



# Yarrow Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Time tends to go so fast no matter if you are scheduled or not. I trust that you all have had a relaxing summer and are feeling ready to get back to lunch bags and early morning wake ups. This year we have close to 300 students attending Yarrow Community School. We welcome 55 kindergarten students and a host of new students to Yarrow. We are positive that you will enjoy our unique community school.

COVID has unfortunately NOT disappeared. Last year our school hash tag was "Ride the Wave"" and this year we will '**Embrace the Journey**'. We are not sure what this year will bring but we are going to make the best of it. It is nice to know that we have been given a green light to return to a little more "normal". Staff and grades 4 & 5 students will need to be wearing a mask, we will continue to use good hand hygiene, we continue to ask that parents still remain outside the building and if you need to come in, please make an appointment. There will be no COHORTS this year and we will be able to use the drinking fountains. We will continue to make sure that everyone feels safe and ready to return to school and we feel confident so that we have done everything in our control to keep the community COVID free.

Tuesday September 7th is our first day of school. Students will be returning to their last year's class. If you are new to Yarrow, you will be gathering in the library for a short orientation of the school. The morning session goes from 7:55-9:55. Buses will be running. Wednesday, September 8th will be the first full day of school.

I believe that a good relationship between the home and school does much to ensure the success of each child. I share the same ultimate goal. I want your child to be happy and safe at school and live up to his or her potential socially and academically.

## **The school goals this year:**

- To improve student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction
- To improve literacy skills for all students
- To improve thinking skills for all students
- To improve social responsibility demonstrated by all students

The district has developed a new Strategic Plan which can be found on the web site. We will also be tweaking our school goals to match the district as the year goes on. We will work hard and are

committed to improving students' growth in all these areas. We have high expectations for each student and will work together so that they can reach new heights. This means that we all have a responsibility to do our part in making Yarrow Community School positive, safe and a great place to be. Please visit our web site often. Kimberly will also be sending weekly updates out from the office. We are a paperless office so please reach out if you feel you are missing information. website: <https://yarrow.sd33.bc.ca>

This year the school purchased school supplies on your behalf. Parents will be required to pay \$50 to cover the costs. Thank you in advance.

Kindergarten parents should have already arranged their first interview time. If you do not have a time slot, please contact the office.

Our school hours are as follows:

**First Bell: 7:55    Recess 9:45-10:00    Lunch 11:50-12:35    Dismissal 1:57**

The office is open for the rest of the week from 8-3 if you need to contact us before the start of school.

Looking forward to a great year!

C. DeBruyn