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Dear South Slope Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a restful and enjoyable summer break! It's amazing how quickly the summer flies by. We are busy preparing the classrooms and organizing the first week back, and I have some information to share with you.

First Day- Tuesday, September 6th
9:00-10:00am only

- *Returning* students: please line up at the same place you lined up last year. For most students this will be at their outside classroom door; for students who were in Ms. Dyczkowski, Ms. Hinestrosa or Ms. Cole's class, you line up at the front door. If your child is returning to South Slope but not able to attend on the first day, it is VERY important that you call the school (604-296-9062) or email Head Secretary, Ms. Verlaan (Chantal.verlaan@burnabyschools.ca) to let us know.

- *New South Slope* students: please meet our staff at the flag poles by the front entrance on Watling Street. Ms. Fierro, Ms. Chang, and Ms. Araujo will be there to greet you and bring you inside to meet your temporary class for the week.

- *Parents/Guardians*: Our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be welcoming you back this year with coffee and Timbits! Look for their table outside the front entrance and come say "hello"!

First FULL Day- Wednesday, September 7th
8:55am-2:00pm (Reminder that Wednesday's are early dismissals)

Students will remain with their class and teacher from last year for at least the remainder of this week, until we have our new class organization approved by the District. As some staffing has changed this year, the students may be in a different room in the school or have a new South Slope teacher. From Wednesday to Friday, students will be with the following teachers:

Last Year's Class	Teacher for the 1st Week	Room
Division 1 (new grade 7's) and Division 2	Ms. Borgenstrom	Room 112
Division 3	Ms. Van Essen	Room 113
Division 4	Ms. Yapp	Room 203
Division 5	Mr. Chu (new South Slope teacher!)	Room 114
Division 6	Ms. Cole	Room 218
Division 7	Ms. Ro/Ms. Hinestroza	Room 219
Division 8	Ms. Chau (new South Slope teacher!)	Room 111
Division 9	Ms. Lo (new South Slope teacher!)	Room 202

Ms. Dyczkowski and Ms. Berezowski will also be present this week, however, will be busy having Welcoming Conversations with their new Kindergarten families, as well as running our Kindergarten gradual entry program.

Schedule for 2022-2023

8:55am Classroom Doors Open/Classes Picked Up
 9:00am Instruction begins
 11:30-12:10pm Lunch + Outdoor Play
 1:45-2:00pm Recess
 3:02pm Dismissal (**2:02pm Wednesdays****)

School Supplies

The school supplies lists can be found on the South Slope website (<https://southslope.burnabyschools.ca/parent/>). Please do not send your child with their new supplies until we are in our new class for the year. Their temporary teacher for the first week may ask them to bring in a few basic items, such as pencil crayons and a pen or pencil.

Hot Lunch

Please note that the Hot Lunch Program will be **free** for all students to want to try it the first week of school (Wednesday to Friday). Lunch Program envelopes will be going home very soon so that families that wish to can sign up their children for the regular program beginning Monday, September 12th.

Other Items to Bring

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

Health and Safety Information

As you may have seen, the province has released health and safety guidance for K-12 settings, which are very similar to what was in place when the school year ended. You can find links to the full public health documents on the Burnaby School District website and more information [here](#). Below are some of the key pieces from those guidelines provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

- **Health Check.** It remains critical that people continue to practice a health check to determine if they should come into the building that day. Please do not come to school sick. As previously, if a student becomes ill while at school, the office will contact you to pick up your child. More information to support health awareness, including a link to symptoms of COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- **Masks.** The decision to wear a mask is a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors. A person's choice is to be supported and respected.
- **Cleaning.** Surfaces are cleaned and/or disinfected at least once a day.
- **Hand Hygiene.** We will continue to encourage students to wash and/or sanitize their hands frequently.
- **Personal Space.** Students will be supported to respect one another's personal space.
- **Vaccination.** Guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control is that vaccines remain important protection tools; as such, public health encourages all students and staff to be up to date on all recommended vaccines for communicable diseases, including COVID-19 vaccines.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child/ren to the 2022-23 school year.



Lindsay Holliday
Principal, South Slope Elementary