



September 2021

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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 6	Labour Day
Sept 7	School Open 8-10am
Sept 9	PAC meeting 7pm
Sept 16	Open House
Sept 24	Individual Photo Day
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation day – No School
Oct 1	Terry Fox Run
Oct 8	Early Dismissal
Oct 11	Thanksgiving

## Greendale Elementary Community School Staff 2021-22

Mr. Noel Sharman	- Principal
Mrs. Cassandra Holmes	- Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Yolanda Krahn	- Kindergarten (Wed-Fri)
Mrs. Alyssa Derhousoff	- Kindergarten (Mon-Tue)
Mrs. Carrie Durlinger	- Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mrs. Diane Thiesen	- Grade 1/2
Mrs. Brenda Stewart	- Grade 1/2
Ms. Heidi Deagle	- Grade 2/3
Mrs. Rosemary Ferguson	- Grade 3/4
Ms. Tammy McKinley	- Grade 3/4
Mr. Dale Hoepfner	- Grade 4/5
Mrs. Andera Yake	- Learning Assistance (Tu-Fri)
Mrs. Tamara Kelly	- Prep and SBT (W-F)
Mrs. Jodi Knodel	- Librarian (Thursday, Friday)
Mrs. Shawn Braddick	- Educational Assistant/NHS
Ms. Christina Duerksen	- Aboriginal EA
Ms. Kiley Houtby	- Child & Youth Care Worker
TBA	- Counselor
Mrs. Linda Heath	- Custodian

## Principal's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2021-22 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 again another unique year as we know 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

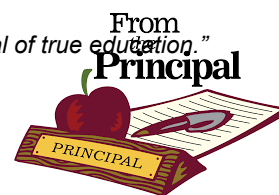
<https://greendale.sd33.bc.ca/home>

Sincerely,

**Noel Sharman**

*"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."*

- Martin Luther King Jr.



## Allergy Awareness

We have a few students in our school who have severe peanut and nut allergies. 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.



## Drop off and Dismissal Procedures

Parent parking is available school parking lot (do not park in the Staff Stalls), along the road heading south on South Sumas 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. Again, we will be suggesting a "Drop Off and Go" at the beginning of the day as well as a "Pick Up and Go" at the end of the day. This being suggested, students will be able to access the playground before and after school!

Thank you for your help providing a safe environment!



## Parent Volunteers and Visitor Information

We are hoping to be able to welcome back volunteers into our school this year. We will be gradually working towards this as we enter into the school year. All visitors MUST sign in at the office and check in. All volunteers will be required to follow the [Health and Safety Protocols](#) set out by the Ministry of Education.

We do require our parent volunteers to have a Criminal Record Check completed. Please contact the office to see if your Record Check has not expired or to get a new form.

## Lunch Drop Off, Early Pick Up or Messages

If you need to drop off lunch or need to get a message to your child, please leave them at the office and Mrs. Holmes will gladly bring them to your child. We are hoping to keep the areas outside of the classrooms and the office quiet to ensure a peaceful working environment.

If you are needing to pick your child(ren) up early, if possible please call ahead of time and we can do our best to have them ready for when you arrive. Please note that the student will have to be signed out at the office.

## School Hours for 2021 – 2022

7:30	*Bus Students Arrive
7:41	Playground supervision begins
7:54	Warning bell
7:59	Classes begin
9:45-10:00	Recess
11:40-12:20	Lunch
12:24 - 1:56	Afternoon session
1:56 - 2:11	Supervision
2:11	Supervision Ends
*Mrs. Braddick and Ms. Houtby are here to supervise students at that time.	

**Office Hours:** 7:30am – 2:10pm

## Open House

We are having an Open House on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. We will be doing this outside. This is a great way for you to be able to meet and chat with your child's teacher! There will be more details to follow as the event gets closer. Stay tuned.

## 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](mailto: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.

Follow this link for Covid-19 Safe Schools information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools#daily-health-checks>

## 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 weekend email with updates for the following week from Mr. Sharman. 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. Student Verification forms will be sent home soon. 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 (September 9<sup>th</sup>) and find out how you can be involved, or contact one of the members of the PAC Executive:

Chair:	Kara Biersteker
Vice Chair:	Nicole Klix
Secretary:	Meagan Heinrichs
Parent Ed.:	Lindsay Hlokkoff
Treasurer:	Amanda Bosma
School Lunch:	Alisha Hilman



PAC Email: [greendale-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:greendale-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

School Lunch Email: [greendalelunch@gmail.com](mailto:greendalelunch@gmail.com)

## School Supplies

Supplies for this coming school year have already been purchased by the school, and fees will be then collected in September from families.

We have worked hard to ensure we are getting the best prices from our vendors and teachers have picked out supplies that they know your child will use for the year, so please hold off on purchasing any supplies.

Mrs. Krahn/Mrs. Derhousoff – Kindergarten – \$40  
 Mrs. Durflinger – Kindergarten/Grade 1 – \$40  
 Mrs. Thiesen – Grade 1/2 – \$40  
 Mrs. Stewart – Grade 1/2 – \$40  
 Ms. Deagle – Grade 2/3 – \$40  
 Mrs. Ferguson – Grade 3/4 – \$45  
 Ms. McKinley – Grade 3/4 – \$45  
 Mr. Hoepfner – Grade 4/5 – \$45

## Permission Click

The School District has implemented a new online form system for our *Technology Use Agreement*. The School District 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 form out during the online registration.

## 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.

## Does Your Child Take the Bus?

If your child takes the bus, get the **Ride 360 App**! You can get instant notifications if there are any disruptions or delays on your route. The **free** Ride 360 app provides parents and guardians direct access to their students' bus schedule, while allowing Transportation to send notifications and alerts.

<https://sd33.bc.ca/announcement/ride-360-bussing-app>

## Accident Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses. Follow this link for more information

<https://sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>