



CHIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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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!

Principal's Comments:

Newsletter #1

Monday, September 22, 2014

Welcome Back!

We are so happy to be welcoming all of our families back to Chimney Hill. We value the relationship we have with you, the parents of our students. We believe having a strong, positive and supportive relationship enables us to make every students school experience rewarding and successful. 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 understand that everyone is eager to start learning and get established in classrooms. We know that many children find the uncertainty of not knowing their teacher difficult. With 695 students, 29 divisions and a staff of over 60, we will organize classes as soon as possible. Please talk with your child and reassure them that they will be getting to know all of their grade level teachers as we try to place each child in the best learning situation.

We are looking forward to a great year together.

Sincerely, Mr. Baldry

New Teachers and Staff to Chimney Hill

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members:

- Mrs. K. Girn (gr 4) is returning from a leave
- Ms. J. Samson (gr 4) will be job sharing with Mrs. Girn
- Ms. J. Closter (gr 2)
- Ms. N. Bekhit (gr 1)
- Mrs. C. Starr (Teacher/Librarian)
- Ms. T. Kuzik (LST)
- Mrs. L. Chubb—Education Assistant
- Ms. L. Gill—Education Assistant
- Ms. T. Goundrey—Education Assistant
- Mrs. I. Jacob—Education Assistant (returning to CH)
- Ms. K. Kant—Education Assistant
- Ms. B. Kelepouris—Education Assistant
- Ms. J. Sklofsky—Education Assistant
- Ms. W. Wilson (Childcare Worker)

- Ms. M. Loxterkamp (gr 5)
- Mrs. K. Basran - 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

First Week Plans

Tomorrow (Tuesday) will be a regular school day. For the rest of the week, students will begin in the same classroom as Monday. 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.

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| 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.

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.



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.**



Newsletters

Future school newsletters will be sent home bi-weekly. 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.

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*.



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.

Thanks in advance for your support in this matter

Chimney Hill Calendar 2014/2015

Monday, September 22 nd	School Opens 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Friday, September 26 th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, October 13 th	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
Wednesday, October 15 th	Interim reports sent home
Thursday, October 23 rd	Student Photos
Friday, October 24 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Friday, November 7 th	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 10 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Tuesday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 13 th	Photo Retakes
Tuesday, December 9 th	First Reports sent home
Thursday, December 11 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:27 p.m. early dismissal)
Friday, December 19 th	Last day before Christmas Vacation
Monday, January 5 th	School re-opens
Thursday, February 5 th	Student led Conferences (1:27 early dismissal)
Monday, February 9 th	Family Day (school closed)
Friday, February 20 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Friday March 6 th	Last day of school before Spring Vacation
Monday March 23 rd	School reopens
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday (School Closed)
Monday, April 6 th	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Thursday, April 16 th	Second Reports sent home
Tuesday, April 21 st	Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:27 p.m. early dismissal)
Friday, May 1 st	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Wed., May 13 th - Fri., May 15 th	Grade 6's to Camp Elphinstone
Monday, May 18 th	Victoria Day
Monday, May 25 th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Friday, June 12 th	Sports Day
Thursday, June 25 th	Last day of school for students Third Reports sent home (1:27 p.m. early dismissal)
Friday, June 26 th	Staff only at school