

August 31st, 2026

Dear Pleasantside Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2026 school year! Whether you are a new or returning family to Pleasantside, we look forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year. I am very excited about the start of the school year and look forward to working with all of our amazing families this year. Below are some first week and general start up information for you. Please visit the Pleasantside website <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/pleasantside> to keep track of important information and school events.

On Tuesday, September 8th, school will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will finish at 9:15 a.m.

- Last Year Divisions 1 -- 6 students will report to their positions on the blacktop.
- Kindergarten students will be met by Mrs. Bojic and Ms. Anderson the entrance ramp next to the drive thru.
- New students will meet with Mr. Morton on the black couches in the foyer outside the office.

Kindergarten students will have received a two-week gradual schedule that is unique to each child, Welcoming Conversations with teachers will be booked early next week.

Full day classes for students in grades 1 – 5 will begin on Wednesday, September 9th from 8:45 am to 2:50 pm., and students will report to the blacktop where they will line up based on last year's divisions until final class placements are made at the end of the week. As we have some new registrations and enrolment numbers are changing, we are always required by the school district to wait until we receive their direction to move students into their permanent classes for the year.

Please know that the placement of children into classes is a thoughtful process that involves hours of planning and input from all members of staff. Once we assign students to permanent class placements, we hope you will talk with your child about the positive aspects of their classroom placement and let them know that there will be opportunities for friendships old and new to flourish both in and out of the classroom setting throughout the year. In a school our size there are many opportunities for classes to combine for activities both in and out of the classroom setting. We have an amazing staff that will ensure all students have a great place to learn throughout the upcoming year.

If you live close to Pleasantside, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to walk to school. This is a great way to connect with your child and help them get off to a good start to the school day. The recommended drop off is at the end of the drive-thru off Barber Street between 8:35 and 8:45am. Please drop your children off and they are welcome to walk up the ramp where they will be safely supervised by staff members before the 8:45am school bell. Please drive with caution through our school zone, especially during the first month of start-up. For pick-up, please follow the same procedures to ensure safe exiting for all of our children at the end of the day. Please teach your children to use the crosswalks to safely navigate our parking lot. The upper parking lot is for staff parking, day care workers and accessible parking only. Please do not enter the staff parking lot during drop off or pick up.

The entire Pleasantside staff is excited about the wonderful possibilities and exciting opportunities the year ahead holds for all of our students! Thank you for your ongoing support.



DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

8:45– 10:10 am	Morning Bell & Instructional Time
10:10– 10:25 am	Recess
	5-minute transition
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Instructional Time resumes
12:00 – 12:22 pm	Lunch Outdoor Play Time
12:22 – 12:47 pm	Lunch Eating Time
12:51 – 2:50 pm	Instructional Time resumes
2:50 pm	Dismissal

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be going outside every day for recess and lunch. (Occasionally, we do keep the students inside under **extreme** weather conditions). We ask that **ALL** students come to school with coats, appropriate outdoor shoes or boots, hats, umbrellas, gloves, etc. as needed. It is strongly **recommended** that students keep a change of clothes and underwear in a gym bag in their classroom. It is also recommended that each student bring their own labeled water bottle to help them stay hydrated throughout the day.



PICTURE DAY



Individual student photos and **class photos** will be taken on **Monday, October 5th**. Each student will have a picture taken and the proofs will be sent home, with a variety of package options to choose from. School photo **re-take day** is scheduled for **Friday, October 30th**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you next week. Warmest wishes for a wonderful school year!

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 8th from 8:45 – 9:15am to take attendance and let them know their schedule for the first week.

Part of school-start up is determining student enrolment so please endeavor to contact the school if your child is unable to attend on September 8th and have their attendance counted. Please also contact the school office if you have moved, your child is registered elsewhere or is not returning to Pleasantside this year. Feel free to email or call the office with any questions you may have. Our entire staff look forward to working with your family this year!

Sincerely, James Morton
Principal, Pleasantside Elementary

