



# Arrowview Elementary School

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## A Note from the Principal

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Dear AES Parent(s) and Caregiver(s),

The excitement of a brand-new school year is here! On Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, we'll welcome students, families, and staff back to AES, ready to begin another year of learning, growth, and connection.

I am truly delighted to be part of the AES community. I look forward to meeting new students and families and reconnecting with those returning. AES is a special place—our strength comes from the people who make up our school: curious and enthusiastic students, dedicated teachers, caring education assistants, attentive support staff, and a supportive, forward-thinking parent/caregiver community. Together, we make AES an incredible place to learn and grow.

It's wonderful to be back—I can't wait to see what this year holds!

### Our first day, Tuesday morning is a partial day:

Start time: 9:00 am

Early Dismissal: 12:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday will continue to be a reconnecting time for returning students. The purpose is for students to see their former teacher and classmates in a familiar and supportive environment. This allows us to finalize class placements for a smoother start to the new school year before children move into their new classroom placements. There are some staff changes so see the teacher list below along with their meeting spots.

### Welcome New Staff

- **Kim Bastarache** – Learning Support
- **Joanna Biddlecomb** – English Language Learning Teacher
- **Jeff Cormier** – Education Assistant
- **Michelle d'Cruz** – Education Assistant
- **Carolyn Hardy** – School Secretary
- **Michelle Whitehead** – Music Teacher

On behalf of all the staff at AES, we are looking forward to a great school year.

Flo Wong  
Principal, AES

## Bell Schedule for 2025-26

Supervision begins: 8:40 am

School begins: 9:00 am

Morning recess: 10:40-11:00 am

**Lunch recess: 12:45 am – 1:20 pm**

Dismissal: 2:51 pm

Supervision ends: 3:11 pm

**Office Hours: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**

# Where do I go on the first day?

## If your child is new to AES....

- Grades 1-7, when you arrive, please come to the Library for a welcome activity. Then we'll take you to a temporary classroom. Many of the students in your temporary class will also be in your final class, so it's a great chance to start making new friends right away!

## Last year if your child is returning to AES

- Grades 1-7 – You will start the day by reconnecting with your former teacher and classmates. When the bell rings, please line up at the outside door of your former classroom.
- **Exception:** Students from Mr. Sim's class should line up at Mr. Kalbfleisch's classroom on Tuesday morning

## Reminders for Tuesday, the first day

- Please send your child with a snack and reusable water bottle. No lunch needed as the students are dismissed early. Busses will be running to accommodate the shorter day.
- Parent "drop off loop" – please do not park – meant to be a quick drop off and go area.
- Do not use the daycare parking lot.
- Front of the school is for busses only.
- Bus passes will be distributed to students in their classrooms during the first few weeks. Reminder that students are to continue to use their bus passes from the previous year.
- If you have any questions, please connect with Ms. Wong or Ms. MacLeod.

## Safety notes: E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and Helmets

We have noticed more students arriving at school on e-bikes, e-scooters, and other motorized devices. While these may seem like convenient ways to get around, it's important for families to know that under **BC law, riders must be 16 years or older** to operate these devices. This means that elementary-aged children should not be riding them to or from school. Using them before the legal age creates safety risks both for the rider and for others on the road or sidewalks.

We have also observed students arriving on bikes, scooters, and skateboards without helmets. **Wearing a properly fitted helmet is required by law** and is one of the most effective ways to prevent serious injury in the event of a fall or collision. Please take a moment to check that your child's helmet fits securely and is worn every time they ride.

Finally, once students arrive at school, they must **dismount and walk their bikes, scooters, and skateboards while on school grounds**. Riding through the parking lot, sidewalks, or playground areas puts other children and families at risk during busy arrival and dismissal times. Walking these items to the racks or designated parking spots helps ensure everyone's safety.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Working together, we can make sure all students travel safely and respectfully to and from school.