



**Our theme in September is: Be Respectful/Sois respectueux
September 13-17**

School hours 8:53am – 2:35pm

Some key school events this week

- Monday, Sept. 13 Kindergarten small group session of 2 hours
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 Kindergarten students will attend from most of the day from 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 15 1st full day for Kindergarten students
PAC Meeting 6:30-8pm (zoom)
- Thursday, Sept. 16
- Friday, Sept.17

A big thank you to staff, students and the community:

Emmanuelle and I would like to thank our staff, students and community for their amazing cooperation, understanding and team work to re-start the year in such a calm, effective and positive way. Merci!



Expectations of Parents/Caregivers:

Please complete a Daily Health Check (see attachment) before school. If your child experience any symptoms, please contact the school to report the absence.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved.

Parents/Caregivers are expected to follow advice from their healthcare practitioners on when it is safe to return to school.

Coming into the Building:

For the time being, our front door will remain locked. If you would like to/need to talk to us, please book an appointment. For more pressing matters, please ring the doorbell or call the office and we will come to the door to help. Unfortunately, you will not be able to visit classrooms or hallways/go to classes with students for now.

Visitors who do enter the building must sign in at the front door and visit the office so we know who is in the building at all times. Visitors need to wear a mask.

Be Ready for Rain:

Please ensure your child is prepared for rain before school, during the day, and after school. Waterproof clothing and umbrella are going to be necessary as we will be outside regardless of the weather.

We will also be taking our learning outdoors as much as reasonably possible this year... dress for the West Coast!

Attendance Procedure:

Just a reminder that we no longer have our attendance phone line in use, instead we ask families to send the school an email to macaulayattendance@sd61.bc.ca when your child is going to be absent. Our call back system is fully automated now and will make calls/emails to parents starting at approximately 10am each day. You will receive a phone call or email if you have **NOT** informed the school that your child is absent.

If you do not have access to a computer or cell phone, you can call and leave a message on our regular phone line **before 8am** on the day your child will be absent, or in the evening the night before. The system at times may have glitches with phone calls, but our number one goal is to ensure the safety of our Macaulay kids!

Photo Day: Friday, September 24th:

Photo proofs will be distributed to students a couple of weeks after photo day then you are able to order online. Photo retake day is Tuesday, October 26th.

Kiss and Go:

The turn-around at the front of the school is restricted to a "Kiss and Go" zone at morning drop off. Please let your child out, say a quick goodbye and drive away, leaving the turn-around for other parents to do the same. If you want to wait with your child until the bell goes, or need to park to come into the school for any reason, there are several areas available: The Boys and Girls Club gravel parking lot accessed by Macaulay St, along Macaulay St. itself and along Lyall St. Thank you for your help in keeping the area in front of the school for quick drop offs and pick-ups only.

Students requiring a Medical Support Plan

If you have not already reached out to our Vice Principal, Emmanuelle Henry, please do so asap in order to review and update your child's medical plan.

ehenry@sd61.bc.ca

Groceries available every Thursday

Snacks and meal starters for your student will be provided to Macaulay families again this year, thanks to a community outreach program called: **Backpack Buddies**.

Every Thursday, a grocery bag filled with non-perishable food can be sent home with your student, to help keep them nourished over the weekend.

This program is offered at no cost to families.

To register your child for Backpack Buddies, please contact Kristi Rielly (Youth and Family Counsellor): krielly@sd61.bc.ca or (250) 385-3441 Ext. 210

School Breakfast Program

We are happy to announce that Rainbow Kitchen is providing breakfast/snack items for Macaulay students this year.

Monday to Friday, 8:30-8:48am, outside Door 9.

Items available: muffins or loaf, yogurt, juice, hummus and veggie sticks, and whole fruit.

All students welcome to come and graze...any day or every day.

Parents and siblings, have a nibble too – we all need to eat 😊

Thank you Rainbow Kitchen!!

Important events coming up

Wednesday, Sept.22: Welcome Back Family Event: details to come

Thursday, Sept.23: 1st Fire Drill

Friday, Sept. 24: Individual Photo Day

Monday, Sept. 27: Pro-D Day ~ no school in session

Thursday, Sept.30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ~ no school in session