



# École Macaulay Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of myself and the Macaulay Staff I would like to welcome all of our Macaulay students and families back to the Macaulay community. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. It has been a very busy summer and there is an excitement in the air as we begin another school year. Our staff is recharged and as always bring with them a wealth of expertise, passion and enthusiasm – all ingredients for a successful year with your children.

After a busy first day we are again well on our way. Information packages will be coming home to you later this week. Please make sure you update and return this information quickly so that we can update our computer information system. Bulletin boards will remain in the front entrance and the entrance by the Macaulay Out of School Care to assist you find new classrooms. If you have any questions or need assistance with these please come in and our office staff will be happy to help. I also wanted to highlight a few important pieces of information for you today.

## ***Class Placements***

I am pleased to inform you that we have again been able to place our students into their temporary new classes on the first day. Although we anticipate that our numbers will remain relatively stable and therefore most of the classes the same, there are possible scenarios of increased or decreased enrolment during this week that may require the shuffling of students. Should any student moves be necessary during the first week we will be contacting you as soon as possible. The entire staff has worked incredibly hard to place the students in their classes for the upcoming year.

## ***School Hours, Dismissal Times and Drop Off and Pick Up times***

Please see the attached sheet for our new school hours and calendar. ***Please note that dismissal is now 2:46 pm on Wednesdays and Kindergarten students are attending full time.*** If you are late or have forgotten a dismissal time, your child will be brought to the office and a call will be made to you.

After today, students will be asked to use their assigned entrances and exits. Teachers will show students where these are. These doors are also marked and can also be found on the bulletin boards.

## ***Macaulay Website and Twitter***

Please check the Macaulay website and our Twitter account frequently throughout the year for information and updates on happenings in and around the school. Find us on the web:

[www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay) or on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/atmacaulay](http://www.twitter.com/atmacaulay)

## ***Parking***

Please do not park in the No Parking areas both on school property and in the surrounding community. These areas are designated no parking for the safety of our students, community members and vehicles.

There are a number of parking and drop off/pick up options that can facilitate dropping off and picking up your child with ease:

- Park on Macaulay Street or Lyall Street and have our child come across the field
- Park across Lampson Street on Wychbury Avenue or Lyall Street and have your child walk and cross with crossing guards
- Use the Drop Off Zone as designed, “Stop, Kiss and Go” (Drop your child off and keep driving through to keep the flow through the zone.) Please do not park in this area as it can create an unsafe situation for everyone in this area.

Finally, please do not idle your vehicle as you wait for your child. It is best for the environment and all of the members of the Macaulay community.

## ***PAC Family BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night***

I would like to invite you to join us for the PAC Family BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night on the evening of September 16. It is an excellent chance to reconnect with other Macaulay families and staff members.

## ***Going Green***

We are all trying to do our part to reduce our footprint on the world we live in. It is no different here at the school. I encourage you to take little steps to help us and your children lessen our footprints. We are a school population of just over 500 students and adults. If we begin to do the little things together we can make a big difference. Little things such as garbage free lunches, reusable drink containers, walking or riding a bike to and from school and using email for newsletters can add up quickly. So please, find a way to help.

I am looking forward to another exciting year here at Macaulay. I know this will be another year full of successes. In parting, I ask you to find ways to engage yourself in your child’s education and the school. Find ways to make a difference, big or small, in the lives of the students and families of Macaulay.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomas

Principal

