



SD8 Kootenay Lake
Wildflower School – CRESTON
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 center of our learning.

*The Ministry has released detailed plans to support the safe return to in class learning. Please read this; it will be available on the website under **the NEWS HUB and ANNOUNCEMENTS**. A detailed break-down of learning groups, bell schedule, drop-off times etc... will also be made available under the Parent/Student top tab on the school website.*

We are going to get through this time together. We have a great school, a good plan, and a great community of parents, staff and students. The custodians are working diligently to keep the school clean and will continue to work hard to keep everyone safe. The routines we are putting into place are different, but will allow flexibility for rich and joyful learning and the ongoing growth of each child. Please think back to the worry we all had in June. I remember clearly reflecting on the happiness and joy apparent in all the students that were attending throughout the final last few weeks.

The following are the ways in which Wildflower School (Creston) is setting up for the successful return of our students and implementing the guidelines. It is meant to give you a picture of the day, some necessary routines and expectations, and to let you know that we are ready and excited to see all the kids.

1. Learning Groups & Timetable

- This is an overview of the day at Wildflower School in Creston. When students arrive the first week teachers will go through an orientation of all the following procedures and the health and safety guidelines.
- There is just ONE learning group at Wildflower School (Creston). The learning group will include both Linda Farynowski's Class (K-3) and Fraser Paterson's Class (Gr. 4-7). This will keep our learning group well within the 60 class size limit taking into account both staff and students.
- Essentially, the two partner classes of students will be a group of learners that can interact together while still following the health and safety guidelines.
- Wildflower school in Creston is looking amazing. A big thank you to our custodians who have been working diligently to clean and prep the school. We will be building on our processes established in June in alignment with

the new health and safety guidelines of Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Education.

- **Kindergarten:** Linda will be in touch around specific expectations as they relate to our new K students this year.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

- At the bell times teachers will greet their class and lead them into the building through their assigned entry/exit doors. We did this in June and it made everything, smoother, quicker and organized. Students were fabulous!!
- This year the primary door that we will be using to enter/exit the PCSS building will be at the back of the building (not the main entrance). This will allow us to create the shortest path to the classrooms.
- We will be utilizing the same area around the field house for our student's breaks and lunches.
- Each class will continue to be supervised during eating time, in their classroom.

Wildflower School (Creston)
Daily Schedule 2020 – 2021

	Primary (K-3)	Intermediate (4-7)
Start Time	8:30	8:30
Morning break	10:40	10:40
Back in Session	11:00	11:00
Lunch in class	12:20	12:20
Lunch recess	12:40	12:40
Back in Session	1:20	1:20
End of Day	3:05	3:05

	Seedlings	Middle Years Program	Elementary "Learning Groups"			
"Learning Groups"	LG 1	LG 2	LG 3		LG 4	
			Kirsten	Emily	Krista	Nick
Morning break	10:00	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Back in session	10:25	10:15	10:55	10:55	10:55	10:55
Lunch	11:45	12:00	12:30	12:30	12:30	12:30
Back in session	12:30	12:35	1:15	1:15	1:15	1:15
End of day	(2:45) 2:55	3:00	2:55	2:55	2:55	2:55

3. Movement Through the Building

- As stated previously, at the bell times teachers will greet their class and lead them into the building through the back door in the PCSS building.
- Students will have access to the water filling stations but are expected to start the day with a full water bottle.

- Movement in hallways will be planned but access to the washrooms are as before.

4. Health and Safety

- 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.
- Handwashing or hand sanitizing will continue to be a daily part of expectations: upon entry to school, before and after eating, before and after using the washroom, before and after going outside.
- **No one comes to school sick.** When we all abide by this we will be safe and healthy. Parents will need to do a health check with their child every morning before sending them off to school. Please remember to check that your child is healthy before they come to school.
- **Anyone feeling ill** must stay home. This includes all staff and students
- Should a child become sick while at school, that person will be escorted to our sick room across from the office, and Parents/guardians will be called to pick up their child.
- The cleaning protocols have been increased in the building. We are fortunate to have lots of wipes, hand sanitizer and soap and two wonderful custodians. Students and adults will be washing their hands frequently throughout the day. The custodians will start their shift during the day so they can clean throughout the day.

Non-medical Masks

- 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.
- **Middle and Secondary students** - are required to wear a mask on the school bus. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons.

Transportation

Arrival:

- The day will start with bus students arriving as per bus schedule. We will have a staff member to greet students arriving off of the bus. Students will go to the back door of PCSS to line up and prepare for entry into the building.
- Students being dropped off or walking to school, are asked to arrive at 08:25 at the back door of PCSS, where there will be a staff member (Fraser or Linda) to greet them.

- Further details to be sent out to parents on the arrival protocol for school as we work things out with buses and PCSS processes.

Dismissal:

- At the end of the day, teachers will lead their class outside through the assigned entry/exit door. Students walking home are to leave immediately. Students being picked up by parents, need to be ready for pick up as soon as possible at the end of the day.
- Bus students will be supervised and brought to their appropriate bus pick-up area.
- All bus students must be registered to ride the bus and cannot change or hop on another bus.

Final words for today:

Over the next while you may be inundated with information. Take your time in reading these, and re-read for understanding. Seek out credible and reliable information about the Pandemic and the protocols expected. Our district web page provides links to the most current information. www.sd8.bc.ca

We are confident in the work the province has done, what the district has done and is doing, and our school plans to get back to in class learning. Please continue to ask lots of questions!

Bus registration has started if your child is taking the bus.

See you all soon!

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