

Clayton Elementary

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so very much for a fantastic start-up in the face of extreme circumstances. By this point, your child knows who his or her teacher is. They should also know where to meet in the morning for the beginning of school.

Here is a list of our staff:

Division/Days of the week	Teacher	Grade	Room
1	Tania Johal	6/7	P473
2	Erinn Riley	6/7	P535
3	Baylie Garbert	5/6	P515
4	lan Weber	4/5	P584
5	Dave Smith	4/5	P577
6	Kylie Lowey	3	M612
7	Janelle Van Dop	2/3	4
8	Emily Barabash	2/3	7
9	Kimberley Nystrom	1/2	6
10	Christy Van Ieperen	1	1
11	Roxanne Brown	K/1	2
12	Wendy Bodner	К	3
	Krista Mclaughlin	Surrey Blended	M613
Mon - Fri	Heidi Thornton	LST	9
	TBD	LST	9
Mon - Fri	Jordan Shipley	IST	
Tues, Wed, Fri	Anna Canby	IST	
Mon, Tues,	Kelsey Green	Teacher	LIBRARY
Wed		librarian	
Mon, Tues AM, Thurs	Shauna Steger	Music	5
Mon, Wed	Ron Melnyk	Band	Gym
Thurs	Kelly Henshaw	Counsellor	10
Mon, Wed	Chelsea Marsh	CCW	10
Tues	Tamara Robertson	Aboriginal Worker	10
Wed, Fri	Ursula Baer	French/Int. Prep	

Class Placements:

This year for class placements was a unique one. The Minister of Education promised that all BC students would be in their learning groups/cohorts by today. We have been able to fulfill that promise but with some challenges. Typically, we have time the first week to gather information from students about good learning partners and social connections, student learning styles, and lots of other information. This year, we did not have that time, and once students are into learning groups, no changes can be made.

We did our best to ensure that the classes are balanced with learning styles and levels. These decisions were based on the previous year's teacher's knowledge of the students. Every year, some children are unhappy with their class placement. We help them by being positive and reassuring them that will get to know their new classmates and teacher very soon. We also remind them that they can see their special friend before and after school and at recess and at lunch. As switches cannot occur this year, we ask you to help us with this process and trust that we have done our very best to ensure the best learning environment for each child.

Health and Safety Procedures:

We have been so impressed with how our students are handling our new procedures. They are doing an excellent job of wearing masks, many even inside their classrooms. Many have told us that they had a talk with their mom and dad and that it was decided in their family that they should wear a mask all day, and they did it!! Please know that this is not our expectation, but we honour every family's wishes as much as possible. Masks are the expectation outside of a student's learning cohort and in common areas such as hallways and bathrooms. We are so impressed with the very obvious preparation you all did with your children. A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

<u>Just one more reminder that NO non-staff adult (visitor) may enter the building for any reason.</u> If you do need to talk to the office, please call or email us. However, if you can't and need to come in person, <u>please</u> <u>come to the FRONT door, ring the bell, and wait for someone from the office to meet you there</u>. Please DO NOT use the breezeway door or come straight to the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Planners and School Supplies:

Please do your best to bring in your school supplies this week. All school supply lists are on the website under the Parent tab. If you need any financial support with supplies, please do not hesitate to contact the office or me.

The planners and calendar magnets will be in next week. The planners cost \$5, but we will be asking for this money next week when the planners arrive. No child will be denied a planner for financial reasons. You just have to let us know, and we are happy to help.

Communication:

Now that we are in classes, your first line of communication is always your child's teacher. I am still available as well, but in most circumstances, it is the classroom teacher that has the best information. Please call to speak to them or send them an email. They will get back to you when they can. My door (unfortunately, not the physical one) is also always open; please call or email if you need anything.