



August 28, 2024.

Good afternoon and Ey swayel East Chilliwack Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We are so happy you are part of the East Chilliwack community, and we are looking forward to seeing everybody back at the school on Tuesday, September 3rd. My name is Carolyn Ingham, and I am the new principal at East Chilliwack Elementary School! I am so excited to join the ECE family and I look forward to meeting all our students and families! Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

The first week of school is quickly approaching and the staff are busy preparing for the students to return next week. Please find below some helpful information that outlines our week of school.

First Week of School:

Tuesday, September 3: First day of school (8:06-10:04)

Students in grades 1-5 will be in attendance until 10:06 am for the first day. Students do not need to bring anything for the first day. Busses will be running when we dismiss at 10:04 for those students who have registered for bussing.

September 4 – September 6: Full Days (8:06-2:04)

Students in grades 1-5 will be in attendance the entire day. Please send your student with snacks and lunch.

Bus Registration

Please make sure you register for bussing at <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department>

Where do students go on the first day?

We will have signs up on the back field where students need to go when the bell rings. Students will gather by grade on the back field. We will have staff out to help guide students if they are unsure where to go. Students will be dismissed to the front of the school on the first day if they are riding the bus. If they are being picked up, students can be picked up on the back field where they started their morning. **Please talk with your child if they will be riding the bus home on Tuesday, September 5 to confirm that with them.**

When will my student find out who their teacher is?

During the first week of school, students will be with their grade group peers and will spend time with all teachers teaching that grade level. Schools must wait for direction from the district office before finalizing class lists. Late registrations and enrollment



changes at the district level can cause delays for the entire district finalizing classes. We are usually able to finalize our lists by Friday of the first week.

2024-2025 Bell Schedule:

8:06	Warning Bell
8:11	Morning instruction begins
10:27 – 10:42	Recess
10:42	Mid-morning class begins
12:02 – 12:12	Lunch (eating time)
12:12 - 12:42	Lunch playtime
12:42	Afternoon instruction begins
2:04	Dismissal
2:05	Busses depart

School Supplies:

The cost for school supplies is \$60.00 for all grades. Classroom teachers will be distributing school supplies to the students. Families will be able to pay for school supplies online and the school district will be emailing families by Friday, August 30th, with more information. Classroom teachers will not be collecting any money. If you are unable to pay online, please pay directly at the office.

Parking Lot:

We have a small, one-way parking lot. Drop off and pickup time is extremely busy. Student safety is our prime concern. If you are making the choice to pick up or drop off, please be mindful of student safety. Watch for students crossing the parking lot, exercise patience, and **expect it to be congested**. A couple of guidelines will help keep the parking lot moving:

- The drive through lanes in the middle of the parking lot are for pickup/drop off only. **Do not leave your car unattended in these lanes**. If you need to leave your vehicle, please park in a perimeter parking stall.
- We have three lanes in the parking lot:
 - a. Lane 1 is closest to the school and is the bus lane.
 - b. Lane 2 is the Pickup and Drop-off Lane.
 - c. Lane 3 is the Thru lane. In the morning when traffic is at its busiest, staff may direct you into the through lane (lane 3) to drop off. We do this so that traffic doesn't back out onto the road. Remind your child each day before they exit your vehicle to look both ways before crossing to the school.
 - d. At dismissal time, parents can park (**but not leave**) their vehicles in both the pickup/drop-off lane and the thru lane. We do this once again so that traffic doesn't back out onto the road.
- At dismissal time, please make sure you are not blocking our entrance to the parking lot. We have to fit 4 busses into the parking lot and they need a wide area to turn into the parking lot. They will honk their horns to have you move if you're blocking access.



*Busses will start for our Kindergarten students on Monday, September 16th, 2024 (if you have registered).

Kindergarten parents were all emailed important start up information which included the gradual entry schedule and an interview time during the first week of school. If you do not know your interview time or need further information, please contact Ms. Deputan at the school office at 604-794-7533.

Bussing for Kindergarten students will start on **Monday, September 16th, 2024**, if you have completed your school bus registration.

We look forward to seeing our Grade 1-5 students on Tuesday, September 3!

Date	Hours of Attendance
Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Kindergarten teachers begin student/parent/teacher interviews
Thursday, September 5, 2024	Kindergarten teachers at District Training
Friday, September 6, 2024	Kindergarten interviews
Monday, September 9, 2024	Gradual Entry All K students attend 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Tuesday, September 10, 2024	Gradual Entry All K students attend 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	Gradual Entry All K students attend 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Students will need a recess snack
Thursday, September 12, 2024	Gradual Entry All K students attend 8:30 AM – 12:35 PM Students will need a recess snack and a lunch
Friday, September 13, 2024	Gradual Entry All K students attend 8:30 AM – 12:35 PM Students will need a recess snack and a lunch
Monday, September 16, 2024	All K students attend all day 8:06 AM – 2:04 PM Students will need a recess snack and a lunch

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Thank you

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