



Morgan Elementary School

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Principals' Message

On behalf of the entire staff at Morgan Elementary, we are excited to welcome everyone back to school. We hope everyone had a restful summer and spent quality time with family and friends. As we enter a new school year, we would like to extend a special welcome to the families who are new to our community and our new Kindergarten families that are entering school for the first time. We look forward to working and learning with you!

Opening Day is quickly approaching. Staff have been busy preparing to welcome you and excitement is in the air! Please spend some time reading the information below. If you have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to call the office at 604-531-8426.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of learning,

Ms. Myles and Ms. Chalmers
Principals

On behalf of the Morgan community, we welcome all our new staff (in bold) and all of our returning staff. You may see some familiar names who are rejoining us! 😊 (also in bold)

Ms. Peckinpough	Head Clerk	Ms. Dolan	LST
Ms. Burden	Records Clerk	Ms. Matsumura	LST
Ms. Myles	Principal	Ms. Coleman	LST
Ms. Chalmers	Vice-Principal Intermediate Prep	Ms. Ng	IST
Ms. Heer	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Hurtubise	Library
Ms. Benoit	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Soo	Library
Mr. Taddei	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Winterhalt	Core Music
Ms. Carmichael	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Hagen	Band
Mr. McGown	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Cutler	Counsellor
Ms. Pearson	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Allan	Child & Youth

			Worker
Ms. Johal/Ms. Ho	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Goh	Speech and Language
Ms. Bagai	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Hundal	Education Assistant
Ms. Kohut/ Ms. Raouf	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Davis	Education Assistant
Ms. Darbyshire/ Ms. Raouf	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Mui	Education Assistant
Ms. Mogollon	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Seto	Education Assistant
Ms. Graham/Ms. Skidmore	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Ervin	Education Assistant
Ms. Hanuman/Ms. Cawdell	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Edge-Partington	Education Assistant
Ms. Dhudwal/ Ms. Xu	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Steinhilber	Education Assistant
Ms. Heir	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Hodges	Education Assistant
Ms. Patton	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Green	ABA
Ms. Coleborn	Classroom Teacher	TBD	ABA
Ms. Lowe/Ms. Sperling	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Montague	ABA
Ms. Crawford/Ms. Cope	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Soler-Martin	ABA
Ms. Sekhon	Classroom Teacher	Mr. Nguyen	ABA
Ms. Prentice	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Sturko	Noon-hour supervisor
Ms. Porpaczy	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Chapman	Noon-hour supervisor
Ms. Hayward	Classroom Teacher	Ms. Sutton	Noon-hour supervisor
Ms. Whitrow	Classroom Teacher	TBA	Noon-hour supervisor
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First Day of School: Tuesday, September 6th

Students in Grade 1-7 come:

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Kindergarten Students come:

Group A 10:00 – 10:30

Group B 10:45 – 11:15

School begins Tuesday, September 6th with a short session to reconnect and confirm registration. **It is important that your child attends this short first session, as we need to know exactly how many students will be attending Morgan Elementary this year.**

After our first day, Kindergarten students will continue with the Gradual Entry program emailed out in June.

Regular school hours for grades 1-7 begin on Wednesday, September 7th.

Bell Schedule

8:30 Welcome Bell
8:35 Morning Session 1
10:15 Recess
10:30 Morning Session 2
11:45 Lunch
12:30 Afternoon Session
2:30 Dismissal



Class placements

For the first few days of school, students will be working with a variety of teachers. A learning focus will be on building community and comfort. The organization of our classes depends on the enrolment and the needs of all students. With this in mind, in order for us to make the best possible decisions for all of our students, we need some time to find out which students are returning to Morgan and to balance these numbers with our new registrations. Students will be placed in their classes when we have our final numbers and class organizations. Our plan is to have all students in their classes as soon as possible.

As we set classes each year, we find that due to the way our enrolment numbers fall into place, we must create some combined classes. Parents often have questions regarding their child being in a combined class. Please read the information sheet on the back of this newsletter that highlights some important details regarding combined classes. You may also wish to check out a thoughtful blog post written by Chris Wejr on combined classes (<http://chriswejr.com/2012/09/09/will-my-child-be-ok-in-a-split-class/>).

Teachers and administrators spend many hours collaborating on class organizations. Our aim is to create class compositions that reflect:

- Academic balance
- Social and emotional considerations
- Ministry designations
- Class size limits
- Goodness of fit between teacher and student

Your child will bring home a slip of paper to notify you once classes have been finalized. We ask that you support your child and allow time for them to adjust to their final placement, and time for them to connect with their teachers and peers.

Where to go on the first day of school
(Subject to change- please check signs around school)

Morgan Elementary
Tuesday September 6th, 2022 10:00 – 11:00am
Map Attached at end of Newsletter

Grouping	Last Name Starting With...	Location	Staff
Kindergarten 10:00-10:30	Group A	Gym Please line up at basketball court	Ms. Whitrow Ms. Porpaczy Ms. Hayward Ms. Prentice
Kindergarten 10:45-11:15	Group B	Gym Please line up at basketball court	Ms. Whitrow Ms. Porpaczy Ms. Hayward Ms. Prentice
Grade 1	A - H	Room 105	Ms. Lowe/Ms. Sperling
Grade 1	I - P	Room 103	Ms. Ms. Crawford/Ms. Cope
Grade 1	Q - Z	Room 104	Ms. Sekhon
Grade 2	A - D	Room 102	Ms. Coleborn
Grade 2	E - M	Room 205	Ms. Patton
Grade 2	P - Z	Room 201	Ms. Heir
Grade 3	A – C	Room 203	Ms. Dhudwal
Grade 3	D – K	Portable 8	Ms. Hanuman / Ms. Cawdell
Grade 3	L - S	Portable 3	Ms. Graham/Ms. Skidmore

Grade 3	T - Z	Room 306	Ms. Mogollon
Grade 4	A - H	Room 206	Ms. Kohut / Ms. Raouf
Grade 4	I - M	Room 207	Ms. Darbyshire / Ms. Raouf
Grade 4	N - Z	Portable 7	Ms. Bagai
Grade 5	A - K	Room 302	Ms. Pearson
Grade 5	L - Z	Portable 2	Ms. Johal/Ms. Ho
Grade 6	A - K	Portable 6	Mr. McGown
Grade 6	L - Z	Room 304	Ms. Carmichael
Grade 7	A - J	Portable 4	Ms. Heer
Grade 7	K - O	Portable 5	Mr. Taddei
Grade 7	P - Z	Room 208	Ms. Benoit

Our Exciting Expansion

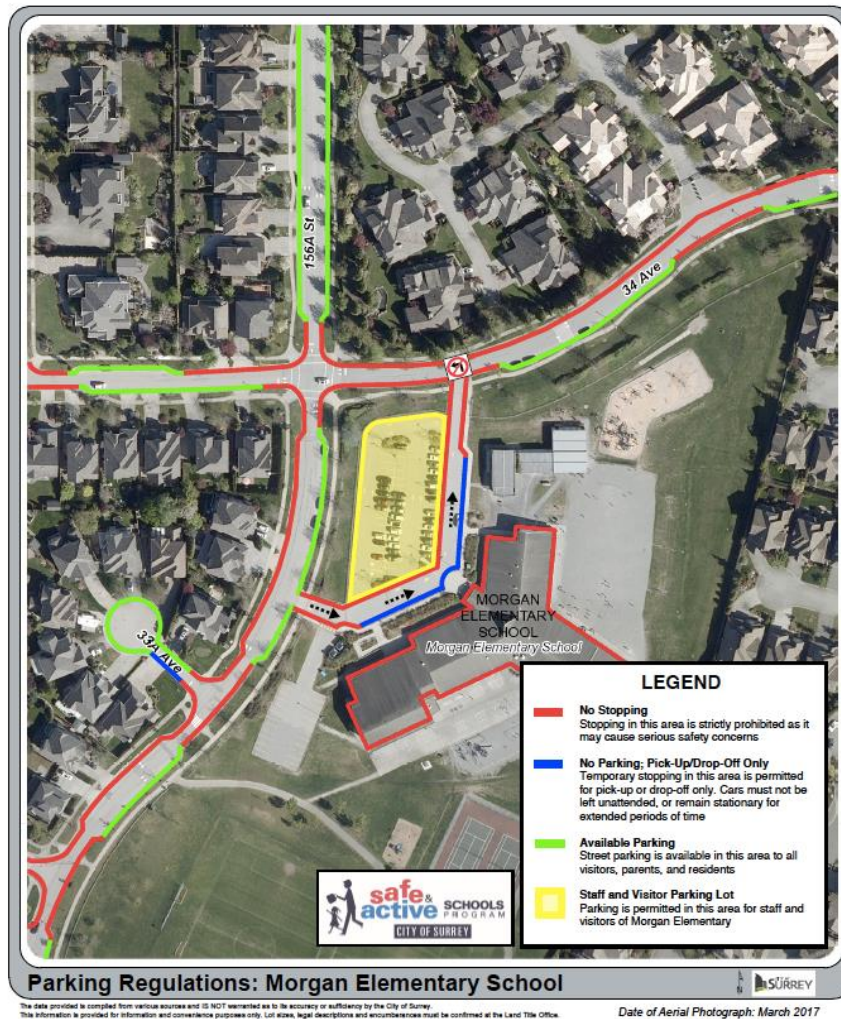
Our 8-classroom expansion has continued to take shape over the summer and over the next couple of weeks, we will be seeing some new landscaping out front with new trees and shrubs. We look forward to the new greenery, and to moving in this spring. 😊

Drop off and Pick up of Students

Arrival and pick-up time is busy! To support the safety and wellness of all families, **we encourage all students to walk, bike or scoot to school!** This keeps the traffic levels down in front of our school, and gives students much needed exercise and fresh air. These are great habits to establish at the beginning of the school year when the good weather eases the transition in establishing your preferred route.

If you must drive to school, **please allow extra time for your arrival at school** so that your child is able to arrive in class on time, relaxed, and ready for learning. Options are to park a few blocks away and walk the rest of the distance, or drop off your child through our Kiss and Go. **Please note there is NO parking at any time in the Kiss and Go.** Parents, please remain in your

vehicles as your child exits to the right and proceeds to their classroom. Thank you for your help with keeping our school safe!



Surrey Schools App

All notices, newsletters and other communication will come to you via email. As well, please sign up for the Surrey Schools App with the link below to access current and archived information through our Morgan and Surrey School District website. If you find you are not receiving communication from Morgan, please contact the office to confirm your email is correct in our database.

<https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585>

Welcome to our new PAC Executive!

We are already getting excited about the PAC Welcome Back BBQ September 22nd on our Meet the Teacher Night. We can almost taste the burgers already!

BBQ 5:00-6:00 pm

Meet the Teacher 6:00-7:00 pm

Please join us in welcoming our new and returning PAC Executive:

PAC President: April Tarnowski

Secretary: Lauren Tristan'

Treasurer: Joyce Buchanan

DPAC Rep: Janine Bozanin

Member at Large: Kirren Bains

Member at Large: Hailey Loncaric

Please stay tuned for further communications from PAC regarding upcoming meetings, events and volunteer opportunities.

School Supplies

Please find attached school supply lists for 2022/2023 along with instructions for ordering. Kindergarten teachers will be ordering their supplies in bulk and will communicate further information in this regard in the first week of classes. Alternatively, if K families prefer to purchase their own supplies, please click on the links below.

[Morgan Grade 1 School Supplies](#)

[Morgan Grade 2 School Supplies](#)

[Morgan Grade 3 School Supplies](#)

[Morgan Grade 4 School Supplies](#)

[Morgan Grade 5 School Supplies](#)

[Morgan Grade 6 School Supplies](#)

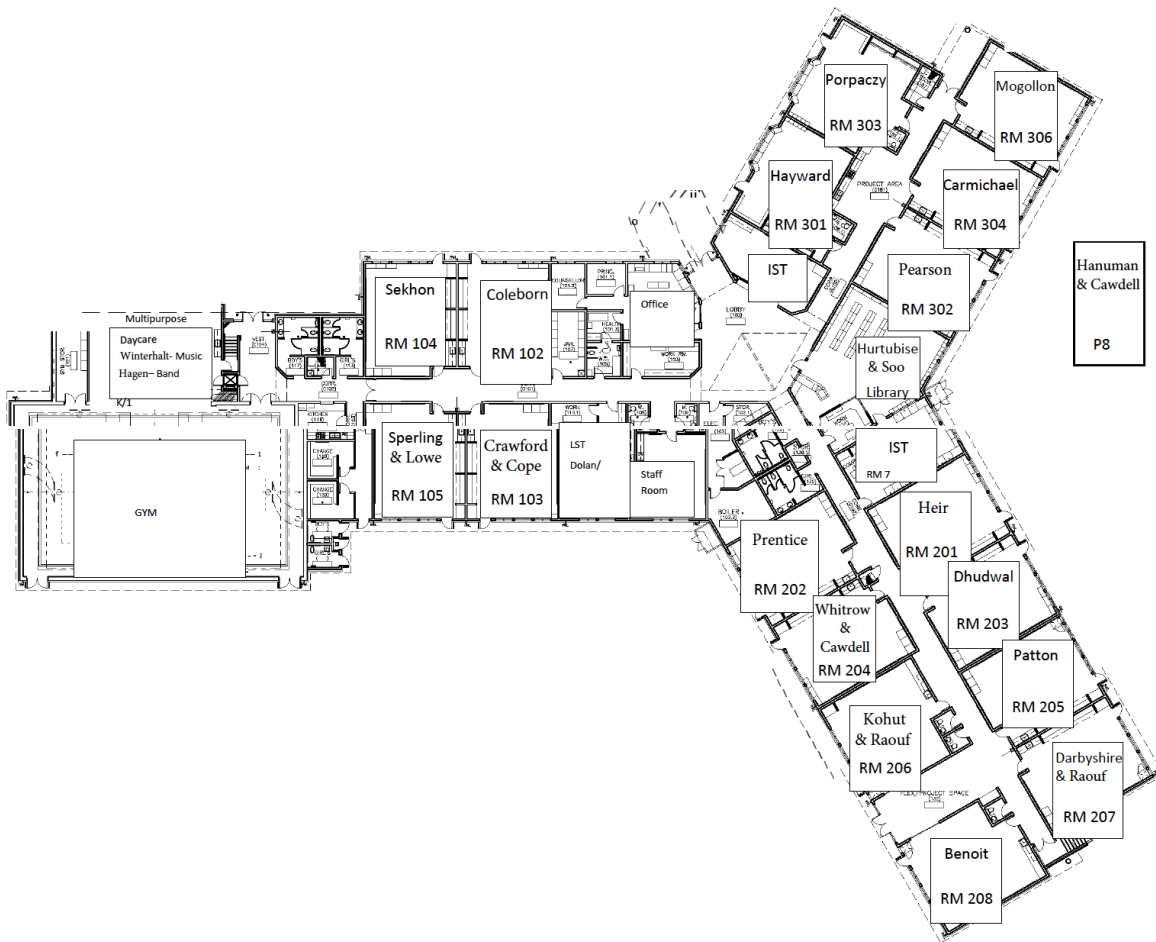
[Morgan Grade 7 School Supplies](#)

Quarantine, Mask and Random Testing Restrictions for Staff and Students Returning from International Travel

The district is reminding students, parents and staff of the latest federal guidance for those returning from international travel, including information specific to children and youth. Please familiarize yourself with the latest guidance, including [quarantine, mask and random testing restrictions for those returning from international travel](#).

Upcoming dates

Sept. 6	First day of school 10 – 11am
Sept. 19	Early Dismissal at 1:30
Sept. 22	Welcome Back BBQ 5-6 pm and Meet the Teacher 6-7pm
Sept. 23	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 26	Non-Instructional Day- No school
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day Assembly
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No school
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving – classes not in session
Oct. 14	Interim Reports
Oct. 20	Early Dismissal at 1:30 / Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 21	Professional Day- no school



Combined-grade classes: Learning together

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Combined-grade classes consist of students in two consecutive grades grouped together in one class. They are common both locally and internationally, with “one out of every five Canadian students enrolled in a multi-grade classroom” according to at least one study. There is a good

chance that Surrey children will have the experience of being in a combined-grade class during their elementary school years.

Organizing classes to best meet the needs of all students is a complex process. While practical factors such as shifting enrolment, class size and composition influence the formation of classes, the Surrey School District is committed to creating balanced classes that focus on students' learning strengths and the needs of the whole child.

There are academic as well as social benefits to combined-grade classes. Studies indicate that children in combined classes do as well academically as children in single grades.

Research has shown that combined classes:

- allow students learn from one another,
- provide models for younger students,
- help older students see what they've already learned,
- provide opportunities for a greater range of learning,
- encourage students to work together,
- promote social responsibility,
- help students to become independent and
- foster a positive attitude toward school.



Students in combined classes are not held back to the level of younger students, nor are they expected to handle work beyond their ability. In every classroom, there is a wide range of skills and abilities. Children mature at different rates in various aspects of development. Teachers are aware of these individual differences and structure learning activities according to the needs of each learner.

Children learn continually; their intellectual, social and personal development does not occur in discrete steps according to grade level.

Studies have found that on average, a single-grade class includes students whose development spans five years. The developmental range in a combined class is not significantly different.

Within the combined class there will be children of both grade levels with similar levels of performance. Whether a child is gifted or needs considerable assistance, each will be challenged to excel as much in a combined class as he or she would be in a single-grade class.

Researchers have reported successful learning is less dependent on how students are grouped into classes, than on the quality of instructional practices.

For more information on the research into combined-grade classes, please visit the Surrey School District website: District Departments, Research and Evaluation Department, Research Currents and click on [Learning Together: Research into Combined and Multiage Classes](#).

