



Langdale Elementary Newsletter

August 20

First Week of September

School starts again on Tuesday, September 4th. Students will return to their classrooms from the last school year; or, if they are new, be placed in the previous year's grade. The first day is very important as we will be using attendance to create this year's classroom configurations. The day will start at 10:55 and end at 1:15, with lunch from 11:50 to 12:35.

Kindergarten students will join us on Wednesday, September 5th, from 8:40 to 9:40. They will also attend class from 8:40 to 9:40 on Thursday and Friday.

Classroom Placements

Classroom placements will be made on Tuesday; however, students will not be placed until Thursday or Friday. We will have multiage lessons throughout Wednesday and Thursday in order to build school preparedness, as well as deepen our sense of community. Staff will work together on Tuesday to provide the optimal configuration and placement for all students.

Staff Updates

We welcome the following staff to new positions at Langdale! Ms. Natasha Tousaw will be teaching K/1 from Mondays to Thursdays. She was our Support Services Teacher last year and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Ms. Tamara Smith will be teaching upper intermediate (possibly a 4/5) from Monday to Thursday. She taught at Kinnikinnick Elementary School last year and has also taught for many years in the Coquiltam school district. Ms. Beth Jay will our Teacher Librarian this year and she joins us from Madeira Park Elementary, as well as West Sechelt. Ms. Debby Verbeeten, who joins us from Davis Bay, and Ms. Anneli Lanteigne, who was at Cedar Grove last year, will also be part of the Langdale team as full time Education Assistants.

We currently have three unfilled positions at Langdale: Thursdays and Fridays at the Grade 6/7 level, Friday at the K/1 level as well as the Support Services position for three days a week. We will notify parents as soon as these roles are filled. Furthermore, the District will be hiring a new Music teacher for Langdale as well.

Community Schools Update

Last year we did not fill the position for KidZone until November. Unfortunately, we are again in a similar position at this time due to a decrease in staff for Gibsons Area Community Schools. We will be exploring options to provide afterschool care, which include busing students to Gibsons, finding a qualified applicant or filling the position temporarily. We will notify parents as close as possible to August 27th so that families can make necessary arrangements.

Office Hours

The office will re-open on August 27th and regular hours will commence on September 4th.

ArtStart Grant

The school submitted an ArtStart grant proposal in May. We have just received the news that we have been awarded \$3500 and will be working with resident artist Zaffi Green, who will be facilitating a whole school project entitled "Fairy Tale Mash Up". The grant proposal will need to be adjusted, but this is exciting news! Look out for more details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

School Supplies

Supplies will be provided by the school again this year. We are working to create packages at each grade level that provide the most useful supplies at the lowest cost. We are expecting that the cost will be rising this year and will tentatively average \$60 (includes agenda) for the year: This will be confirmed in the next newsletter, which will go out before school starts.

Bus Registration

Online registration for busing has reopened. Please visit the SD46 website for more information: <http://sd46.bc.ca/index.php/for-parents/bus-registration>.

WonderWheels

Hopefully, families have had a chance to take advantage of this mobile library. The bus will be at Langdale on Thursday, August 23rd and 30th, between 11:00 and 11:45 AM. Students from K-7 are welcome to borrow books.

First Week Timeline

Monday, September 3 rd	▪ Labour Day (No school)
Tuesday, September 4 th	▪ School will operate between 10:55 and 1:15. The buses will run accordingly so please register before then.
Wednesday, September 5 th	▪ First full day of school (8:40 start time and 2:36 dismissal) ▪ Kindergarten students will attend class from 8:40 to 9:40 ▪ Students in multiage activities throughout the day
Thursday, September 6 th	▪ Student agendas provided
Friday, September 7 th	▪ Class configurations finalized