



# Lavington Elementary School

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## School Starts on Tuesday!

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff have been busy doing their preparations to be ready for a successful school start up. Our school looks great with new flooring installed in many areas of the school this summer. Thank you to Mr. Collins for his care to help keep our school looking great. I am absolutely ecstatic about being at Lavington and I can't wait to meet students and families on Tuesday.

### Who is new? Who has moved?



Finalizing classes is always dependent on knowing who is returning and who is new to the school. If you have moved over the summer or have neighbours or friends who are new to our community, please let the school know as soon as possible. Classes are definitely filling fast!

Any new contact information should also be updated at the office. You can call in or email Donelda Gamage at [dgamage@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:dgamage@sd22.bc.ca).

## Kindergarten

**Kindergarten students** Many New Kindergarten families have called in to arrange individual meetings with Mrs. Gutoskie or Ms. Sladen. If you haven't, please call the school.

### When can I pay for school supplies?

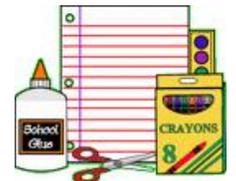
We will begin collecting school supply money on Tuesday, September 5th. School supply fees are as follows:

Kindergarten: \$40

Grade 1: \$52 – includes agenda

Grades 2-3: \$57 – includes agenda

Grades 4-7: \$62 – includes agenda



Cheques to be made payable to Lavington Elementary School. Please pay at the office.



## **Bussing Reminder**

Parents are reminded that their child must be registered with the School District Transportation office before riding a bus. You can access route information and forms to register through our school district website at <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/transportation/Pages/default.aspx>  
Students previously riding the bus do not need to re-register.



### **A few important dates for the beginning of the year.**

Tues. Sept. 5	First day – Welcome back! 11:20 dismissal
Thurs. Sept. 14	Welcome Back Barbeque – more details to come 😊
Mon. Sept. 18	Pro-D Day – no school for students
Thurs. Sept. 28	Terry Fox Run
Fri. Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day

### **Bell Schedule**

First Bell	8:15
Class Starts	8:20
Recess	10:15
End of Recess	10:30
Lunch	12:00 (Students go outside) 12:30 (Students return to class to eat) 12:44 (Warning Bell) 12:50 (Afternoon Session Begins)
End of School Day	2:20

### **WASPS/HORNETS**

I've been walking the school grounds each day this week to look for safety concerns and to get to know the property. I noticed a highly unusual number of wasps each afternoon. A pest control person came in and discovered an underground wasp nest on our school property near the fence by the Tolko yard. He believes it's taken care of and said he thinks there were over a thousand wasps in the nest! I am to check it tomorrow and Tuesday. If there is still an issue, I will mark that area off so students don't play there. Please remind your children to take care on the playground. If they see a high number of wasps, have them get me to take a look. We can't find any other nests at this time.

At Lavington, we pride ourselves on being a "Caring and Compassionate Community of Learners."



## Parking Lot Reminders

With the business of the first days of school, we know there will be an increase of traffic flow as parents bring their children to school on these first days. Please leave yourself lots of time at the start of the day and be aware of students, parents and staff as you enter the school zone and the school parking lot.

## Medical Alerts



A reminder to parents to let us know if there are any medical or legal alerts for your child. Any students with safety plans such as epipens are reminded to bring their epipens to the office first thing Tuesday morning.

## What will the first day look like?



Tuesday will be a half day throughout School District #22. Students will be dismissed at 11:20 and busses will run 3 hours early.

**For the first day, students will return to their old classrooms.**

### Last Year's Teacher

Mrs. Gutoskie (Kind.)

Ms. Peebles (Gr. 1)

Mrs. Vandesande (Gr. 2)

Ms. Bosch (Gr. 3)

Ms. Walterhouse (Gr. 4)

Mrs. Dacyk (Gr. 5/6)

Wr. Wandeler (Gr. 6/7)

### First Day Teacher

Ms. Dillon (Library)

Ms. Sladen (Room 8)

Mrs. Vandesande (Room 6)

Ms. Bosch (Room 10)

Ms. Walterhouse (Room 9)

Mr. Paas (Room 14)

Mr. Pivnik (Room 15)

New students to Lavington will be with Mrs. Daoust in Room 7 to start the day. She will give them a tour of the school before having them enter a classroom.

Day 2 – Regular full day. Start time is 8:20 and dismissal at 2:20.

We hope to have class lists posted outside in the morning with staff available to help students find their rooms as needed. Currently, we have class size and composition issues at Lavington. To help you understand the issue, an example is that we have 23 students currently registered in grade 2 and a primary class can't have more than 22. We have 21 Kindergarten students and the class size limit for Kindergarten is 20. The last thing I want to do is have kids start with a teacher who they think will be their teacher for the year and then we have to move them to a different class on day 2. Once we see who arrives on Tuesday, we'll be able to confirm our numbers and hopefully the school district office will be able to give the all clear to begin in new classes on Wednesday!

