



École Harwood Elementary School

Phone: 250-542-5385

Principal: Rana Grace Vice-Principal: Ken Wandeler



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Hello and happy Summer!

Welcome to new families and students. We are just starting the month of August, but I want to update you on the start-up for 2024-2025. I apologize for interrupting your summer, this glorious weather and your watching of the Olympics!

As I have been avidly watching the best athletes in the world compete, I can't help but be touched and inspired by their commitment, resilience, teamwork and perseverance - values we strive to instill in our youth.



Thank you! A special thanks to our custodial team who are working hard on the school and getting it ready for the year. The office will be open on Monday, August 28 through to Friday, September 1 for registrations. Please make sure you have your child's birth certificate, care card and a proof of residence.

Harwood Elementary Staff to date

Principal: Rana Grace
Vice-Principal: Ken Wandeler
Secretary: Kim Doucette, Hayley Strachan
Custodian: Lorrilea Mosher & Sean Clark
Grade 6/7: Joanne Heron
Grade 6/7: Edeen Yamada
Grade 6/7: Amy Thiessen
Grade 5/6: Natasha Basso
Grade 5/6: Kim Pollon
Grade 4/5: Eric Kuo
Grade 4/5: Francie Cutler
Grade 4/5: Leone Payson
Grade 3/4: Donna Smedley
Grade 3/4: Chelsea Sladen
Grade 2/3: Jaime Keens
Grade 2/3: Michelle Dacyk, Kera MacKinnon
Grade 2/3: Janice Poggenpohl
Grade 1/2: Lillian Helm, Ken Wandeler
Grade 1/2: Kyla Gilroy, Jacque Scholz
Grade K/1: Sherrin Hurley
Grade K/1: Debra Drake
Kindergarten: Karla Fuhr, Megan Budd
Kindergarten: LaRae Moisson
PE Teacher: Lina Augaitis
Indigenous Support: Pauline Jackson
Fine Arts Teacher: Jacqui Scholz
Librarian: Andrew Taylor // Assistant: Hayley Strachan
School-Based Resource Teachers: Michelle Rose, Corie McRae, Tim Sawatzky

CEAs: Sean Chippendale, Dee Peterson, Karen Falk, Melanie Trevelyan, Yolanda Gatenby, Vickie Towns, Melodi Gilliard, Claudine Cannon, Corrie Carrier, Zoe Greening, Chrystal Denham, Shelley Rhyno, Susan Atkins, Mary Bibby

Day 1: Tuesday, September 3, Grade 1 through 7

On the first day of classes all of the Grade 1 through 7 students will go directly to their old classes. Classes have been organized in collaboration with staff and administration, but we will not be able to finalize classes until we have worked through new registrations. Your child's class will be released on MyEd and posted at the school as soon as possible. Please note, we always look for the best learning situation for each student using all of the information we have.

Students will be welcomed at 8:20am for the 8:30am start. **Students will be dismissed at 11:30am on the first day.** Recess will occur at the usual time, 10:30am, so ensure your child has a snack. Please set a predetermined meeting place to pick up your child each day. Thanks in advance for respecting the staff parking and visitor parking area and not using it for pick up or drop off.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

Kindergarten students begin each year with a **gradual entry schedule**. Gradual entry allows students to gain a comfort with the teachers, the classroom, and our school. This approach also allows for teachers to learn more about our incoming students as learners while watching interactions between peers, all of which allows for the best possible placement of students into their final classroom for the year. The first full day of kindergarten happens on Wednesday September 11th, 2024. Taking the time to ensure proper placement of incoming kindergarten students will set them up for success! ****Please ensure your child has a snack prior to coming***

Tuesday, September 3rd: No school for Kindergarten

Wednesday, September 4th:

Group A: Last names A-L: 8:30am to 10:30am

Group B: Last names M-Z: 12:30pm – 2:25pm

Thursday, September 5th:

Group B: Last names M-Z: 8:30am to 10:30am

Group A: Last names A-L: 12:30pm – 2:25pm

Friday, September 6th: Group A 8:30 – 1:30

Monday, September 9th: Group B 8:30 – 1:30

Tuesday, September 10th: Group A & B 8:30 – 1:30

Wednesday, September 11th: Full day 8:30 – 2:30



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 3 First Day of School 8:30-11:30

Sept 9 PAC meeting 6:30

Sept 23 ProD – no school

Sept 27 School Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day – no school

** more dates to follow later



Transportation-Bus Information

If your child uses the school district bus service they must be registered with the Transportation Department. You can find the registration form and bus route information on the following website.

<http://www.sd22.bc.ca>

