



# THE BULLDOG

## Growing & Learning Together

Welcome to another school year. We are now in week 2 and things seems to be running smoothly. It was certainly nice to set classes on the first full day of school. Change is always hard and we are trying our best to support new classroom settings. We have 286 students this year with 12 new students and 47 Kindergartens. We have 7 new staff members this year as well. We hope that you will join us on Thursday September 22 for our welcome back bar b que. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:30 -6 so you can drop by and say Hi. Hot dogs will be served from 6-7 and we will be having staff introductions at 7:00. Hop on Munch a Lunch to order your dinner.

Our motto this year continues to be "Growing and Learning Together" and we are embracing connections with students staff and our community. This is the second year of our district strategic plan and we have aligned our school goals and values. Open communication is also super important here at Yarrow Community School. The take home school calendar is at the printers and every family should receive one by the end of September. This calendar outline a lot of our school routines and expectations. Ms. Emma Johnson in our new office clerical. She will be sending out weekly updates on Friday. Please check your e mails and the web site often as we try to maintain a paperless office



## KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to our new families and returning ones. If you are new to our school please make sure you ask question and get involved. It takes a village to raise a child. The PAC meets the last Tuesday of the month and this year we will continue to offer an on line link to the meetings. PAC also runs a FACEBOOK page with a lot of good information and reminders. We look forward to having you in our school community.



**MONDAY SEPT 19th school will NOT be in session**

## September Dates

- 20~first full day of Kindergarten
- 20~Picture Day- Individual pictures
- 22~Meet the teacher bar b q
- 26~7 Sisters hike grades 1-5
- 27~ PAC meeting @7
- 29~Orange shirt day and walk
- 30 ~ Truth and Reconciliation Holiday





# Volunteers

Teachers will be inviting volunteers into their classrooms. Please make sure that you have a criminal record check on line with the office. Your record check is good for 4 years and must be registered with Yarrow Community School in order to volunteer with field trips and school activities.



# School Hike

This year our school's Positive Behaviour Support theme is centered around community. The grade 1-5 classes will be going on a hike to 7 Sisters on Monday September 26th. We are planning to leave the school at 11 and back at 1:30. Please look for the permission form coming home next week. Parents are also welcome to join us.



# PARKING

If you are accompanying your child to the classroom door please park in a designated parking spots. Likewise if you get out of your vehicle please park in the lot. Mornings and after school dismissals can get very congested and we need to keep the crosswalks visible. When you park in the bus loop this makes sight lines restricted and we want to keep our parking lot as safe as possible. Also please cross at the designated cross walks.



# Computer Use

If you have not completed the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement form, please do so as soon as possible. Follow this link here to complete the form: <https://permission.click/wONqy/ca/Yw8J>



# School Safety

Safety at Yarrow in paradigm. Throughout the year we practice keeping safe which means we will have a series of drills: fire, earthquake and lock down. We hope that we will not face any of these situations but need to be prepared.





# Community School

Facility Rentals are back in full swing, if you're interested in booking a birthday or family party call 604-823-0257.

There is a real need for licensed Child Care programs in our community with all the new young families moving to town, We are fully enrolled but if you are looking for future care please call Sally at 604-823-0257 to arrange picking up a registration package and getting on our wait list.

**CYCLING WITHOUT AGE** – The Cycling Without Age program is a FREE cycling service that helps isolated seniors, or others with mobility issues get out of their homes and into the great outdoors. Our program helps some of our most vulnerable citizens get out for some fresh air and fun. Our bikes are equipped with very cozy, weather- proof lap blankets, so we are ready to go even on some of these chilly days. We have just purchased a third bike to add to our fleet, this is possible through a partnership with UFV. To find out more about our program, maybe book a ride, or if you are interested in volunteering please check out our FB page at Cycling Without Age-Yarrow.

**ZUMBA** is returning to Yarrow Community school! Monday and Wednesday evenings 7-8pm in the multi-purpose room. Adults and mature teens are invited to join our new local instructor. Anna is qualified, experienced and has a mix of international music to add to the fun. Drop-in fee is \$10/night.

**SEW FUN** Mrs. Bergen is busy planning some fun projects for this very popular after school beginner sewing class for kids. Please watch the community school website for up to date registration forms.

**CHILLIWACK AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM** – Registering now. Tuesdays after school. Boys and girls in grade 1-3 and grades 4/5. \$65 for 4 sessions (includes a t-shirt!) Forms available on the website or at school.

**STAY SAFE HOME ALONE** – Registering now for the HOME ALONE class on Sept. 24th. This program helps kids age 9 and up to gain some skills and confidence to be able to Stay Home Alone. Forms available at the school or on the website.



# Library

We are ready to go with Super Reader! This is a great way to motivate students to keep on reading at home and see how many days you can read in the school year. Please mark off the days you have read since the first day of school (Sept 6) in your Super Reader section of the planner. Kindergarten students will get their own Super Reader sheets sent home once they come to the library. Read the instructions carefully for how to do Super Reader, especially when each 50 nights can be handed in. Last year we had over 200 students reach 100 nights of reading and over 100 students reach 250 nights! Let's see if we can beat that this year. Go, Super Reader's, go!



## Book Care

Mrs. Falk will be discussing with students how to treat and take care of books in the next couple weeks. We have lots of new books that Mrs. Falk gets every year for our students but sometimes they come back in a sad state after only one reader. Please help your child to keep their books safe so they can be returned each week in the same condition as they got them. The rain is coming so please make sure those books are not getting wet! If books come back damaged, a fine will be sent home to pay for a new copy as we want our books to be in great shape for all readers to enjoy.