



CHIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Comments:

Safe Arrival

If your child(ren) will be **absent or late**, please phone **(604) 592-2913**. Our school has **Voicemail**, so a message can be left at any time of the day or night. We are a very large school, so it is appreciated when parents call and leave a message.



Walking or biking to school is a healthy way to begin the day and it's good for the environment, too!

Newsletter #1

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2013—14 school year! We value the relationship we have with you, the parents of our students. We believe a strong positive relationship enables us to make every student's experience at school rewarding and successful. With your support we can do this. Ms. Schrag, our vice principal, and I are here to assist you in any way we can.

Chimney Hill is a great place to learn and we extend a warm welcome to new families who have moved into our community and to the Kindergarten students who are starting school this Fall.

We are starting the year with an enrolment of 685 students, 29 divisions and a staff of over 60. We will organize classes as soon as possible. This depends on student enrolment and it can take several days to be determined. Please be patient as we try to place each child in the best learning situation. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely

C. S. Baldry

New Teachers and Staff to Chimney Hill

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members:

- Mrs. H. Deol /Mrs. Aldom (job sharing) Gr. 5 from maternity leaves
- Mr. R. Scott (Gr. 5) coming from Chantrell Creek Elem.
- Ms.K. Van Berkel (Gr. 2/3) coming from Frost Road Elem.
- Mrs. B. Clancy (Gr. 2) from W.E. Kinvig Elem.
- Mrs. I. Mauro/Mrs. T. Calbick (Gr. 2)from Hillcrest & Hyland Elem
- Ms. Morsal Nasserjah (Gr. 1) from T. E. Scott Elem.
- Ms. Neetu Jandu (Gr. 1) from Strawberry Hill Elem.
- Ms. Shannon Marnell (Ktg.)from Hyland Elem.
- Ms. J. Natic & Ms. N. Onotera (Teacher Librarians)
- Mrs. J. McKellar (LST) coming from Cloverdale Elem.
- Mr. S. Gaterell (Integration Support Teacher)
- Mrs. J. Dhillon-Gill (Education Assistant)
- Ms. S. Seto (Education Assistant)
- Mrs. E. Oldham (Education Assistant)
- Ms. J. Curtis (Education Assistant)

Bell Schedule for This Year

- 8:20 Supervision on playground
- 8:30 First bell for students
- 8:35 Classes begin**
- 10:15 Recess
- 10:30 Classes resume
- 11:42 Noon break
- 12:12 Lunch bell (eating time)
- 12:27 Classes resume
- 2:27 Students are dismissed**
- 2:43 Supervision ends

Student Lunches

Parents, we need your help to make sure your child(ren) bring their lunches and recess snacks when they arrive at school first thing in the morning. Please **DO NOT** drop off lunches at the office.



First Week Plans

Tomorrow (Wednesday) will be a regular school day. Students will begin in the same classroom as Tuesday. They will be placed in grade groups organized alphabetically. Each group will be taught by two or three teachers during the day. Students will be dismissed from the same classrooms.

It is difficult to accurately project the enrolment at Chimney Hill. We will organize our classes as soon as we can. We place students in classes very carefully and use the following criteria:

- Student intellectual, social and emotional development
- Learning styles and strengths of students
- Degrees of independence in students work habits
- Integration of special needs students
- Separating students who do not work well together
- Adhering to class size limits

Chimney Hill School Mission

Our school community works together to encourage learning, respect for others, and personal growth.

Always do your	Build trust
	Encourage others
	Share ideas
	Take responsibility

Code of Conduct

Our goal at Chimney Hill is to work with the family to develop responsible, self-directed and co-operative students. Our behavioural expectations are simple and positive. We expect that students will:

1. Treat everyone with respect.
2. Learn to the best of their ability and help others.
3. Act responsibly, courteously and safely.
4. Care for personal belongings and school property.

Appropriate Dress at Chimney Hill Elementary

We believe that school should be treated as the students' "place of business". We would ask students to refrain from wearing these types of items:

- T-shirts with negative or inappropriate language.
- Midriff tops (when arms are raised and skin is showing, it's too short).
- Low-slung jeans that don't meet the top.
- Halter tops and muscle shirts.
- Excessive makeup and cologne.

School Supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies from last June will be sent home in the next couple of days. **Please make sure to label each item with your child's name. For this week only, have students bring only the supplies requested by their teachers.**



Student Planners



All students from grade **1 through grade 7** will be using student planners this year. They are tools to help students develop strong work habits. Each teacher will inform students and parents about how the planners will be used in their classrooms. The **cost of the planner is \$5.25** and students should bring this amount to school next week. Payment can be by cash or cheque made *payable to Chimney Hill Elementary*.

Meet the Teacher Night - Thurs., Sept. 19th, 6:15 - 7:15 P.M.

Meet the Teacher Night is an opportunity to say hello to your child(ren)'s teacher. It will overlap with the PAC Dessert Evening which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Please make the effort to attend this event to make important connections with the teachers and other parents and students.

Newsletters

Future school newsletters will be sent home bi-weekly. In order to help the environment, beginning in October, newsletters will go home with the *youngest or only* child in each family who indicate they wish to receive a paper copy.

We are doing our part to reduce the paper that ends up in landfills, so please register to receive your newsletters online at www.surreyschools.ca/chimneyhill/. Also Surrey School District has launched a new iPad/iPhone app. The app is called "**SchoolLink**" and it's free! The app enables your iPhone or iPad to access essential school information, as well as receive - virtually instantly - news and featured stories and special announcements that are posted to our school's website.

Starting in October we will only be sending home paper copies of newsletters to parents who sign below and return this form to our school office.

Yes I would like to receive a paper copy of all newsletters sent home with my child:

Name of Student

Division

Parent's Signature

Date

Chimney Hill Calendar 2013/2014

Tuesday, September 3 rd	School Opens 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 19 th	Meet the Teacher Evening
Monday, September 23 rd	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Friday, September 27 th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, October 14 th	Thanksgiving (school closed)
Wednesday, October 16 th	Interim reports sent home
Thursday, October 24 th	Student Photos
Friday, October 25 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Thursday, November 7 th	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, November 8 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Monday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day
Friday, November 22 nd	Photo Retakes
Saturday, November 23 rd	Family Photo Day
Tuesday, December 10 th	First Reports sent home
Thursday, December 12 th	Parent-Teacher Conference (1:27 p.m. Early Dismissal)
Friday, December 20 th	Last day before Christmas Vacation
Monday, January 6 th	School re-opens
Monday, February 10 th	Family Day (school closed)
Friday, February 21 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Tuesday, March 11 th	Second Reports sent home
Thursday, March 13 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:27 p.m. early dismissal)
Friday March 14 th	Last day of school before Spring Vacation
Monday March 31 st	School reopens
Friday, April 18 th	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday, April 21 st	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Wednesday, April 30 th	Interim/Student-Led Conferences (1:27 p.m. Early Dismissal)
Friday, May 2 nd	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Wed., May 14 th - Fri., May 16 th	Grade 6's to Camp Elphinstone
Monday, May 19 th	Victoria Day
Monday, May 26 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Friday, June 13 th	Sports Day
Thursday, June 26 th	Last day of school for students Third Reports sent home (1:27 p.m. early dismissal)
Friday, June 27 th	Staff only at school