building. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email or call the classroom teacher or me in the office.

Kindly,

Joanna Snow, Principal