

August 29, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer is quickly coming to an end and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school, I hope that everyone had time to spend quality family time together and create lasting memories. I am sure that families are once again ready to get back into routines around this time. This is my 8th start up at Yarrow and I am looking forward to leading this amazing community school. Once again we have close to 300 students attending Yarrow, we are welcoming 44 kindergarten students and a host of new students.

Tuesday September 5th 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 7:59-9:55 ~buses will be running. There will be a short assembly at 9:15 which parents are welcome to attend. Wednesday, September 6th will be the first full day of school, which means students should bring a recess snack and a lunch. All school supplies have been bought by the school. Once students have been placed in their classrooms we will ask you to please send \$50 cash or cheque (cheques payable to Yarrow Community School.)

We believe that a good relationship between home and school does much to ensure the success of each child. We all share the same ultimate goal. We 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

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 students 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 website often. Ms. Emma Johnson, our clerical, 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: <http://yarrow.sd33.bc.ca>)

We are also starting a new program at the office called School Messenger. This program will take the place of Emma calling home when your child has an unknown absence. Stay tuned for more information.

Kindergarten parents should know their child's group number and have the start up schedule. If you do not know which group your child is in, or need a copy of the gradual entry schedule, please contact the office (604 823-4408).

Our school hours are as follows: First Bell: 7:59 Recess 10:00-10:15 Lunch 11:45-12:30 Dismissal 1:55.

The office is open for the rest of the week from 8-3 if you have questions before the start of school.

Looking forward to a an amazing year of learning



C. Debruyne

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