



## **EOES PARENT NEWSLETTER MAY, 2020**

Dear Parents,

We are in a time of change and uncertainty. These are times where we need more than ever to stick together as a community and to be kind and patient with one another. It seems likely that we will continue to experience a degree of change as the Covid 19 pandemic takes its course. We all have many questions about what the future holds for our schools. Planning for a return to schools, whenever that may be, is already begun but for now we need to stay the course and focus on each day as it comes. We sincerely hope that your family is managing and even finding joy in the smaller events of life. As always we do encourage you to contact the school if you have concerns. The best way to contact teachers or the EOES Admin team is via email.

Admin team emails:

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### **COMMUNICATION**

Due to the the vast amount of information from the Ministries of Education and Health, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr Bonnie Henry, and our own SD 69 Senior administration, we are asking that keep yourself updated regarding our SD 69 COVID 19 plans through the following sites:

- EOES School Website
- SD 69 Website
- Dr Keven Elder emails

We will post all information that we receive through these channels, if you have further questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

## **SCHOOL VIDEO**

Our staff all contributed to a video for our student community. We wanted to find a way to reach out and let them know that we are thinking of them. Thank you to Mr Friesen for putting this together for us. See below for a link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ72UoF2ugk>

## **ONLINE LEARNING**

Thank you so much for supporting your child and your child's teacher as we adapt to a remote model for teaching and learning. We would particularly like to acknowledge the teachers for the willingness to learn, to adapt and to use unfamiliar online tools. We realise that many parents are undergoing a similar learning curve as they support their children at home and would like to thank you for your patience and your willingness to support.

## **LEARNING HUB**

On our EOES website you will find a link to our "Learning Hub". Here you will find online resources organized by subject area, many of which are updated regularly by our teachers. In order to visit the "Hub" go to the EOES school website and look under "School Links". Click on: "OES Resources for learning at home". A direct link is included below.

<https://dmcleay.wixsite.com/oes-online-resources>

## **ENGLISH PROGRAM AT EOES**

We are pleased to announce that the English Program at EOES is alive and well, and we will have the following classes for next year;

Grade K /1

Grade 2/3

Grade 3/4

Grade 5/6

Grade 6/7

## **ADMINISTRATION CHANGES**

Some Administration changes were recently announced across the district. Our school was included in these.

- We will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Friesen, our Acting Vice Principal. He has been an asset to our school and will be missed by staff and students alike. Next year he will be Acting Vice Principal at Nanoose Bay Elementary School. We wish him the best.
- Madame Charnock will be moving to Arrowview Elementary as Vice Principal next year. She has been with the Immersion program since 2002 and will be missed very much by our school community. Moving to different schools and perhaps roles is part of her learning as an administrator and we wish her the very best for the future.
- Mr Brayden Gordon will be joining as Vice Principal next school year. He is new to our District this year and has been based in Bowser. Mr Gordon is an Immersion Grad himself, a French speaker, and has previously worked as a Vice Principal/ Acting Principal in a dual track school in the Sea to Sky school district. We warmly welcome Mr Gordon to our school team.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

We are currently working on two EOES Celebrations. They are as follows;

- 1) Welcome to Kindergarten:  
We will be sending out information regarding the WTK shortly
- 2) Grade 7 Celebration  
Please save the date of Friday, June 12 as we are planning for a Grad Drive By, and a Diploma pick up. Details will be sent out shortly

## **CLASS PLACEMENT LETTERS**

We sent out an invitation for parents to provide input on their child's placement for next year prior to Spring Break. The original due date was April 16th. Thank you for your submissions, as always, we will take into consideration your requests, however the final decision regarding class placements will be decided by a committee of staff members. Please see attached document, which outlines that complex process of class placement.

Building cohorts for learning environments for 2020-2021

[http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=204&ListID=7ea82a6b-228d-44b2-b6e2-745517fdcbd8&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item](http://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/OES/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=204&ListID=7ea82a6b-228d-44b2-b6e2-745517fdcbd8&TemplateID=Announcement_Item)