



Elizabeth Bagshaw Elementary School

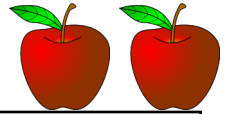
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Upcoming Week:

- Mon. Sept. 14—First Day for students whose last names begin with the letters A to L.
- Tues. Sept. 15—First Day for students whose last names begin with the letters K to Z.
- Wed. Sept. 16th—All students who are registered for in-person school attend school.
- Thurs. Sept. 17th—All students who are registered for in-person school attend school.
- Fri. Sept. 18th—All students who are registered for in-person school attend school.

Attestation & Screening Forms

As per the Student Screening protocol (Enhanced Public Health 1.1), "students will not be allowed to attend school unless the attestation is complete." It is the expectation that parents will complete daily screening of their children by using the HWSB screening tool or provincial website. Please note if you answer YES to any questions on the screener, your child should not attend school. You should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or your family doctor for testing.

Reporting Student Absences 1-844-506-4350

Students and parents will have significantly limited access to the main office. Therefore, all parents are expected to report absences through School Messenger or a direct phone call to the school.

Early Dismissal: If a student needs to be dismissed early, the parent must enter the pick-up time in School messenger. In case of emergencies, the parent must call the office directly with this information.

If your child will be absent from school, please contact School Messenger by phone, app or website before 9:30 AM.

1. Use the website, go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account.

In order to use the app, you must have an email address on file with the school. Please contact the office if you are unable to set up your account.

Parents and School Community:

Welcome Back! We hope you had a safe and happy summer.

We are hoping to once again have a Bagshaw School Council. In previous years the Elizabeth Bagshaw School Council has been an integral part of your child's education. The school council will provide an opportunity for parents to have input and assist with significant school directions, the daily nutrition program, special events and fundraising. More information, along with nomination forms will be posted on this website.

Even though access to the school is limited, we are still hoping to have a Nutrition program as we have a number of students who benefit from it. If you are able to volunteer to please send us an email with your interest.

Items Sold At School

Please note that due to the current situation that there will not be any items for sale at the school.

All milk, pizza, cookies, frozen yogurt and popcorn sales are suspended until further notice.

We will inform you when we are given permission to have them up and going again.

Nutrition Breaks

Please note that the times for our Nutrition Breaks are unchanged. First Nutrition Break is from 10:30 AM - 11:10 AM and Second Nutrition Break is from 12:50 PM - 1:30 PM. All students will eat for the first 20 minutes of the break and then go outside (weather permitting) for the second 20 minutes.

Student Sign Out/In

With parental permission, students in grades 6—8 are allowed to leave school during 2nd Nutrition Break to go home for lunch. This year, due to the circumstances a note must be sent in the mornings, through School Messenger if parents want their child to leave. **NO PAPER NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Due to the current situation we are hoping that permission will be for students to go home and not to the store so we can maintain socially distancing and healthy situations.

Contacting Parents

Every school year it is of upmost importance that we have up to date telephone numbers and email addresses in case we need to reach parents.



This year more than ever this rule must be reinforced. If a student reports illness and has symptoms on the screening list we will need to be able to contact parents to arrange pick up. In the interest of everyone, it will not be safe to have a student who is displaying COVID symptoms to remain at school all day, even if they are in an isolated area. Please make sure that all contacts, including emergency ones at up to date.

Cell Phones

Although cell phones are permitted in the school, students are not to use them during class time. If a student is feeling ill, they must inform their teacher who will then make arrangements with the office to contact home /emergency contacts.

Masks

All students will be required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while indoors in a school or on a bus, including in hallways and during classes. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks within their cohorts, provided proper physical distancing measures are taken.

Masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin without gaping. This increases the benefits of mask wearing. Bandanas and gaiters are not considered to be masks.

Each student will be given a paper bag to place their masks in when they remove it in the classroom. Once outside, students will be instructed to place their masks in a pocket or around their elbow once it has been taken off.

Medical Updates

If your child has any sort of medical needs or allergies please call the school or email so that we can send the appropriate Plan of Care form so that we are aware of the child's condition. Such conditions would be seizures, diabetes, any sort of food or bee allergy. It is important that our medical files are up to date.