



Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Dear CMSD82 Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope this letter finds you and your family happy, rested and eagerly anticipating a positive and engaging school year. Your children will be welcomed into our schools on September 7 regardless of where they are at academically, physically, socially and/or emotionally.

With greater community protection against COVID-19, schools can return to closer to normal operations, with some prevention measures continuing to be in place to keep schools as lower risk settings for communicable disease transmission. While COVID-19 is present in our communities, there will continue to be COVID-19 exposures in schools and cases amongst students and staff. Because cases in schools reflect those in the community, these are more likely to occur in communities with lower vaccination uptake. Children continue to be a low risk for serious outcomes from COVID-19, including variants of concern detected in BC.

For your information, we take this opportunity to share links to the [Ministry of Education Return to School Announcement](#) of August 24 and the updated [COVID-19 Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#).

Together, we can make 2021-2022 a safe and productive year. We will be asking for your support in this regard. You can do your part by:

- Getting vaccinated;
- Conducting the daily health check for your children prior to sending them to school;
- Keeping your children home when they are sick;
- Following the requirement for all students in Grades 4 to 12 to wear a mask while indoors, including at their desk and on school busses, and encouraging Kindergarten to Grade 3 students to wear a mask.

Coast Mountains School District 82 and its individual schools have developed Communicable Disease Prevention Plans. These plans outline safety procedures to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. These school plans will be posted to the school district's website at www.cmsd.bc.ca and to school websites in the coming week.

On June 3, 2021 the federal government announced that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed by federal government employees and by federally regulated workplaces every year starting on September 30, 2021.

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The BC provincial government also recognized the importance of honouring the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). All provincial public sector employers, which includes public school districts, will recognize September 30, 2021, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a holiday for staff and students. The [2021-2022 District School Calendar](#) has been amended in accordance to the *School Act* and the revised School Calendar Regulations as directed by the Ministry of Education. Students will receive copies of the amended calendar during the first week of school.

Coast Mountains School District 82 will support all learners to achieve their individual success while inspiring a passion for lifelong learning. We value:

- student engagement;
- an appreciation for culture and diversity;
- respectful and meaningful relationships;
- a welcoming, safe and caring community;
- the vital importance of well-being.

Our priorities include:

- individual students realizing their potential;
- honouring and respecting culture and diversity;
- well-being within the educational community.

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you and our school communities during the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to provide families with updates as new information becomes available.

A special thank-you is extended to all staff in School District 82 who are committed to ensuring a safe and caring learning experience for all our students.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the 2021-2022 school year in Coast Mountains School District.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Meyer
Superintendent of Schools