

# Cheslakees School September Start Up Plan

We are very excited to see the students! Cheslakees School will be following the gradual entry plan sent home to families at the end of July. You can also find the Gradual Entry Plan on the school district website. If you have misplaced the letter telling you which group your child is in, please phone the school anytime after August 31st, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Cheslakees School has one school cohort. Presently, we have 24 students enrolled and each classroom has 12 students. During the first and second week of Gradual Entry your child will be in a group of 6 students. This will allow time to learn the routines and make connections with their teacher. The small groups also allow time to practice and understand the ways we will move around the classroom.

## General Information:

- The gradual entry plan has changed slightly. Teachers will not be going to Sunset on the 9th. Staff will be in the school that day reviewing the Health and Safety practices and protocols around COVID-19. Secondly, we ask that families not arrive early to play.
- When arriving at school please stay in your vehicles or a safe distance apart on the grass until 8:50 when the teachers come out to meet the students. We will do a short meet and greet outside. When finished, we will line up using the yellow dots on the cement outside. Teachers will let students in one at a time and have them sanitize their hands. We are asking parents to say their goodbyes at this time. If this becomes stressful for your child we will make arrangements for you to come into the classroom to support the transition.
- School supplies and a change of clothes can be brought on the first day.
- No toys or stuffies are allowed to be brought into the school at this time.

## How we will be helping children stay safe:

- Students will be in the classroom and outside during the day.
- Mrs. Wadhams' class will be using the classroom bathroom and Mrs. Randall and Ms. Cook's class will use the hallway bathrooms. Only one child at a time will use the washrooms.
- High touch areas in the classroom will be wiped down regularly by the teachers. A custodian will wipe down all surface area at lunch time and then a full clean after school.
- Each child will have a pencil box (provided) with their individual supplies.
- Tables and seating are spread out and easily marked so that students can follow physical distancing procedures.
- Classroom toys and centers will be washed and disinfected after each group.
- As our school cohort is less than 60, students will have lunch play time outside together.
- Masks will be provided by the district and will be worn by staff in common areas. Wearing non-medical masks will be a personal choice for students and teachers and will be made available and provided.
- At the end of the school day, children will be released one at a time when we make eye contact with the parent outside or in their car.
- If your child is not feeling well he/she must stay home until he/she feels better. Should your child exhibit signs of Covid-19 at school (fever, increased sneezing, coughing or shortness of breath) the child will be moved to the designated isolation room (our medical room). The staff member accompanying the child is required to put on a mask and gloves. Depending on guidance from the health authorities the staff member may be required to have a Covid-19 test and self-isolate until the results are in. The other students in the classroom will be moved to the library until the classroom can be deep cleaned.
- We understand that "I don't feel good" from a student can mean a variety of things including anxiety or other issues not related to COVID-19. Their stomach may hurt because they are hungry, constipated, or have gas. As always, we will evaluate each child on what they tell us and help them appropriately.

We look forward to our time together. If you have any questions please call the school at 250-956-3411 or email me at [jcook@sd85.bc.ca](mailto:jcook@sd85.bc.ca)

I look forward to meeting all the new students,

Jill Cook - Principal Cheslakees School