



SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Sir John Franklin Elementary, in partnership with parents and the community, teaches, enables and inspires individuals to discover and develop their full potential in an inclusive, safe, nurturing and rich learning environment.

SCHOOL GOALS (2018-2019):

- 1. Social Emotional Learning** - To promote social emotional development by teaching students the necessary skills to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.
- 2. Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement** - To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.



Welcome back to a new school year! A very special welcome to our new students, their families and our new staff.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that students are rejuvenated and looking forward to a new school year.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

I am happy to report that we have all staffing in place for our school year!

We do have many new staff joining Franklin this year.

Marie-Pierre Aubin (Intensive French 7);

Aleyna Golinsky (Grade 4/5);

Tammy Wreggit (Grade 3/4);

Sally Ruus (Grade 1);

Sisley Killam (ExSEL teacher);

Averyl Smatlan (ExSEL Youth and Family Worker);

Kelly Gourley (ExSEL support staff);

Sandy Dhami (Area Counsellor).

We are also delighted to welcome Vicky Boyanton back.



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SEPTEMBER 4th)

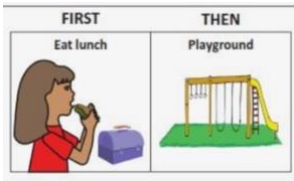
Students will report to their last year's home rooms with the exception of our **new** Grade One students. Grade One students will meet in Room 204. Ms. Ghavimi's *last year* Grade one students will meet in the library. All new students to Franklin please report to the school office. A reminder to parents that the first day of school is in session from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Students from Grade One to Seven will resume full school days beginning Wednesday, September 5th). Students in the ExSEL program will attend school in the morning only.

We anticipate completing the move to 2018-2019 classes by the end of the first week.

FIRST DAY COFFEE SOCIAL FOR PARENTS

Coffee will be served in the school foyer beginning at 8:30 am. All parents are welcome to drop by to have a cup of coffee. The coffee social is a great opportunity to meet other Franklin parents and connect with our school PAC. Thank you very much to our school PAC for sponsoring this event and to the parent volunteers who run the coffee station.

NEW LUNCH ROUTINE



Beginning next Wednesday, September 5th, students will eat lunch at 12:10 and will be dismissed to go outside to play after they have finished their lunch.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Kindergarten students will be following a gradual entry program. The schedule was sent to all families in June, but please contact the office if you need a copy. **NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH BETWEEN 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. TO SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW TIME.**

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Adult supervision is provided from 8:40 until the warning bell at 8:55am. and from 3:00 to 3:20pm. During recess and lunch, VSB supervision aides supervise the playground and lunchroom. It is our expectation and Vancouver Board of Education policy that students respect safety rules and follow Franklin's Code of Conduct at all times.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

In order to maintain a space for your child, be sure to inform the school if your child will not be at school on Tuesday, September 4th. Please note that we cannot save a place for your child past September 28, 2018.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletters will be published **bi-weekly** this year and will be emailed out to parents. You can also check our website for information and events at <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/franklin>. As newsletters and other important correspondence will be sent out via email, please be sure to update us if you change your email address over the school year. If you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact the office. Extra copies will be available in the main hallway. This first newsletter is the only one that will be distributed as hard copy.

SCHOOL PLAN

This year will be the Year 2 of our three year School Plan. We will continue to work on the following two goals: 1. To promote social emotional development in students. 2. To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

Teachers, staff members and families will work together throughout the year to help our students work to their potential in these and other areas. We will update parents of our initiatives to support our school goals.



FRANKLIN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Franklin school code of conduct document will be included in the school opening package. We hope you will have a chance to look at the code of Conduct with your child. We will continue to work to uphold our expectations of students using the framework of the school Code Of Conduct and work with our students to promote and develop an awareness of our school motto: **“Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Fair”**.

FORMS AND SCHOOL FEES

Early next week a student information package will go home with all students. It will contain the school calendar, information about school fees and agendas and Emergency Student Reunification Authorization, as well as media consent forms and other important forms. Please look for it, read through the information and sign and return it to school as soon as possible.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION

The student information package will include a student verification sheet (**for new students only**), emergency contact information and the names of people to whom we may release your child. If any of this information has changed, please contact the office to update it. Please remember to notify the office if you change your telephone number(s), house address or email address throughout the school year so that we are able to update our records. Please verify all information, complete the forms and return it to school.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

There are many ways to be involved in your child’s education and school life at Franklin. All Franklin parents are part of the PAC and are encouraged to come to regular meetings to get to know other parents and get involved with what is happening at the school. More information about our PAC can be found at <http://franklinpac.weebly.com/> or you can contact Beth Wolfe, our PAC co-chair. Our first PAC meeting is **Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm** in the Staff Room. All Franklin parents are welcome to attend. Child care will be provided.



PARKING/DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Please respect the traffic and parking signs around our school.

For the safety of the children, please drive carefully and obey traffic signs around school grounds. The following are traffic signs that are typically posted around Vancouver schools.



“NO STOPPING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers: see students and students to see drivers.



“NO PARKING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



School Area Signs

This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8am - 5pm on school days.



School Crosswalk Signs

A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.

STUDENT SIGN OUT POLICY

Once the children arrive

at school, they remain under the care of the school staff until the end of the day. Please be advised that students need to be signed out at the office if they need to leave the school during the school day.



SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be absent or late for school, please inform the school office by leaving a brief message with your child’s name and division number or your child’s teacher’s name at (604) 713-4709 before 9:00am. Thank you.



Tuesday, September 4
Wednesday, September 5

School reopens (9:00 am to 10:00am)
Kindergarten gradual entry begins
First day for ExSEL students (am only)

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2018/2019
Bell Schedules & Breaks**

Warning Bell	8:55 a.m.
Period 1	9:00 – 9:50
Period 2	9:50 – 10:30
Recess	10:30 – 10:50
Period 3	10:50 – 11:40
Period 4	11:40 – 12:10

Lunch	12:10 – 12:57
Homeroom	12:57 – 1:00
Period 5	1:00 – 1:50
Period 6	1:50 – 2:40
Period 7	2:40 – 3:00

ALLERGY POLICY



这是重要的信息，请让人们为您翻译

Franklin School is allergy-aware!

Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing **nut or peanut products** to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods.

As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child's hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Ms. McDonnell for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.