



## **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 could not have accomplished as much this year without the support of our parents, who helped us transport and supervise and at times lead activities. Over the summer, we will continue to imagine new and wonderful ways to inspire, excite and educate your child. Thank you for all that you have done to help us this year!

### **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 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 foundational skills. They don't have to be long, but they should be regular for best results.



### **Our Grade 7s Celebrated**

On Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, parents, students and staff celebrated the end of eight years of formal education with our grade 7 students. An assembly, speeches, a slideshow and a potluck luncheon all helped to make the day special. We are very proud of our nine grade 7s. They have been positive leaders, engaged learners for our school, and have received many accolades for their performance and behaviour. They have helped both staff and students and they have set a positive example for others to follow. They will be missed but we know they are ready to meet the challenges of high school. A.L. Fortune is fortunate to have such a fine group of young people join their student body. We congratulate the following students:

<b>Ben Aylard</b>	<b>Ara Cardiff-Miller</b>
<b>Connor Casey</b>	<b>Aysia Frehlich</b>
<b>Joelle Harris</b>	<b>Ava Hawrys</b>
<b>Dominic Horsefall</b>	<b>Madison Fletcher</b>
<b>Quinten Washtock</b>	

**You are an awesome class of Grade 7s!**

### **School dismissal is at 10:03 on Thursday**

If you are picking your child(ren) up from school on Thursday, please be here by 10:03. Busses will run at this time as well, so please expect your child home four hours before their regular arrival time.

### Early Registration Day

There is an early registration day for all new students moving into the area. This day is Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. This allows us to outfit all of our students with what they need specifically for each class. Because the school buys in bulk, we are also able to keep the cost reasonable. We ask that parents pay \$35 per child toward their child's school supplies. This includes a planner (gr 2/3 and up) or extra cooking/program supply (gr K/1 and 1/2). The only supplies we ask parents to provide are indoor running shoes for P.E., P.E. clothing and a box of Kleenex.

In September, a fee letter will be sent home for the School-Purchased-Supply-Package of \$35 and the optional Activity fee of \$20. The total of \$55 should be paid before the end of September.

### School Times at Grindrod Elementary

In September our school start times will be changing to accommodate new bussing routes coming into Grindrod. See new schedule below.

8:05 School begins  
9:34 Recess begins  
9:49 Recess ends  
11:17 Lunch play period begins  
11:42 Lunch eating time begins  
12:02 Afternoon classes begins  
2:00 Dismissal

### Grindrod School is Growing

We are pleased to report that Grindrod School continues to grow and we expect to have up to 130 or more students enrolled here in September.

Our staff is working very hard to bring curriculum to life through project-based learning, outdoor excursions and hands on experiential lessons for our students. Increasing student engagement is a top priority for our staff. We have big plans for next year and intend to expand on our successes.



### Staffing and Class Configuration

Next year we expect to have 6 classes once again. This could change if our enrollment changes significantly but at present this is what we anticipate.

<b>Mrs. Foulger/Mrs. Novakowski</b>	<b>K/1</b>
<b>Mrs. Dodds/and TBA</b>	<b>1/2</b>
<b>Mrs. Kemitzis</b>	<b>2/3</b>
<b>TBA (Mrs. Chambers)</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Mrs. Smith/Mr. Abbott</b>	<b>5/6/7</b>
<b>Mr. Pare/Mr. Abbott</b>	<b>5/6/7</b>

We will be hiring in the positions with TBA. Mrs. Chambers will continue her maternity leave till March 2020 and we will hire a teacher during her absence.

We say goodbye to: Ms. Ternent, Mrs. Scott, Ms. Michalenko, Miss Bettcher and Mrs. Rasmuson and a fine year of work here at Grindrod!

**Have a safe and happy Summer Break!**