

September 2020

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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

Welcome back to Greendale!

Dates to Remember	
Sept 25	Individual photo day
Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 12	Thanksgiving
Oct 23	Non-Instructional Day (Provincial)
Oct 30	Early Dismissal
Nov 9	Photo Retake Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day

Greendale Elementary Community School Staff 2020-21

Mr. Noel Sharman	- Principal
Mrs. Cassandra Holmes	- Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Yolanda Krahn	- Kindergarten (Wed-Fri)
Mrs. Alyssa Derhousoff	- Kindergarten (Mon-Tue)
Mrs. Carrie Durflinger	- Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mrs. Diane Thiesen	- Grade 1
Mrs. Brenda Stewart	- Grade 1/2
Ms. Heidi Deagle	- Grade 2/3
Mrs. Rosemary Ferguson	- Grade 3
Ms. Tammy McKinley	- Grade 4
Mr. Dale Hoepfner	- Grade 5
Mrs. Katie White	- Prep and SBT (Wed-Fri)
Mrs. Andera Yake	- Learning Assistance
Mrs. Jodi Knodel	- Librarian (Thursday, Friday)
Mrs. Shawn Braddick	- Educational Assistant/NHS
Ms. Autumn Mastin	- Aboriginal EA (on leave)
Ms. Kiley Houtby	- Child & Youth Care Worker
Ms. Nicole Karr	- Counselor (Fridays)
Mrs. Linda Heath	- Custodian

Allergy Awareness

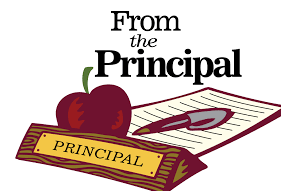
We have a few students in our school who have severe peanut and nut allergies and kiwi allergy. We ask that all students please avoid bringing peanut butter to school as it can be easily transferred to many surfaces and objects in the classroom and throughout the school.

Principal's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to another school year at Greendale Elementary. The beginning of a new school year is always a time filled with excitement and wonder! Our school staff are eager to have students back in their classrooms and filling the hallways with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Greendale is a safe place for staff and students and our school's detailed Health & Safety protocols are in place. It is our goal to "Prepare Students Hearts and Minds for the Future" It is a unique year as we know with many changes however, we are looking forward to going on this journey together. As always if you have questions comments or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s teacher for more clarification. I am also out on supervision in the morning and afterschool to connect with you! For more information about our amazing school and to find our calendar of events, check out our school website at <https://greendale.sd33.bc.ca/home>

Sincerely,
Noel Sharman

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Cohort Learning Groups

Greendale Elementary Stage-2 COVID-19 Health & Safety protocols will require students to be assigned to cohort learning groups of no greater than 60 students. Our Health & Safety protocols further require us to minimize movement of students between cohorts and therefore students will be placed in their regular class on the first day of school. We recognize there may be the need to move students between classes and will communicate with parents if this occurs. Again, our goal is to keep class changes to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Drop off and Dismissal Procedures

Parent parking is available across the street on the road, school parking lot and the church parking lot as well. Please be aware that as a bussing school, busses need to be able to access the front pull-in lane to safely drop our students off. Cones will be placed on either side of this area to help with this. Thank you in advance for your patience regarding our parking areas. Please enter and exit the drop off zone appropriately. Please have your children arrive at school no earlier than 7:44, as we are unable to provide adequate supervision before that time. **As mentioned in communication home we would like to have students dropped off as close to 8:00 as possible as we are limiting the use of our playground with Health and Safety protocols. The Playground will be closed in the morning and we are asking that all students report to their assigned lineup/designated area.** Thank you for your help providing a safe environment!



Volunteer Information

We really appreciate parent involvement at Greendale. At this time, we are not having volunteers in the building in accordance with Health and Safety protocols. We hope to be able to do this in the future.

School Hours for 2020 – 2021

7:30	*Busses Arrive
7:44	Playground supervision begins
7:54	Warning bell
7:59	Classes begin
7:59-9:45	Morning session
	Recess and Lunch times/Play period will differ due to your child's cohort
12:24 - 1:54	Afternoon session
1:54 - 2:09	Supervision
2:09	Supervision Ends
*Mrs. Braddick is here to supervise students at that time.	

Office Hours: 7:30am – 2:10pm

Student Absences

If your child is ill or planning to be absent, please give the school a call in the morning at 604-823-6738 or you may email Mrs. Holmes at

cassandra.holmes@sd33.bc.ca ; otherwise our office will phone home to ensure your child is safe in the event of absence. Thank you for your support! Please consult the daily health check before sending your child(ren) to school.



Student Daily Health Check

First Name: _____		Last Name: _____	
Date: _____		School: _____	
Parent/Guardian: _____			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If your child answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) they should **NOT** come into school. Notify the school office of the absence and if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

School Communication

Our school is trying to promote more environmentally friendly options to communicate. We will be using email, our website, and Facebook to communicate regularly with parents. Our school website has a great deal of information on it and is regularly updated. Please check it out at <http://gcs.sd33.bc.ca/>.



There will be a Friday email with updates for the following week.

Newsletters will be written monthly and emailed to parents. All newsletters will also be posted on our school website.

Student Information System

All B.C. schools have implemented a student information system called MyEducation BC. We are in the process of updating our student database. Verification forms have been sent home. Please update these and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Parent Advisory Council

Greendale PAC is all about working together to make our school the best it can be! As a parent/guardian of a student at Greendale, you are automatically a member!

Please be sure to come to the next PAC meeting and find out how you can be involved, or contact one of the members of the PAC Executive:

Chair:	Erin Perkes
Vice Chair:	Nicole Klix
Secretary:	Haley Read
Parent Ed.:	Lindsay Hloko
Treasurer:	Amanda Bosma
School Lunch:	Christal Tonn



PAC Email: greendale-pac@sd33.bc.ca

School Lunch Email: greendalelunch@gmail.com

Terry Fox Run

Our staff is working on plans for the Terry Fox Run for this school year. Please stay tuned for specific details as we are working hard to plan for this event!

School Supplies

Supplies for the upcoming school year will be purchased by the school, and fees will be then collected in September from families. Due to COVID-19, every student will receive their own bag of supplies for the year. There will be no sharing of any supplies.

We have worked hard to ensure we are getting the best prices from our vendors, so please hold off on purchasing any supplies.

Mrs. Krahn/Mrs. Derhousoff – Kindergarten - \$45

Mrs. Durflinger – Kindergarten/Grade 1 - \$45

Mrs. Thiesen – Grade 1 - \$45

Mrs. Stewart – Grade 1/2 - \$45

Ms. Deagle – Grade 2/3 - \$45

Mrs. Ferguson – Grade 3 - \$45

Ms. McKinley – Grade 4 - \$50

Mr. Hoepfner – Grade 5 - \$50

Permission Click

The School District has implemented a new online form system for our Technology Use Agreement. The school office has sent out an email before summer and reminder emails this week out to all our parents. If you have not received the email, please let the office staff know. Please check your 'junk mail' folders if you do not see it in your inbox.

Please note: If you are new to our school, you have already filled this out on the online registration.

We have also sent out a Student Field Experience and Special Activities Consent Form via Permission Click. Please fill this form out for each of your children.

Bikes/Scooter/Skateboards

Please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. Please ensure that your child has both a helmet and an adequate bike lock. Remember to walk your wheels when you are on school grounds. This includes parents/guardians and all other visitors.