



SD8 Kootenay Lake
Wildflower School – Nelson
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 (Nelson) 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 Nelson. When students arrive the first week teachers will go through an orientation of all the following procedures and the health and safety guidelines.
- There are FOUR learning groups at Wildflower School (Nelson). The learning groups are as follows:

Learning Group 1: (Seedlings - Grade K-2)
Seedlings Class (K-2)
Staff: Emma White

Learning Group 2: (Middle Year's Program - Grade 7-9)
Jeff's Class & Barb's Class
Staff: Jeff Yasinchuk & Barb Hargreaves

Learning Group 3: (Grade 2-6)

Kirsten’s Class & Emily’s Class

Staff: Kirsten Johnson & Emily Hedges

Learning Group 4: (Grade 2-6)

Nick’s Class & Krista’s Class

Staff: Nick Shave & Krista Lynch

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. We have grouped these classes where there were already established relationships and shared programming in a sense. The exception is the seedlings and the middle years classes, which have been kept as one class and represent their own learning group.

- Wildflower school 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:** We will continue with a gradual entry. This schedule has been sent out by Emma White already along with a welcome letter to our families. The schedule will also be posted to the school website.

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!!
- We are dividing the playgrounds into two zones when required:
 - Zone 1: Front of the school (Stanley) – paved area and soccer fields
 - Zone 2: North Side of School (Carbonate) – garden area and playground
- Schedule will be rotated through each outdoor group. TBD with staff.
- There will be a 10 minute time frame (transition time) between recess groups and the transition outside to inside.
- Each class will continue to be supervised during eating time, in their classroom.

	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 their assigned entry/exit doors. We did this in June and it made everything, smoother, quicker and organized. Students did amazing!!
- 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. We will ask students to limit to 2 in the washroom at a time.

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.

5. Transportation

Arrival:

- The day will start with bus students arriving as per bus schedule. Students will go to their assigned entry door to line up and prepare for entry into the building. The entry/exit points for each class will be communicated out before the start of school. We will go with a similar process as in June 2020, with a staggered entry for those classes coming through the front entrance.
- Students being dropped off or walking to school, are asked to arrive at their sign-in time (to be communicated out and broken down by class).

Dismissal:

- At the end of the day, teachers will lead their class outside through their assigned entry/exit doors. 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 gather near the north playground and wait for their assigned bus along with the supervisor.
- 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!

Kindergarten parents will find their schedule at the school website → Parent & Student tab (soon). Bus registration has started if your child is taking the bus.

See you all soon!

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