



BAYRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Acting Principal - Tina Saito

May 28, 2021

Dear Bayridge Community;

We are coming down to our last four weeks of school! Hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by. Thank you for your continued support of our school and each other. We have gone through a lot. We have come out stronger.

As you are all aware, I have been at Bayridge since the start of April. Your warm welcomes and kind words have been amazing. Thank you for this. Unfortunately, my time at Bayridge will be coming to an end very soon. My last day will be June 30, 2021.

In planning for the transition to the new school year, I am pleased to announce that the district has appointed Jane Forbes to Bayridge Elementary, starting July 1, 2021. Jane is currently the Principal at Forsyth Elementary and has been there for the last four years.

I look forward to our last four weeks together. This community, our students and this amazing staff have made our short time together the highlight of this year! Bayridge will hold a special place in my heart.

~ Tina Saito

School Start Up for 2021/2022 School Year

As information becomes available, we will send it out! Currently on our [website](#), you will find our updated school supply lists, by grade. There is also a notice regarding our school fees for next year (which is also attached to this newsletter). Early next week, we will finalize our school calendar for the year as well.

Regarding school supplies: Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start. Costs for supplies vary based on grade.

For the 2021-2022 school year, please note: School Supply Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

Warmer Weather and Rainy Days

As we approach the last few weeks of our school year, the weather is getting warmer and warmer. As a result, we are asking that students remember to bring their water bottles to school. Hydrating throughout the day helps our ability to learn and to stay alert. Many classes are going to be heading out into the outdoors for various classes as well. Water helps!

As we saw this last week, rain can work against us. Please remember to come to school dressed for the rain, the warm and anything in between!

COVID Rinse Gargle Tests

COVID-19 mouth rinse/gargle test kits will be available in all schools in the Surrey School District. BC Children's Hospital and Fraser Health are making these test kits available for any student who becomes symptomatic during the school day. As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be safely isolated, and families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/guardian to take home when the child is picked up.

Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any [LifeLabs location](#) for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

Acceptance of a kit is voluntary and solely a parent's or guardian's decision. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at LifeLabs in a timely manner, and not all students will be amenable to a test. The availability of this test kit is yet another way that we are working with our partners in public health to safely keep our schools open.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our first priority and we thank our staff, students and larger school community for their vigilance and commitment to our [health and safety protocols](#). Please continue to monitor your child(ren) for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) before sending them to school each day. If they have any symptoms, children should remain at home and access testing at a collection centre, if advised.

For more information on testing, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control Testing Information website](#).

Upcoming Dates:

May 31 – Non-Instructional Day – School is Closed to Students

June 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten

June 7 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

June 10 – Sports Teams or Jersey Day

June 21 – Dress Your Best

June 24 – Last Day before Summer Break – Dismissal at 1:35pm



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2021-2022 School Fees Notice

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades K-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder or ukulele. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt to take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Pre-Packaged Supply Service: Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. The Kindergarten fees will not exceed \$45.00 and the grade 1- 7 fees will not exceed \$60.00. Please note School Supply fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Tina Saito,

Principal