



SEAVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/seaview/>

Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year. And an extra welcome to all our new students and families who are coming to Seaview for the first time! We are sure you will all love being part of this great community. At Seaview, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming, caring, and hard working community, and I am sure we will have an excellent school year together.

For communication, we will send out a monthly newsletter at the end of each month recapping some of the past events and notifying you of upcoming announcements. I will also send out our Friday Update which gives you a few more time sensitive reminders and information on a weekly basis.

It has been a long time since we have had a familiar school year. We still are not all the way back to our pre-covid school system, but we certainly excited to having students in the building and working together again. Although the past year and a half provided many challenges, it also produced some excellent ideas and new ways of doing things. We look forward to welcoming back some more traditional parts of school while we incorporate some of the great ideas and innovations that our staff created and implemented over the past few years.

On behalf of the staff, we look forward to having a fantastic year at Seaview. If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the classroom teachers.

Sincerely,

Derek Snowden

Safety Guidelines

You will have already received some information regarding safety measures in place for this year. A few key reminders are:

- Students in **grades 4-7 will be required** to wear a face mask while indoors. It is **highly recommended students in K-3** wear a mask.
- Complete a daily health check for your child before sending them to school. This can be done using the provincial K-12 Health Check app for daily assessment of symptoms.
- Practice hand hygiene regularly.
- Practice respecting other people's physical space.
- Coughing/sneezing into their arm.
- Visitors/Parents are now permitted to be in the school, but they **must have a pre-booked appointment**.
- Visitors will need to sign in at the office and must wear a mask at all times.

New Staff Members

Since we left in June, we have some new staff members joining Seaview School. New classroom teaching staff are Mrs. Rachel Stewart and Mrs. Leslie Wallis, and Mrs. Jennifer Cyr will be our new Inclusion Support Teacher. We also welcome back Mrs. Cheryl Bergen as an EA this year who was with us two years ago.

We are also waiting for one more classroom teacher to be assigned to our new division. Until then, Mrs. Naomi Landry will be working as the teacher in that class.

Bell Schedule 2021-20202

Welcome bell	8:37 AM
Morning bell	8:40 AM
Recess	10:15-10:30 AM
Long Recess	11:45-12:20PM
Eat & Listen	12:20-12:35 PM
Dismissal	2:20 PM

Attendance

Please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:35 to maximize their learning at school.

The beginning of each school day is a very valuable time. Being late to class can impact your child's day as critical information is covered early on, as are the morning announcements. Being late can also cause distractions for students and staff.

2021-2022 School Supply Lists

All school supplies for the coming year will be provided by the school. Once classes are set you will be notified if your child(ren) require any additional items. The cost for supplies and planner this year will be \$40/student. Please do not pay until students have been placed in classes for the year.

Student Learning

As we come back to what we hope is much closer to normal school year, we may see great differences in students learning levels due to the different learning opportunities that students were able to engage in over the year and a half of the pandemic. Please be assured that wherever your child is at with their learning is where we will meet them. Under normal circumstances, students work and learn at different rates and we always meet them where they are at and help nudge them to the next level. If you have any concerns, please contact your classroom teacher to discuss your child's learning.

Student Medications

Some students must, out of necessity, take medication while attending school. Parents need to fill out a Request for Administration of Physician Prescribed Medication (available at the office). All medication must be locked up in the office area and administered by staff.

Important Documents to come Home

Parents and guardians will be receiving important forms to sign in the first two weeks of school (after kids are in their assigned classes).

- One form is called Consent to Use Cloud Technologies (Google Classroom, Google Suite). This must be signed on the bottom of the back of the page.
- Another form that provides informed consent for a number of items regarding your child(ren). Please sign this form in the appropriate areas.
- Another form involves parents and guardians confirming all of the important emergency and pick up contact information we have in our computer is in fact accurate and up to date. This form ought to be updated during the year when there are changes on your end (including phone numbers, addresses, alternate pick up people, medical concerns etc...). It is very important this form is signed on the back (at the bottom)

Please complete these forms immediately and return them to the school the next day.

PAC

We have an active PAC at Seaview, which is always in need of new or more members. I would encourage parents to get involved with PAC. Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Please email our PAC with any questions: pac.seaview@gmail.com

Cell Phones and Electronics

Cameras, cell phones and handheld video game units (such as a Nintendo Switch) are not part of an educational program, and therefore should not be brought to school unless requested by the teacher for a specific activity. This includes housing an electronic item in a backpack during the school day as the school cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items.

We understand some of our older students may have cell phones with them in order to communicate with parents before or after school. However, during the school day cell phones will be turned off and stored securely in the students' backpacks. After school, phones may be turned on and used outside of the school building. Cell phones are not to be removed from backpacks or used in hallways, at recess times, classrooms, foyers or anywhere within the school building.

It is always possible for parents to communicate with their children in an emergency via the office.

Photo Day

On **Friday, October 8th**, we will be taking individual student photos and class photos starting in the morning. More information on ordering will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Retake Photo Day

On **Thursday, October 28th**, we will have retakes for student photos.

School Calendar 2021/2022

This is a list of important district based events for the school year. More details will come out about school based activities and events in future newsletters and Friday Updates.

School opens for students	Tues. Sept. 7
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Thurs. Sept. 30
Thanksgiving Day	Mon. Oct. 11
Non-instructional day	Fri. Oct. 22
Non-instructional day	Mon. Oct. 25
Remembrance Day	Thur. Nov. 11
Last day before winter break	Fri. Dec. 17
School re-opens	Tues. Jan. 4
Non-instructional day	Mon. Feb 7
Non-instructional day	Tues. Feb 8
BC Family Day	Mon. Feb. 21
Last day before spring break	Fri. Mar 11
School re-opens	Mon. Mar 28
Good Friday	Fri. Apr. 15
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr. 18
Non-instructional day	Fri. May 5
Non-instructional day	Fri. May 6
Victoria Day	Mon. May 23
Final day of class for students	Wed. June 29

Here is the calendar page on our district website:
<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/about/calendar/>

Allergies (Nut Aware School)

This year our school has several students who have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts and nuts. We all need to be aware that peanuts, peanut butter, almonds, ground nuts and products which have peanut butter, peanuts, or other nuts in them can be fatal for some of our students.

These students do not have to eat a peanut or nut product to have a reaction. If someone

nearby has a peanut or nut product and touches a student, this can cause an anaphylactic shock. We ask that you not send or bring any of these products to school. We appreciate your assistance with this very serious matter.

Personal Items

With so many students in one place, it is very easy for them to forget or misplace personal items, clothing, and coats. It is incredibly helpful to put label all personal items with your child's name so we can get things back to the correct owner. Many unlabeled items go unclaimed and get donated each year.

Visiting School/Meeting with Teachers

This year, we are once again able to have parents enter the school for some purposes. **We must follow all covid-19 Safety Guidelines when visitors enter the school.**

Please note the following other pieces:

- Parents/visitors **must have an appointment** before entering the building.
- Parents may not enter the school at the start or end of the day for drop off and pick up. Please meet your children outside of their exit doors.
- If you need to drop something at the school, please knock or call the office. We will meet you at the front door and get the item to your child.
- If you need to take your child out of school during the day for appointments and such, please call the office ahead of time and we will bring them down for you.
- If you have an appointment, always check in at the office and sign the sign-in sheet and be sure to include all information.
- If you are staying to assist in a class, you will be given a Visitors nametag (wearing this quickly identifies you as someone who belongs in our school).
- When your visit is complete, please return your tag, and sign out on the sign-in sheet.
- *All volunteers in schools must complete a Criminal Record Check--CRC.
- *Volunteering in classrooms won't start right away, it is hoped this is something we transition into during the school year*....but please complete the CRC now so you are not disappointed down the road

Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This book fair will take place both in person (for students only) and virtually this year.

So, save the date! Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on October 5th-8th! More news to come!

Happy reading and thank you for supporting our school library!!