

Beaconsfield Banter

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the Beaconsfield school community! I hope that you have had a restful and fun-filled summer and are looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018 school year. A special welcome is extended to the many new families and staff that are new to our school community.

I know you will join me in welcoming our new staff members:

- Ms. Sisley Killam - teacher at Alderwood
- Shauna Bredin - classroom teacher
- Mr. Thomas Pickett - Area Counselor
- Ms. Ivana Pavlovic - Enhanced Literacy Teacher
- Ms. Robin Chaplin - classroom teacher/primary music teacher
- Ms. Joanne Smart - support worker
- Ms. Susie Mrazek - support worker

We say a sad goodbye and thank you to:

- Ms. Maria Vassilakis - classroom teacher
- Mr. Fernando Algas-Latorre - Area Counselor
- Ms. Mona Francis - Enhanced Literacy Teacher
- Ms. Nusrat Sharmin - support worker

I look forward to getting to know all of the students, parents/caregivers and staff who are new to our school community. It's going to be a terrific year!

Class Organization

At Beaconsfield, we take great care in organizing students into classes for the new school year. Although we do our best in June, a number of families will move over the summer causing uncertainty in our student numbers at each grade level. Over the next few days, we will be working hard in getting an accurate count of how many students will be attending Beaconsfield this coming school year. We are eager to get our students into their new classrooms as soon as possible; however, we need to be certain our student numbers are stable before we can move forward. We appreciate your patience as we go through this process.



Package of Forms

Students will be bringing home a package of various forms in the next couple of weeks. Please ensure that all information on the Student Verification Form is current and correct. Also, remember that if there are changes to telephone numbers and emergency contact numbers, please inform the office immediately for your child's safety. Information such as school fees, internet use and our code of conduct are also included in the package. Take a close look at each document and return the ones that need signatures to the school as soon as possible.

Lunchrooms

Please note that Beaconsfield school lunchrooms are for students and staff ONLY. We simply do not have the space to have parents or caregivers in our lunchrooms. Parents are asked to send their child with healthy lunches and make every effort to avoid sending fast food to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Safe Arrival Program

The VSB is changing the way parents/caregivers are reporting student absences. Starting on Monday, September 11th all parents/caregivers will be asked to call a dedicated answering service at 604-713-5159 extension 11, before 9am on the day your child is absent. Students will also be required to sign in and out of our school office if they arrive late or leave early. More information will be sent home on this new initiative this week.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wednesday, September 6

- Regular school hours for Grades 1 - 7 students; students will be in their last year's class UNTIL WE ESTABLISH OUR STUDENT NUMBERS
- Schedule for Kindergarten Gradual Entry was mailed to the new Kindergarten parents over the summer. If you need a new schedule, please contact our office

Wednesday, September 13

- First full day for Kindergarten students
- First PAC meeting; please note start time: 6:00 p.m. in the staffroom, childminding will be available

Thursday, September 21

- Pro-D Day ~ students do not attend

Tuesday, September 26

- Individual student photos

Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5

- Goal Setting Conferences; early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. on both days

*Terry Fox Run information will be coming home shortly