



Cumberland Community School

Subject to Change

Back to School at Cumberland Community School

At Cumberland Community School we strive to provide a safe, caring and educationally-nurturing environment for all. We value all students' unique qualities and believe that everyone has the ability to learn, build relationships and contribute to our school community.

This school year will be different as we adjust and adapt to help keep all of us safe and healthy through the Coronavirus pandemic. We are prepared as a school to continue to provide a great learning environment and welcoming community for our families.

Please continue to check our school website for updates. If you have any questions about this document or about our return to school, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey directly (tracey.croonen@sd71.bc.ca)

The first few days

The first week of school will be a gradual start for all students in the province. This is to make sure all staff and students are prepared to follow the new safety protocols.

- Tuesday September 8 and Wednesday, September 9 – all staff on site preparing classrooms and being trained on safety protocols. No school for students!
- **KINDERGARTEN** students have an extended gradual entry. We will have emailed parents with their schedules.
- **Grade 1-9 students – meeting out on the back field. We will email parents which teacher each child has in the week of September 1**
 - Thursday, September **10** – ONLY Students with LEGAL last names beginning with A-L come to school for the morning. (8:55 to 11:55)
 - Friday, September **11** – ONLY Students with LEGAL last names beginning with M-Z come to school for the morning. (8:55 to 11:55)
 - Monday, September 14 – full time school for all Grade 1-9 students.

Safety procedures

All our plans and procedures are based in the safety protocols and procedures outlines by both the [school district](#) and the [BCCDC](#). On some points the district is holding a higher standard.

Some of the highlights in these documents are:

- **Masks:** Students 10 and younger are not required to wear masks. The district will provide each staff and student with 2 re-usable masks, but it is up to parents and kids to wear them.
Our Grade 7 -9 students and staff will wear a mask in common areas when there is congestion and a mix of cohorts
- **Handwashing:** Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer many times in a day, whenever they move to a common space, before and after eating, and when entering the class.
- **Staying home when sick:** By bringing students to school parents are confirming that they and their family are healthy and free of any signs of illness. Students and staff need to stay home and notify the office if sick.
- **Kids who get sick at school:** Our first aid attendants will support students who are sick, they will be isolated from other staff and students until parents pick them up. Parents are asked to pick up quickly if called.
- **Cleaning:** There are increased cleaning procedures in place, and daytime custodians at school to help keep it clean. Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected twice daily.

Student groupings

As usual students will be assigned a class, which we will send home to all parents before school begins. We have several new registrations, so we haven't finalized lists yet.

Classes will be paired up into cohorts of no more than 60 students and staff, who will be able to learn and play together. In these cohorts, students will be asked to minimize physical contact. For any staff and students outside of the cohort students will be keeping physically distant when inside and minimize physical contact when outside.

Strongstart will continue to be an "outreach program" and not use the school space. We will have more details soon about this important part of the Cumberland community.

Group 1		# of students
A	McNamara – K Iredale – K Hanevich – K	57
B	Pateman – Grd 1 Watt – Grd 1	38
C	Stuckey – Grd 1 McKay – Grd 1/2	38
D	Thompson – Grd 2 Musgrove/Murgatroyd– Grd 2	40
K	Wain – Grd 8 Moore – Grd 8	48
L	Munro – Grd 8/9 Dane – Grd 9 Kraft – Grd 9	72 Cohort is under the 120 for secondary students

Group 2		# or students
E	Ellis/Murgatroyd - Grd 3 Price/Murgatroyd - Grd 3	40
F	Ney – Grd3/4 Collins – Grd 4	49
G	Spearman – Grd 4/5 Whitehead – Grd 5	46
H	Lingren – Grd 5 Petch – Grd 6/7	48
I	Easterman – Grd 6 VonWartburg – Grd 6	50
J	Spruit – Grd 7 Beck – Grd 7	42

Daily Schedule

- 8:45 – Warning Bell – students line up at assigned area
- 8:50 – School starts, teachers will meet students at their assigned area to come in
- 10:00 – recess for group 1
- 10:30 – recess for group 2
- 12:10 – second recess for group 1 (students will eat with teachers in the classroom)
- 12:40 – second recess for group 2 (students will eat with teachers in the classroom)
- 2:40 – dismissal

All students K – 9 will be outside during their recess break. This is a change for Grade 6-9 students – please come prepared and dressed for the weather

In order to maintain social distancing and the cohort model we are asking students to arrive no earlier than 8:40 and leave/pick up 2:40 whenever possible. Playground and School yard will not be available before or after school for mingling.

Students Entering and Exiting the School

K-4 students in our Strathcona and Perseverance building will enter and exit via their exterior classroom doors. Students will line up outside classroom doors for teachers to bring them in at 8:45. Students will enter and wash hands in classrooms. These doors will always be used for entering and exiting the building.

Classrooms 205 (Thompson) and 208 (Watt) of the Strathcona building will lineup and enter at designated doors next to their classroom.

Grade 5 –9 Students (and Ms. Spearman’s Grade 4s) will line up in designated, clearly marked meeting points on our Beaufort Field. Teachers will meet classes and escort them in through predesignated doors and monitor hand washing of all students

Moving around the building

Students will be able to use common spaces such as the gym, library, and music room. They will wash hands before going into these rooms. Teachers and staff who are outside of the cohorts listed above (LST’s Administrators, etc.) will have to keep physically distant with students or wear a mask.

Directional arrows will help students to move down the right side of hallways and keep distant from other classes. Student movement through the building will be limited and closely supervised by staff.

Bathrooms will be limited to 1 or 2 students at a time. Each bathroom will have limit posted. Water fountains are turned off, but bottle refilling stations are available. Please bring a water bottle to school every day.

Students with diverse abilities

- We will continue the processes that have been established district-wide and are already in place in our schools: Case Management; SBT—Referral/Review process; development of IEP/Learning Plans; assessment processes/assessment
- Each student with diverse abilities/disabilities or designation will be assigned a Case Manager or PVP/Counsellor contact.
- Case Managers and/or PVP/Counsellor contacts will connect with families to ensure that they are aware that their child/youth is welcome to attend school and to provide an update on their child/family
- We will continue to monitor school re-engagement levels of vulnerable students and families and will follow processes to connect with these families.
- Case Managers/PVP/Counsellor contacts will bring students forward at SBT Review Meetings (to be held in the first 2 weeks of return to school) to review vulnerability, learning needs; EA supports, district specialist support, health and safety support; mental health support of all students in the cohort.

Parents and other non-staff adults

Parents will not be able to come into the school without the permission of the school administration. Teachers will meet their students outside and bring them outside again after school for dismissal. If meetings are required, we will schedule them for phone, online, or outdoors if possible. There will be no volunteers or user groups in the school building.

If students are struggling with transitions to school in the morning, staff will be outside to support them. On the first day we will tell everyone which doors are to be used by which classes, and parents will be asked to drop their children off at the door in the morning and pick them up at the same door after school.

Other issues

There are a number of things we need to figure out in the upcoming days and weeks. For now, volunteers, sports, assemblies, after school programs, and a number of traditional school events and ideas are on hold until we can find a safe way to bring them back.

Breakfast and Lunch programs run by Cumberland Community School Society will continue using the protocols set for restaurants. All food served will be individually packaged by our suppliers. Breakfast students will eat in the multipurpose room and sit in family or cohort groups. Food will be brought to their table. Lunches will be packaged into individual servings at the restaurant, sorted by the CCSS lunch coordinator and delivered to classrooms.

There will be NO concession or microwaves available for Grade 6 – 9 students. All microwaves have been removed from the hallways to limit hallway use.

Communication

- We want to keep you informed. We recognize that too much information is overwhelming, We will try to keep messages brief so they can be easily read.
- Weekly emails (or more if necessary) will come home as things change and we adjust to it.
- Our webpage is a good place to find current info Classrooms will come up with their own technique for keeping parents informed (planners, webpages, email etc...)
- If any issues or questions cannot be resolved through the teacher, please contact the Principal Tracey Croonen at 250-336 -8511 or through email, tracey.croonen@sd71.bc.ca