



Grindrod Elementary School

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Thank You All

It has been a wonderful year of education, friendships, activity and fun here at Grindrod Elementary. As a staff, we feel truly privileged to have had the opportunity to work with such terrific students and families in a community that supports us. We continue to build our outdoor learning curriculum and remain committed to engaging our students through hands-on learning experiences. These authentic learning opportunities have helped to deepen understanding. We could not have accomplished this without the support of our parents, who helped us transport and supervise and at times lead activities. Thank you for all that you have done!

Grade 7s Celebrated

Yesterday, parents, students and staff celebrated the end of eight years of formal education with our grade 7 students. An assembly, speeches, a slideshow, gifts and a potluck luncheon all helped to make the day special.

We are very proud of our grade 7s. They have been positive leaders and engaged learners for our school and have received many accolades for their performance and behavior. They will be missed but we know they are ready to meet the challenges of high school.

We congratulate the following students:

Lili Himmler
Lou Laliberte
Kira MacLaren
Riley McEown
Keira Yasaka



You are an awesome class of Grade 7s!

Keep Practicing Over the Summer

Our students have worked very hard over the past 10 months to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills. Here is some research that we hope will strongly encourage our students to continue to practice over the summer.

Research tells us that with just 20 minutes reading practice a day over the summer, student performance increases 40% where as if students don't read at all over the summer they will likely lose a full three months of hard earned progress achieved during the school year.

Similarly, a little practice with age appropriate writing and math activities will go a long way to ensuring your child begins the new school year with confidence and with the skills needed to make steady progress in their new class. Please create an environment in your home that encourages daily opportunities to practice these foundation skills. They don't have to be long but they should be regular for the best results.

New Student Registration Day

There is a registration day for all new students moving into the area on Tuesday, August 28th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you know anyone who would like to register at our school, please let them know about this.

Also, if you know you will be moving and your child will not be attending Grindrod Elementary next year please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know. This will help us when we configure our classes for next year. You can email us at gri@sd83.bc.ca or leave a phone message at the school at 250-838-7579.

School Supplies

At Grindrod School we pre-purchase school supplies for all of our students. We find this allows us to outfit all of our students with what they need specifically for each class. Because we buy in bulk we are also able to keep the cost reasonable. We ask that parents pay \$30 per child toward their child's school supplies. This includes an agenda book for grades 3 to 7 and supplies for special (cooking) programs for grades K-2. Cheques can be made out to Grindrod Elementary School and should be paid before the end of September. The only supplies we ask parents to provide are indoor running shoes for P.E., P.E. clothing and a box of Kleenex.

School Times at Grindrod Elementary

In September, our school's bell schedule will have some changes but the begin and end bells will stay the same. See below for our new schedule.

8:10 School begins
9:50 Recess begins
10:05 Recess ends
11:45 Lunch play period begins
12:15 Lunch eating time begins
12:30 Afternoon classes begin
2:03 Dismissal

On occasion our bus schedule will change if we have to accommodate a performance or event.

First day of school

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018 school starts at 8:10am and ends at 11:03am. Busses will run 3 hours early.

Kindergarten students are not attending on this day. The kindergarten teacher will send out a schedule for gradual entry into the school routine, which will start with Wednesday, September 5th.

Next year's Class configuration

We are adding a new class in the new school year! If our students' numbers stay as they are now we anticipate configuring the classes as you see below:

Kindergarten
Grade 1/2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3/4
Grade 5/6
Grade 6/7

The configuration will be finalized in September when we know our final student registration.

The breakfast room will be converted to the new classroom over the summer. Also the PAC kitchen will be completely renovated and the Breakfast Program will be run out of this space starting September.

Have a safe and happy Summer Break!

