

Hello Macaulay Families,

It has been a wonderful first week in our new classes! I'm really enjoying getting to know everyone and want to thank you for the warm welcome. As we settle into the year, here are a few gentle reminders about daily routines and safety at school:

Supervision & Bell Schedule

- 8:30 – 8:45 am: Supervisors (in vests) are outside. *This is a good time to remind children that there are many trusted adults outside on our school grounds to support them if needed. These adults wear vests (blue, red or high visibility), so they are easy to see and recognize. A conversation at home about who these adults are and how they can help is always valuable.*
- 8:45 am: Teachers meet students at their meeting spots/doors and head inside.
- 10:15 – 10:30 am: Morning recess.
- 11:50 – 12:10 pm: Lunch eating time (inside).
- 12:10 – 12:35 pm: Lunch recess (outside).
- 2:37 pm: Dismissal.
- 2:37 – 2:54 pm: Supervisors (in vests) are outside. Students who have not yet been picked up will be brought to the office and families contacted unless they have written permission to stay on the school grounds after supervision.

Crossing Guards

We're lucky to have guards at Lyall & Lampson, Macaulay & Lyall, and Wychbury & Lampson before and after school and encourage everyone to use these crosswalks.

Parking & "Kiss and Go"

Please keep the left-lane of the front pull-through clear so that everyone can move through the pull-through safely. We also ask you not to leave your car unattended while in the pull-through drop off lane.

Bikes, Scooters & E-Wheels

For everyone's safety, please walk bikes and scooters while on school grounds. Grown-ups, if you model it, students will follow!

If Your Child is Away

- Email: macaulayattendance@sd61.bc.ca if your child is sick, late, or absent.
- If you're picking up early, let your child's teacher know when you'll arrive.

Thank you for helping us keep Macaulay safe, welcoming, and fun for everyone. I am looking forward to a great year together!

Warmly,

Jeanne Humphries

Principal/Directrice

Looking Ahead
<u>Sept 16</u> - Individual Student Photo Day (retakes are October 23)
<u>Sept 19</u> - Fire Drill #1- No bell and no exiting of the school
<u>Sept 22</u> - School Based Professional Development Day – No school for students
<u>Sept 23- 26</u> - PAC is collecting Halloween costumes for their Sept 29 costume swap night
<u>Sept 25</u> - Meet the staff 5-5:30 and PAC social 5:30-7 BBQ
<u>Sept 26</u> - Terry Fox run 1:45-2:15
<u>Sept 29</u> - Orange shirt day and PAC Costume swap early evening
<u>Sept 30</u> - No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

More Information Items:

Robotics:

The Macaulay Robotics team is looking for Lego Technic donations (just loose parts, not whole kits); if this is something you might be able to donate, please send us an email: echow@sd61.bc.ca

Hockey Club:

Starting next Wednesday, September 17th at lunch recess with Mr. C.

Football Club:

A student-initiated (and staff supported) football club will be offered to students in grades 4 and 5 in the gym at lunch recess on Tuesdays.

Cross Country:

Interested students in grades 3 – 5 are invited to an information meeting at morning recess on Monday, September 15th in the gym. First practice will be on Wednesday, September 17th after school from 2:45 – 3:00 pm.

Food Programs: Food Supports at Macaulay

We have a variety of food supports available for families who are feeling the pinch of the high food costs! If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact **Emmanuelle**

Henry at ehenry@sd61.bc.ca to inquire about them. All programs are free of charge and intended to support families in need of a little assistance. You can opt in or out throughout the year as needed.

Lunch Program:

Supported by Country Grocer, the lunch program provides students with a half or full sandwich (cheese or cheese and ham), a piece of fruit or a veg (carrots), a granola bar or mini banana bread and a yogurt / cheese stick / milk.

Backpack Buddies:

A bag of ready to eat, or minimal prep required food and snacks for children who may need a little extra on the weekend. Most of the food is non perishable with some fruit on occasion. Examples of what's included can be: granola bars, goldfish crackers, hummus and cracker pack, mini cereal box, cup of noodles etc.

StarFish:

The StarFish program is supported by the Rotary Club of Greater Victoria and provides a family with a backpack of meal prep items. There are some fresh foods included. An example of what might be included in a backpack: a box of macaroni, a jar of tomato sauce, a can of ham, a bag of carrots, a package of bagels, a jar of peanut butter, a full size cereal, a box of granola bars etc.

Rainbow Fridge:

Left overs from our Breakfast Program and Lunch Program as well as additional snacks are available in our Rainbow Fridge anytime during school hours.

Office baskets:

Fruit baskets are located in the main office anytime during school hours.

Please let us know if you would like to sign up for any of these food supports!