



PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY

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Dear Pinewood Families,

We hope you all have had a wonderful summer holiday, with lots of time for fun, relaxation and connection with friends and family. There are still a few days left of summer to enjoy, but I would like to share some important information to help you plan for the opening week of school.

The office is now open for the school year daily from 8:30am-3:30pm. If you would like to register your child, please do so between Tuesday, August 29 and Friday, September 1, 2023. If you need to register a child for school, please contact our administrative assistant, Mrs. Verma, at 604-590-3357 or sverma@deltaschools.ca and she will be able to assist you with the process.

The beginning of a new school year can be a time of uncertainty with regards to enrolment and class assignments. Although tentative classes were put together in the spring, final organization cannot be done until September, as there are many families who will arrive or leave during the summer months. Even slight changes from projected enrollment numbers can create staffing changes and require that the tentative plan for classes be reorganized once school has started in September. Our goal is to create the least disruptive start for all students, so students will move to new classes as soon as possible once plans are finalized.

Despite not being able to finalize our classes ahead of time, we want to ensure a smooth entry for our students. The staff at Pinewood has prepared for our September opening to alleviate some of the uncertainty around "back to school".

Please read the following section carefully as it explains how **students in Grades 1 – 7 will be organized for the first week of school (new Kindergarten students have already received information regarding the September gradual entry schedule):**

- Students in Grades 1 – 7 will return to school on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, from 9:00 – 12:00 pm
- All returning students will report to the classroom that they were in during the 2022-23 school year

- All **new students** will report to the gym for placement in temporary classrooms
- School hours during the first week back will be as follows:

Tuesday - 9:00am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday - 9:00am – 3:00 pm

During the first week of school, most students entering Grades 2– 7 will work with the teacher they had during the 2022-23 school year. However, some students entering Grades 2 or 3 will work with other teachers, as their last year teacher will be needed in other roles. New grade 1 students will work with our early primary teachers.

For the first day, Ms. Tesan's (Alana) and Mrs. Warnock's former students are to line up at their previous Kindergarten classrooms, and they will re-connect for 15-30 minutes. Assigned staff will then walk them to the classrooms that they will be working in and our early primary teachers will work with them until they have been assigned to their new teacher/classroom.

During the first week of school, students are asked to only bring a limited amount of school supplies (pencil box containing pencils and pens, pencil crayons, scissors, etc.). All other supplies should be left at home until they are assigned to their classes for the year. Our school supply lists can be found at the following link:

<https://pw.deltasd.bc.ca/student-life/supplies/>

We can't wait to see everyone next week, and we are looking forward to a smooth start and a great 2023-24 school year!

Sincerely,

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Principal
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