

Edith Cavell Elementary



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*Take care of yourself
Take care of others
Take care of this place.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful summer as we have had the most amazing weather. I would like to extend the warmest welcome to returning staff, students and families, with a special welcome to all our new staff and students. I am excited to be back and excited to begin another school year in such a vibrant and exciting school. I look forward to working with students, and staff members as we work toward our shared goals.



The first week of school is very important as we finalize our student numbers for the 2017-18 school year. In this regard, any information you can provide is greatly appreciated. If you know that someone has moved over the summer and will not be returning or is away and will be returning, please let the office know. Having all this information will ensure our numbers are accurate and will help us assign students into their new classes as soon as possible.

I know that staff are excited to reconnect with students and their families and look forward to working with you to ensure that all of our students' educational experiences are a positive one and that the Cavell's School Code of Conduct: Take Care of Ourselves; Take Care of Others; and Take Care of this Place; continues to be reflected in the daily lives of our whole school community.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Cavell:

Ms. Sydney Wong	Grade 1 class (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
Ms. Allison Sorace	Grade 1 class (Thursdays)
Ms. Maria Phillos	Ms. Paterson's job share on Tuesdays
Ms. Tara Jolly	PE Prep Teacher on Tuesday and Wednesdays
Ms. Cara Laudon	Grade 2 Teacher

Welcome to you all!

Welcome back and looking forward to a fabulous year!

Ms. Natasha Miladinovic

Have a great school year!

Reporting Student Absences:

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **(604) 713-5284**. Parents then **must enter "16" for Cavell**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please Call **(604) 713-5284 then enter "16" for Cavell** prior to 9 am on the day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

CAVELL CONNECTED

In an effort to provide the Cavell school community with a variety of ways to stay up-to-date with the many 'happenings' at the school we invite you to check out our school website at <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/cavell>.

This site provides the monthly school calendar, school contact information, our 2017-18 School Plan, newsletters as well as other important information. Monthly newsletters will be e-mailed home as well as posted on the website. We are hoping families will provide up-to-date e-mail addresses so that we will be able to send notices out electronically in a timely manner (this information can be given on the information package that will be sent home in the next week or two).

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

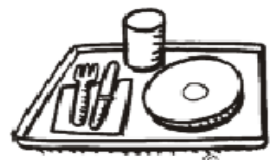
It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform/update the school each year if your child has a medically diagnosed, life-threatening health condition. If your child requires medication please bring it to the Office as soon as possible. In addition, please complete and update the emergency contact/medical information forms which will be sent home later in September.



Cavell is an allergy aware school. We have students at Cavell, spread out among the grade levels, with severe life-threatening allergies. Most have an allergy to nut products so please keep this in mind when preparing lunches for your child.

HOT LUNCH

Like last year, our hot lunch program will be provided through C'est Mon Café. This year, due to the multipurpose room being used as a classroom, our schedule will be Mondays and Fridays with all children eating at the same time in the gym. It is hoped that we can resume our previous schedule of Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays once our school obtains a new portable.



Hot lunch will be starting **Friday, Sept 15th**. Once you know your child's Division for this school year, you can place your orders online at www.cestmoncafe.com.

Orders for this first week should be placed online by **8pm Wednesday, Sept 13th**.

As before, if you want to change, cancel or add an order, you have until 7pm the night before to do this online and until 9am, the day of by calling **604-364-8210**.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our program, please contact the hot lunch coordinator, Kirsten McFarlane: kirsten@nimblecreative.com.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to volunteer for an hour between 12-1pm on hot lunch days, or would like to help with some of the administrative duties involved with running this program, please contact kirsten@nimblecreative.com

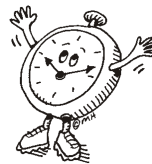
LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Please label items like water bottles, jackets, lunch boxes, containers, etc to help keep track of your children's things. For an easy way to do this, visit www.mabelslabels.com and click on the "Support a Fundraiser" button. Our school gets 25% of all sales.

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

The bell schedule will continue as follows:

8:55 a.m.	Welcome bell
9:00 a.m.	Instruction begins
10:30-10:50 a.m.	Recess break
12:10 p.m.	Lunch break begins
12:57 p.m.	Instruction begins
3:00 p.m.	End of the day



CAVELL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Research demonstrates that positive parental involvement in their child's school life can impact the success that a child has at school. Cavell School actively encourages such involvement of parents be it by reading daily to your child, supporting your child with class projects or accompanying students on field trips. Another great way to be involved is by joining your school PAC. This group of parents meets monthly to discuss and develop plans to support the Cavell School community. The Cavell PAC would love to have you join them in working together to provide enhanced educational opportunities for all our students. Please visit the PAC website www.cavellpac.ca.



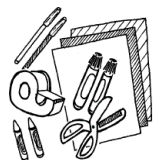
CLASS ORGANIZATION

At Cavell, our staff takes great care in organizing students into classes for the new school year. Although we do our best in June, a number of families will decide to 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 Cavell 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 to ensure your child's safety. Information such as school fees, internet use and other important information will also be provided in this package. Take a close look at each document and return the ones that require signatures to the school as soon as possible.



September

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, September 6	Regular school hours for Grades 1-7 students Kindergarten students – please follow gradual entry schedule
Wednesday, September 13	First full day for our New Kindergarten students
Friday, September 22	Professional Development Day #1 - no school for students
Tuesday, September 26	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, September 27	Goal- Setting Conferences Dismissal at 2:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, September 28	Goal-Setting Conferences Dismissal at 2:00pm Scholastic Book Fair