

August 26, 2020

Welcome Back McCammon Families!

McCammon staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10th, for the 2020-21 school year.

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong [Health and Safety Protocols](#) in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For McCammon students and parents, included is a one-page document that outlines our School's COVID-19 Stage-2 Restart Plan. Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, mask usage, busing, before/after school protocols, as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

Tuesday, September 8th – No School for Students

- COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocol training for McCammon staff.

Wednesday September 9th – No School for Students

- McCammon staff engaging in September start-up planning and organizing

Thursday September 10th – Partial Day for Students Grade 1-5 (8:00-10:00)

- Please arrive as close to 7:55 as possible
 - students arrive and line-up in pre-assigned class on back field
 - grade lists with teacher name will be posted outside near the East playground, gaga pit, and West playground
 - students must practice physical distancing while in class line-up
- 8:00 – teachers lead students into the school and to their classroom for the morning
- 10:00 – students dismissed and taken by their teacher to the morning line-up are on the back field
 - Normal afternoon busses will be at school for 10:00 to take bus students home
 - Teachers will tell students where to line-up for Friday morning

Friday September 11th – First Full-Day for Students Grade 1-5 (8:00-1:55)

- Our regular school day is 8:00-1:55 with a morning warning bell at 7:55
- Please arrive as close to 7:55 as possible
 - students arrive and line-up as directed by classroom teacher on Thursday
 - students must practice physical distancing while in class line-up
- 8:00 – teachers lead students into the school and to their classroom for the morning
- 1:55 – students dismissed and taken by their teacher to the morning line-up are on the back field



School Routines

- We are asking families to arrive as close to the 7:55 warning bell as possible and depart immediately after the 1:55 dismissal bell.
- Students are expected to leave school property immediately after dismissal
- Our playgrounds will be closed before and after school but will be open during the school day. There is no playing on the playground before or after school.
- **To minimize contact within school, ONLY** students and staff will be allowed in the building beyond the front entrance area. All school doors will be locked after students enter in the morning. The front door will remain unlocked for parents/guardians who need to speak with office staff.
 - Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those directly working with students.
 - Parents/guardians can contact the school office by phone at (604)-795-7000 or by email at mccammon@sd33.bc.ca.
 - School staff contact information is located on our school website under "[Staff](#)".
- All staff and students will diligently practice recommended Hand Hygiene; this means they will wash their hands frequently during the day (e.g. each time they enter and leave their classroom, during activity transitions, before and after eating, etc.).
- Recess and lunch times will be staggered to minimize contact while outside and students will be encouraged to play with their cohort friends.
- Students need to bring their own refillable water bottle which can be filled at our contactless water bottle filling stations.
- At this time, there will be no breakfast, recess or lunch food programs. Parents are responsible for sending all food with their child(ren). Students will not be allowed to share food items.
- The Provincial Health Organization (PHO) and BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) report that non-medical masks are not recommended for elementary school students due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes, as well as require assistance to properly put on and take off their mask (requiring increased close personal contact from school staff). Any student who chooses to wear a mask at school will be respected and allowed to wear it.

Self-Isolation and Symptoms

- Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 OR travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and [self-isolate](#) , including children of essential service workers.
- For a list of symptoms of COVID-19, see the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#).
- Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results.
- Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) if you are unsure if your child should self-isolate or be tested for COVID-19.
 - If concerned, contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit to seek further input.
 - You can also contact your family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.



- Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has cold, influenza, or COVID-19 like symptoms, provided the student/staff is asymptomatic. It is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider.

We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify learning groups for the remainder of the term and/or school year, or as long as we remain in Stage-2 of the [Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education](#) for learning during COVID-19. **Any changes to our initial class placements will be communicated with parents/guardians.**

Parents/Guardians, we are asking that you spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, that he/she remain home. Students showing symptoms while at school will be immediately moved to the school's **Isolation Room** and parents will be contacted for immediate pick-up.

As we enter this school year, we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open.

The purpose of this letter was to share some initial information; we realize you may have unanswered questions about September. If you have questions, please email either of us and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner. We are also in the process of adding a "COVID-19" section to our [school website](#) which will contain information that may assist with questions.

Warm regards,

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