



SD8 Kootenay Lake
Hume Elementary School
Return to School Plan September 2020

Four Guiding Principles during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families, and staff.
 2. Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers.
 3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
 4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.
 5. Promote positive relationships and keep students at the centre of our learning.
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1. Learning Groups & Timetable

- Learning groups will be the individual classrooms
- Each learning group will be accompanied by the teacher or EA when navigating the stairwells, hallways and outside. Two classrooms will share the same stairwells on the upper floor- Mr. Chirico and Mrs. Hammerich and Mrs. Anast and Mrs. Mushumanski. Two classes will share the main stairwell- Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Kaspar's class while Ms. Keenan's class will use the back door and the Kindergarten classes will use their entrance.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

- School bell schedule will remain the same: 8:30 school begins. Recess break: 10:20 to 10:40. Lunch break 12:10 to 12:50 End of day bell: 2:30
- The students will eat snacks and lunches before the class goes outside for their recess and lunch break. After eating, the students will wash their hands and clean their desk space. The teacher will accompany the students to their designated space outside to play when the bell goes.
- The students will play in a designated space which will change weekly. There will be a pylon in the space where the students will line up when the bell goes and where the teacher will come to meet the students to take them to their classrooms.

3. Movement Through the Building

- Students will enter the building through outside doors specific to their classroom. The teacher will meet the students outside the school and will lead the students to their classroom.
- The students will hang up their backpack at their labeled hooks which are located directly outside their classroom or in a designated space. The teacher will supervise this entry. After entering the classroom, the students will wash their hands.
- The students in grades 1- 5 will have three scheduled bathroom breaks throughout the day. The class will travel to the hallway outside the bathroom and students will be able to go to the bathroom as needed. They will be

allowed to go to the bathroom at other times by going to the office where Mrs. Stein or Mrs. Anderson will accompany them to the bathroom.

- Kindergarten students have their own bathrooms near the classrooms and will be supervised accordingly.
- Late students will be met at the bottom of the main stairs to the building. The parents need to call to say they will be arriving late so Mrs. Stein or Mrs. Anderson can meet them there.
- The library will not be a shared space. Book bins will be delivered to the classroom and will be signed out by the classroom teacher.
- The staff committee will establish the gym schedule. The school team will develop equipment use schedule.
- There are mirrors in the hallways and stairwells to eliminate blind corners.

4. Health and Safety

- Anyone feeling ill must stay home.
- All visitors (including all parents) must make an appointment with the Principal and sign in/ out with the secretary. They must wear a mask and complete the health & safety check.
- All staff will enter via the catwalk door and will sign in there. The school doors will be locked.
- Students will wash their hands after breaks and when entering and leaving their classrooms. They will use hand sanitizer when needed as well.
- Non-medical masks are required to be used in situations where a person cannot maintain physical distance and is in close proximity to a person outside their learning group.
- Our school will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes ill at school.
- Masks are not required for younger elementary; however, we strongly encourage everyone to wear one.
- If a child is sick, the child comes to the office and is asked to rest in the sick room. We will immediately call the parent to pick up the child. Gloves, masks and a face shield are used by the staff member (usually the Principal) who will enter the sick room to attend to the sick child. The custodian is called if extra cleaning is needed.

5. Transportation to and from school

- The busses unload the students on the morning run at the corner of Third Street and Behnsen. When the children enter the school grounds (both bus students and others), they will go to their designated line-up spot and wait until the bell. Usually this is less than 15 minutes, so this wait will be minimal.
- After school, students will leave the playground as soon as possible. The students on the school busses will line up at the oak tree at the main entrance. Before students get on the bus, attendance will be taken.
- Students will step up on the bus, use hand sanitizer and go to their designated seat.