



# Pitt Meadows Elementary

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## Welcome Back! Bienvenue!

### THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2020:

#### Week 1 and 2 - STAGE 2 (COVID)

Classes won't be in session on September 8 and 9, 2020.

For implementation of Stage 2, Pitt Meadows Elementary's learning communities will consist of one division per learning group.

Parents will get an email/portal announcement on Wednesday Sept. 9, 2020 to inform them:

- who their child's teacher is, where they need to meet their new teacher and what time they will be attending on September 10 and 11. There are two time slots:
  - 8:30 to 10:30
  - 12:20 to 2:20

Our students will, as we did in the spring, access their classes from the outside doors, except for the following classes: Ms. Hey, Mr. Shaw and Mme. Nielsen will enter on the south side door (on 119 Ave), Mrs. Flett, Mme Belson and Mme Macdonald will enter at the back door (primary playground) and M. Duclos, Mme Greene and M. Gregoire will enter in the north side door by the gym (close to the cenotaph). Please wait for the teacher to be escorted in the school.

## 2020 Classes

DURING STAGE 2 (COVID) our Pitt Meadows Elementary community will be in learning groups... of no more than 30. A learning group is essentially your class' division: students, teacher and support staff. We will be unable to change any classroom assignment this school year. We have spent a great deal of time building these classes taking into consideration parent requests, friend groups and learning styles.

## Recess/lunch

Recess will be staggered - one group will go out at 10:05; the other at 10:20.

Lunch time will be staggered too - one group will eat first at 11:50, and play after; the other group will play first at 11:50 and eat after.

During break times (e.g. recess, lunch), students may want to socialize with peers in different learning groups/divisions.

With elementary students and staff, students can socialize with peers in different learning groups/divisions if they are outdoors and can minimize physical contact or if they are indoors and can maintain physical distance.

Outdoors is a lower-risk environment than indoors; outdoor learning will therefore be encouraged.

## LATE DURING STAGE 2 (COVID)

It is important for students to be on time.

If students are late, they still need to enter through the outside classroom doors or the backdoor and head directly to their classroom.

Please, contact the office by calling 604 465-5828 or emailing: [pme\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:pme_reception@sd42.ca) to let us know if your child will be absent.

## ACCESSING THE BUILDING?

Access to the building by parents /guardians is by appointment only, approved directly by the school administrator and for essential school business or on an emergency basis only.

All other communication and business should occur by phone, virtual meeting or email.

Please be aware that parents/guardians/daycares must remain outside of the school during drop off and pick up.

**DURING STAGE 2 (COVID) Parents and visitors are not to go directly to the classrooms or enter the building (please, contact the office to speak to administration or set up a meeting if necessary).**

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Daily Screening

<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Dailty-Health-Assessment-Checklist.pdf>

On a one-time basis, parents/guardians will be asked to complete one checklist to the school confirming they understand:

- 1) how to conduct the Daily Health Assessment,
- 2) that this health assessment/check must be conducted daily, and
- 3) that they must keep their child(ren) home if their child(ren) are have symptoms or are ill, and seek the advice or a healthcare professional.

### Daily Health Assessments

Staff, students, and any authorized visitors must not attend a school/worksite and must stay home if they:

- Are ill or have any symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19.
- Have travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days (PHO Order).

- Have been identified by public health as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case or outbreak.
- Live in a household with someone who has been tested and public health has confirmed is a COVID-19 case.

### Symptom Assessment and Illness Policies/Procedures

- Parents/guardians will need to perform a daily health assessment using a district-provided checklist before sending their child(ren) to school. Students who show any symptoms of illness must not attend school.
- All district buildings will have symptom assessment signage at front entrances.
- Students who develop symptoms of illness while at school will be moved into an isolated waiting room at the school while they wait to be picked up.

### Screening and when to stay home

Parents/guardians will be required to do a daily health assessment of their child(ren) every morning using a [district-provided checklist](#) before sending their child(ren) to school. Students who have any symptoms of illness must not attend school. District staff will need to perform this same daily assessment and will also be required to stay home should they have any symptoms of illness.

### Keeping a safe distance from others

Elementary students in a learning group do not need to stay two metres apart but should limit personal contact. Classrooms will be configured to allow for distance between students and adults as needed.

### Wearing a mask and/or face covering

Although masks are not required for elementary school students, the school district will provide a reusable cloth masks to all elementary students who want one. Staff who interact with multiple learning groups will be required to wear a mask and face shield when they are unable to maintain physical distancing.

### Practicing hand hygiene

Alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout our schools and at the entrances of all district facilities, and hand hygiene signage has been placed throughout all district buildings. Students will be asked to wash their hands several times throughout the day.

### Ventilation and enhanced cleaning and disinfection routines

Ventilation systems in all school district facilities will meet WorkSafeBC requirements, and all air filters will be replaced on a regular basis. All schools will be cleaned in accordance with the [Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). General cleaning (including single-use surfaces like student desks) will occur once every 24 hours, while frequently touched surfaces as well as all shared equipment, appliances, manipulatives, and tools, will be cleaned and disinfected twice every 24 hours. The school district has hired additional custodians to meet the demands of these enhanced cleaning routines.

### Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>



#### Garbage/recycling

We ask that students "pack in... pack out". If students could bring a Litterless Lunch, we would really appreciate it

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#### Elements of an Effective Health and Safety Program

1. Responsible Person(s)
2. Accident and Near Miss Investigations
3. Hazard Identification
4. Hazard Control
5. Employee Involvement in Safety
6. Employee Training
7. Employee Compliance with Safety Rules
8. Recordkeeping/Documentation

