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# Creekside Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the provincial government announced details of the plan to further re-open schools in British Columbia. For your reference, here is a link to the news release: <https://bit.ly/3cHrsN8>. The re-opening of schools is part of a gradual return to in-class instruction in BC. Please note that parents will continue to have the option of keeping their children at home to engage in remote learning. Remote learning remains the primary form of instruction for ALL students, regardless of whether you keep your children at home or send them to school – students who come to school are asking *to bring their own devices* for face-to-face instruction as they will be completing work that is being assigned online for ALL learners.

## Student Schedules

Students with the last name starting with A-K will be in Group A.

Students with the last name starting with L-Z will be in Group B.

Group A Grades K-6 and attending school Monday,

Group B Grades K-6 will be attending school Tuesday

Group A K-7 (no Grade 6's) Thursday

Group B K-7 (no Grade 6's) Friday

Wednesdays will not have student groups as it is a deep-cleaning day for custodial staff. Only children identified as children of Essential Service Workers will attend on Wednesdays. You are considered an Essential Services Worker (ESW) if you are employed in: Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responder, Emergency Response and now, Educators and Education Support Staff.

We know that face-to-face instructional schedules will look different depending on the grade level and individual circumstances of each student. We will attempt to schedule students with their regular classroom teacher. However, this will depend on the number of students from each class whose parents wish them to attend and the availability of teaching staff. In some cases, teachers other than your child's regular classroom teacher may assume responsibility for a group of students.

In order to plan for a safe and healthy school environment for all students and staff, it is important that we are able to estimate the number of students who will be attending school starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

ALL parents are asked to please assist us by completing this survey by end of the day on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, indicating whether or not you plan to have your child(ren) attend. Please note that schools will *not* be making daily safe arrival calls to those families choosing to continue with remote learning for the remainder of the school year.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzW\\_h6xuQceFAjHRWx5OQRvtUOTBQMkNCWDhUSzBUMVpRNEpVS1ozSTQwWi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzW_h6xuQceFAjHRWx5OQRvtUOTBQMkNCWDhUSzBUMVpRNEpVS1ozSTQwWi4u)

### **Food Distribution**

The “grab-and-go” food distribution sites will continue at their current locations. There will *not* be a breakfast program in schools this June. Food distribution centres have a delivery service and will drop off meals to our school for students who are in attendance and need food.

### **Health and Safety**

The health and safety of our students, staff and families continues to be our top priority. Health and Safety protocols will be put in place at our school to ensure hand hygiene and physical distancing and we require parent assistance. Playgrounds will be opening for school use only. Water fountains will be available but we are recommending that students bring their own water bottles. *Also, parents are not allowed in the building at any time including dropping off lunches and students will need to bring their lunches with them in the morning.*

We understand that you may have other questions about what things will look like if your child returns to school. We appreciate your patience as we work through the process to ensure a safe learning and working environment can be provided as students and staff return. In the meantime, please be assured that teachers and educational support staff will continue to provide remote learning opportunities for your child. I would like to thank all parents for the efforts you are making to work alongside your child as we continue through these very unusual circumstances. We are grateful for your support and patience. If we are not seeing you on June 1, please know we will be working and learning with you remotely until the end of the school year.