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September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I would like to start off by thanking you all for the "Welcome to South Slope!" messages, your clear communication with the school about specific student needs, and the patience you all have shown while waiting for us to get this unique year set up. It is clear to me already that this school has a lot of heart, and that the staff is excited to welcome your children back to in person instruction.

As you know, this year is going to look a lot different. I would to share some of the details further so that you can go over this information with your children as you prepare for full time instruction beginning next week.

### **1. Entry/Exiting the school:**

In order to allow for more spacing during transitions, each class will be assigned to a specific entry/exit door to use. Please see the doors that will be used:

- Division 1 – Grade 6/7 Ms. Borgenstrom – room 112 outside door
- Division 2 – Grade 6/7 Ms. Binns – room 114 outside door
- Division 3 – Grade 4/5 Ms. Keilty – room 221 outside door
- Division 4 – Grade 4/5 Ms. Yapp – room 203 outside door
- Division 5 – Grade 3/4 Mr. Brown – room 202 outside door
- Division 6 – Grade 2/3 Ms. Cole – Main Entrance #6
- Division 7 – Grade 1/2 Ms. Hinestrosa – Main Entrance #7
- Division 8 – Grade 1/2 Ms. Dyczkowski – Main Entrance #8
- Division 9 – Kindergarten Ms. Lawder – room 101 outside door

### **2. Staggered start/dismissal/lunch/recess schedule**

#### **Group 1 - Divisions 3,4,5, 6:**

- 8:45 – Arrival at school
- 11:15 – 11:30 – lunch in classroom under teacher supervision
- 11:30 – 12:10 – outside play time
- 1:30 – 1:45 – recess
- 2:45 – dismissal (1:45 dismissal on Wednesdays)

#### **Group 2 Divisions 1,2,7,8, 9:**

- 8:55 – Arrival at school.
- 11:55 – 12:10 – lunch in classroom under teacher supervision
- 12:10 – 12:50 – outside play time
- 1:45 – 2:00 – recess
- 3:00 – dismissal (2:00 dismissal on Wednesdays)

We kindly ask that you drop off your child as close to your arrival time as possible. We fully understand that there will be days when you are running late. Please ensure your child goes directly to their classroom door (or front door for Divisions 6, 7, 8) and we will ensure they get to their class.

### **3. School Supplies**

Students in Divisions 1-4, please see the school supply list on the school website. Students in Divisions 5 - 9, your classroom teacher will be giving you further information regarding school supplies.

### **4. Lunch/Water/Snacks**

Please note that the Hot Lunch Program will not be starting until September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure your child brings with them their lunch, recess snack, and a water bottle that is filled. We will not have access to the water fountains at this time. We will be asking students to "pack in, pack out" their lunch items. This means that an empty yogurt container, juice box, or snack baggie would be coming home in their lunch box. At this time, our container recycling program is under COVID-19 review, so we are asking students to bring recycling home.

### **5. Other items to bring**

Students need to dress for the weather. This includes sunscreen on sunny days, and rain boots/jackets on cloudy/rainy days. We will be outside regularly and would like to ensure students are comfortable.

### **6. Daily Health Check**

As per my email on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, please ensure you have conducted the Daily Health Screening with your child. We will be asking the same questions as they enter the school each day. If your child is displaying any symptoms, keep them home, call 8-1-1 or your health care provider and seek their advice. We need to be informed of their recommendations as soon as possible.

### **7. Immunocompromised & Transitional Options**

Thank you for your patience as we gather information around the next steps. Letters will be going home tomorrow to families who have chosen these options, so please look for that in your email in-box. If you have chosen these options and do not receive an email by the end of the day tomorrow please contact Ms. Holliday ([Lindsay.Holliday@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Lindsay.Holliday@burnabyschools.ca)) or our School Secretary, Ms. Verlaan ([Chantal.Verlaan@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Chantal.Verlaan@burnabyschools.ca)) and we will pass it on directly.

### **8. Distributed Learning**

For families who chose Distributed Learning, further information should be coming from Burnaby Online in the coming days.

We understand that this school year presents new challenges and worries for both you and your child. Please keep the school informed if you or your child are needing extra support adapting to this unique school year. We are committed to ensuring your child's academic and social-emotional development continues to progress this school year. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Holliday  
Principal, South Slope Elementary