



ECOLE GOLDEN EARS ELEMENTARY

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June 3, 2019

<http://goldenears.sd42.ca/>

Number 10

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 5 . . Hot Lunch Day - Pizza
Parent Tea @2:30 pm
Thursday, June 6 . . . Track & Field - Grade 4/5
Primary Teddy Bear Picnic
PAC Meeting @6:30 pm
Friday, June 7 Track & Field - Grade 6/7
Primary Poetry Recital @8:40 am
Tuesday, June 11 . . . Assembly @8:40 am
Friday, June 14 Ice Cream Day
(Order through Munchalunch)
Thursday June 20 . . . FUN DAY
Hot Lunch Day - Subway
Cultas Lake (Div. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
Monday, June 24 . . . Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
@10:30 am
Tuesday, June 25. . . Kindergarten Grad Ceremony
Wednesday, June 26. Assembly @8:40 am
Wednesday, June 26. . Last Day of School
Early Dismissal-12:00 pm

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank-you for all your energy and involvement with your children completing the various activities, nightly home reading, and other assignments this year. It is so important because the level of involvement parents have in their children's education is the single biggest predictor of academic success.

At Golden Ears we are truly fortunate to have a strong partnership between staff and parents. It has created a very positive school culture that values learning and respect. *Thank you to our many volunteers again this year. We will be having a Parent/Volunteer Tea on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 starting at 2:30 pm. Anyone who has volunteered within the school is welcome to attend!*

Lastly, there a lot of field trips, school activities and other events packed into these last three weeks so please regularly review any school information that comes home to avoid disappointment.

Thank you again to the parents for Taking Care of Our School by cleaning up our front flower beds. They look wonderful.

Mrs. Scoular

Staffing Updates

Due to a variety of reasons we are saying goodbye to a few school staff. All staff have done an outstanding job supporting students and we will miss their collective energy and expertise.

- Mrs. Hayhoe
- Mrs. Franco
- Ms. King
- Ms. Vis
- Ms. Hsiao
- Ms. Masters

In the coming days please join us in wishing these staff good luck in their future adventures. We hope to see you back at Golden Ears again one day!

Student Medication

If your child has medication kept in the school office, please pick it up by the last week of school and take it home for the summer. Any unclaimed, expired medication will be disposed of.



Reminders.....

If your child(ren) will be attending a different school in September or you know of students wanting to attend Golden Ears please inform our school office asap. If you have any new neighbors move in over the summer who have children planning to attend Golden Ears Elementary in the Fall, please encourage them to register at the school the week before September start up, The school will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Having this information as soon as possible will allow us to add any new names to class lists before school starts. Conversely, if you move away over the summer, we would appreciate a call advising of that in the week before school starts.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

September Information

School begins on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** at 8:30 am. All students, except Kindergarten, will report to a designated classroom for their grade level. Signs will be posted at the front of the school to let you know the location. A reminder that the **first day of school is from 8:30 am to 11:00 am only**. Regular school days of 8:30 am to 2:20 pm Monday to Friday begin on **Wednesday, September 4th**.

Kindergarten students will have a gradual entry starting on September 4th. Copies of the Schedule are available at the office if you did not receive one.

School Supply List & Student Planners For Next Year



School supply lists will be sent home with your child's report card, and will be posted on the School Web Site.

Planners

Student Planners will be mandatory for grades 2 to 7 and will be available in September at a cost of \$7.00 each. In order to receive the planner as soon as possible for the new school year, please send the money with your child during the first week of September, to be given to his/her new classroom teacher. Cheques should be made payable to **Golden Ears Elementary**.

Creative Children packs will be delivered the last week of August and your child(ren) will pick them up from the Multi Purpose Room the first week of school.



School Textbooks and Library Books: Please check at home for school library books, textbooks, etc. and return them to your child's

teacher. Replacing missing library and textbooks can be very costly for the school.

PAC Update

A BIG thank you to our PAC parents for all the extras they have done for the students, staff, and school this year! Next years PAC executive will be:

- President: Randi Futter
- VP: Jenn McKenna
- Treasurer: Yuki Fread
- Secretary: Natasha Bettsworth
- Hot Lunch: Karly Sharpe, Jennifer MacDonald
Morgan Constantino
- Fundraising: Annabelle Douglas
Christine Coughlin
- Compassion Coordinators: Nicole Lycett
Carmel Gidoria
- Fruit and Veg: Christine Coughlin

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered their time over the past year, and those parents who have stepped up to volunteer next year.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a hoodie, pair of glasses, coat, etc.



All lost and found will be displayed in the main foyer until the end of June. Please remember to check for items your child may have misplaced. As usual, any items left in the lost and

found bin at the end of the school year, will be given to charity.

Parent Portal Reminder



DON'T MISS OUT on another announcement, event, newsletter or field trip! In the fall, all forms/announcements will continue to be communicated from the school through the SD42 Forms and Parent Portal. If you are not on the portal please take a few minutes of your time to create an account at <https://parents.sd42.ca/>. Don't delay and never worry about that buried form at the bottom of your child's backpack again!

The Redesigned Curriculum at Golden Ears Elementary

HOW DO WE ASSESS AND CELEBRATE LEARNING?

How Do We Assess and Celebrate Learning? Assessment, learning and the curriculum are interconnected. Assessment is rigorous and based on learning standards (curricular competencies and content), literacy and numeracy. Teachers design a wide variety of learning experiences to suit the needs of the students and the curriculum. Teachers engage in ongoing formative assessment, which guides their planning for learning and their feedback to students. Students reflect and self-assess to build important higher-level thinking skills. Students are given opportunities to set criteria, design inquiries, and participate in self and peer assessment, as well as setting goals for the next steps. Teachers document student learning over time using collections of student work and demonstrations to create a profile of individual strengths, areas of growth, and areas for further development. Through multiple means and varied strategies, the student's learning is made visible, and their successes celebrated.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.



2019-2020 DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Monday, September 23, 2019</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 25, 2019</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, November 8, 2019</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
Student Conferences – Early Dismissal @11:30 am	Thursday, December 5, 2019
Student Conferences – No School	Friday, December 6, 2019
Last Day of School before Winter Break	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter break	Monday, December 23, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 6, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, January 24, 2020</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Thursday, February 13, 2020</i>
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Student Conferences – Early Dismissal @11:30 am	Thursday, March 5, 2020
Student Conferences – No School	Friday, March 6, 2020
Last Day of School before Spring Break	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring break	Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 23, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</i>
Last day for students	Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 26, 2020

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September