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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to South Slope Elementary! We are looking forward to welcoming all students back and to meeting our new families. For families with children starting Kindergarten, you should have received communication about Welcome to Kindergarten and our Gradual Entry schedule last week, sent by our Kindergarten teachers (Ms. Berezowski and Ms. Dyczkowski). Please let us know if you have not received this yet.

As a community of learners, we are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all our members. Our District is taking direction from the Fraser Health Authority and is in regular contact with them, as well as the Ministries of Health and Education. As we prepare to welcome students back to our school in September, our priority is to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all.

First Day Procedures

Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7th** from **9:00-10:00am only**. Returning students will line up at the same location as they did in June. They can be picked up at the same location on Tuesday at 10:00am.

New Students and At-Home Students from Last Year

Students who are new to South Slope (and those who were learning at home last year) will be greeted by Ms. Fierro (Head Teacher/Music Teacher) at the front entrance beginning at 8:45am Tuesday morning. Please look for the "Welcome New Students" sign and students will be brought to their temporary classes. We are usually ready to move into our permanent classes by the second week of school.

Sept. 8th-10th

Beginning on Wednesday, September 8th, students will be in their temporary classrooms for the week. Please see the locations listed below:

Last year's Class	Temporary Classroom for the First Week
Div. 9 Ms. Lawder's class	Room 221 (Ms. Keilty's old classroom)
Div. 8 Ms. Dyczkowski's class	The Music Room (room 201)
Div. 7 Ms. Hinestroza's class	Ms. Hinestroza's class (room 219)
Div. 6 Ms. Cole's class	Ms. Cole's room (room 218)
Div. 5 Mr. Brown's class	Room 101 (Ms. Lawder's old classroom)
Div. 4 Ms. Yapp's class	Ms. Yapp's room (room 203)
Div. 3 Ms. Keilty's class	Room 202 (Mr. Brown's old classroom)
Div. 2 and Div. 1 new grade 7's	Ms. Borgenstrom's room (room 112)

As you may have already read in School District communications, schools are no longer required to divide students up into Learning Groups/Cohorts or follow a staggered start and dismissal time. In order to continue to maintain spacing and reduce crowding during entry and exit, classes will continue using designated doors (classroom door, or the front entrance). Students will be shown their temporary classroom location and line up location on Tuesday (if they have moved rooms).

School Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:55am – 3:02 pm
Wednesdays: 8:55am – **2pm**

Health and Safety

The health and safety of our students and staff is our primary concern as we return to school. Some important items to keep in mind:

- **Handwashing:** Regular handwashing/sanitizing routines will continue for all staff/students. Our school has had three extra hallway washing stations installed to support this initiative.
- **Daily Health Check:** Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of illness before sending them to school and notify the school if they are remaining home. Staff will also be doing the health check and will not come to work if they are ill.
- Students who become ill, or exhibit symptoms throughout the day, will be isolated from others and parent/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child.
- To facilitate physical distancing, only essential staff and students will be allowed to enter the school. Visitors may request a meeting by appointment only and will need to pass the Daily Health Check and wear a mask when inside the building. We are hoping to be able to welcome families into the school building more freely as restrictions are lifted.
- **Masks:** Students in grades 4-7 and all staff are expected to wear a mask when inside the building. Students grades K-3 are recommended to wear one as well. All students will be provided with two reusable masks early in the school year.

- Students are asked to bring their own food and are not permitted to share food in compliance with health and safety protocols. Our school's Hot Lunch Program will be available again this year. Hot Lunch will be available for any child who would like to try it the first week of school (Wednesday, Sept. 8th – Friday, Sept. 10th), free of charge. Information will be sent home on Wednesday, Sept. 8th for students who would like to participate in the Hot Lunch Program for the first month of school.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to our school. A reminder that Wednesday, September 8th is our first early dismissal (2pm). Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our back to school plans.

Sincerely,



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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