

**September
2023**

The Bayview Bulletin



Principal: Ms. Sue DeRosa
Vice-Principal: Mr. Shaun Weighill
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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Sept 4—Labour Day—no school
- Sept 5—School starts from 11:00 am—12:00 pm
- Sept 6—Regular school days start 8:45 am—2:25 pm
- Sept 11—PAC Mtg @ 5:30 pm
- Sept 12—Transfer Beach
- Sept 15—Terry Fox Run, bring a toonie for Terry
- Sept 20—Fire Drill
- Sept 21—Open House 2:00—3:00 PM
- Sept 27—Bottle Drop Off
- Sept 29—Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 2—Truth & Reconciliation Day (observed)—no school

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

To our new custodians, Roger and Bruce, for thoroughly cleaning our school and making it shiny for the new school year.



Principal's Message

Welcome back Bayview Families!!

I hope you all enjoyed this beautiful summer break and are ready to dive in to a new school year. This past week, teachers and staff have been preparing our school for your arrival. I am excited to lead the way, as your new Principal, to a year full of learning, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime. Getting back into routines will be hard for everyone so please be patient, compassionate, and flexible as we all adjust. I also appreciate the support from families that the September settling process requires – consistent routines, early bedtimes, nutritious meals, and ongoing communication.

Our staff has worked tirelessly to place students in the best educational setting for their needs. They considered academics, social emotional needs, and friendships when placing students. Please respect the choices that previous teachers have made in these placements. Students will not be moved unless staff see an educationally sound reason to do so.

We are excited to welcome back all of our staff and students who are returning from last year. We are also excited to welcome new staff members and students, some of which are coming from different parts of the world! Our current enrollment sits at 209 students spread over 10 divisions.

This year will bring opportunities for great things! The best place to be a part of the discussions about the direction of our school is at the **PAC meetings on the first Monday (school day) of each month at 5:30 p.m.** Please join us!

I am always available to discuss your child's progress, navigate through your concerns, and hear your thoughts. Please either email me at sderosa@sd68.bc.ca, call the school to make an appointment to meet in person, or have a phone call. Drop-in visits can be challenging as I am often helping students settle into their day. I look forward to paddling together this school year.

Ms. Sue DeRosa, Principal

STUDENT FORMS

Please watch for **Student Information Verification forms** that will be sent home during the first week of school. We ask that you review, make any necessary changes, sign and return them to school as quickly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have two alternate numbers to call in case your child is sick or there is an emergency.

Please remember if your child requires any medication at school (e.g. inhalers, epipen, antibiotics) there is a form that needs to be filled out by the parents/guardians. All medication needs to be kept in the office.

School Divisions & Teachers

- Division 1 Kindergarten - Ms. Beaudry
- Division 2 Kindergarten/Gr. 1 - Ms. Stacey
- Division 3 Grade 1/2 - Ms. Culbertson
- Division 4 Grade 1/2 - Ms. Spry
- Division 5 Grade 2/3 - Ms. MacKenzie
- Division 6 Grade 3/4 - TBD
- Division 7 Grade 4/5 - Ms. Blachuras
- Division 8 Grade 5/6 - TBD
- Division 9 Grade 6/7 - Mr. Bush
- Division 10 Grade 6/7 - Mr. Weighill/Ms. Kim

CELL PHONES, GAMES AND ELECTRONICS

We are asking that parents ensure that students **keep cell phones, electronic games, game boys, Nintendo DS, iPods, etc...at home!** These items interfere with lessons in the classroom and run the risk of being lost, damaged or stolen at school. The school is not responsible for these items and we certainly do not want them to interfere with the learning in the classroom. Students can use these devices for their walk to and from school, but they should **remain in backpacks or with the teacher for safe keeping for the rest of the day.** The school phone is available for students to call home or for parents to contact their child/ren during the day. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

BELL SCHEDULE

- Monday-Friday
- 8:45-10:15 Instructional Time
- 10:15-10:30 Recess
- 10:30-11:45 Instructional Time
- 11:45-12:20 Lunch Recess
- 12:20-2:25 Instructional Time

BAYVIEW PAC

Our first PAC meeting is **Monday, September 11, 2023 in the library at 5:30 PM**. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students. Many hands make light work. Childcare and pizza will be available.

KINDERGARTEN

Please make sure you have contacted the school to schedule your interview for either September 6th or 7th. Students will attend in groups for short periods and start full days on Wednesday, September 13th. If you do not know which group your child is in, please call the office as soon as possible.

STRONG START

Our Strong Start program has moved to Room 111. It is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and little ones. Our Strong Start is open Monday through Friday from 9:15 am—12:15 pm. In addition to the circle time, play time, and arts and crafts in the Strong Start Centre, they use the gym and library and have visits from our Aboriginal Education staff and other community members. You will have to book a spot on the SD68 website:

Check out the Bayview Strongstart page for regular updates and closures.

PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are some important safety reminders:

Please DO NOT pull into the staff parking lot as a drive thru to drop off your child. The parking lot is busy and an easy place for someone to get hurt.

Slow down and take your time.

Only park in designated areas. Do not stop in the middle of the road or pull up onto the curbs or park along the side with the 'no stopping' signs.

Cross at appropriate spots, using the sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible.

Do not walk along behind where the cars are parked

If your child/ren exit out the back of the school, arrange to meet them along Princess Street behind the school as there is lots of parking available.

Thank you for taking an extra couple of minutes to follow these safety rules. We don't want anyone getting injured.



TOYS and POKEMON Cards

Please keep all toys and Pokemon cards at home. The school is not responsible if they go missing, get ruined, or if your child gives to someone else. If they remain at home they will stay safe, thank you.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Most school notices will be sent home via email. If you would like to receive a hard copy of a notice, please advise Jody in the office at (250)754-3231 or via email Jody.Lennox@sd68.bc.ca. There will be some exceptions where a hard copy may be sent home to all students.

You can also stay informed by checking out our school website

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/Pages/default.aspx>

The PAC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies for students are purchased and provided by the school at a cost of **\$40.00/student**. You can pay online, provide cash, or by cheque payable to SD68. If you have not already done so, please go to <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Register" and fill in the appropriate fields. More information and instructions on how to sign up and use School Cash Online are available at <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/schoolcashonline/>

BAYVIEW R.O.C.K.S.

PBIS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Everyone at Bayview participates in a school-wide approach to learning safe, responsible & respectful behavior to ensure a safe, caring, and orderly school environment. This is directly related to our school's Code of Conduct. We are focusing on 'doing the right thing' – even when no one is watching. All staff describe, teach and practice, acknowledge, and reteach whenever needed. We are reviewing our school matrix and 'Bayview ROCKS' (Respect, Ownership, Cooperation, Kindness, Safety) and reviewing using WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) as a problem solving strategy.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children to 'do the right thing' and for your interest and involvement in what is happening at Bayview.

CHILD YOUTH FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Welcome back! My name is Skylar Cameron and I am the new Child, Youth, Family Support Worker at Bayview. If your family needs any support from me with community resources or food, or feel that your child may need some social-emotional support, please call the office to leave a message, and I will be happy to return your call. I look forward to working with you!

Skylar Cameron