

Good afternoon, Sardis Families! I thought I'd send this out today, instead of Monday, so you can go into the weekend knowing what's coming up next week. I hope you've had a wonderful summer filled with adventures and fun with your family. We appreciate the work our staff have been doing over the summer and this week to get the school ready for students, from custodial, clerical, and teaching staff. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #1 at Sardis:

*Students in Grades 1 – 5 attend school on Tuesday, September 8 from 8:10 – 10:10, then regular hours begin on Wednesday: the first bell goes at 8:05 and dismissal is at 2:15. Recess is 10:10 – 10:25 and lunch is 11:45 – 12:30. On Tuesday morning, students who were at Sardis last year will go to their line-up spot to return to their old class and new students will meet in the library.

*I've attached the plan for where students go on Wednesday, and likely Thursday, possibly Friday, depending on when the district gives us permission to set classes. There will be maps up around the outside of the school, along with the same attached information, Wednesday morning if you need to find a classroom. Once classes are allowed to be finalized, you will receive an email from either Mr. Moore or myself to let you know which class your child will be in.

*School supplies are \$55 this year and need to be paid online using Quick Pay. There is a link on our website if you need it. If you could use help with the payment of this fee, please reach out to me and we'll arrange for that. (Joanna_kasper@sd33.bc.ca).

*Our PAC Executive is excited to welcome you all back and they will have free coffee at the front of the school on Tuesday morning if you want to come by to say hello! They will also have coupon books and some school swag for sale (cash or card accepted). The first PAC meeting is Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 and we'd love to see you there.

*A reminder that electric scooters are not legal for children under the age of 16, so no Sardis Elementary students should be riding these to school or in the neighbourhood. Police can issue violation tickets and fines of \$109 if they find an underage person on an electric scooter, and the parent/guardian can also be ticketed and fined. We want all our students to arrive at school and get back home safely so please don't allow your child to ride these scooters!

*Supervision is provided for students before school, beginning at 7:55, and at the end of the day until 2:30. We ask that your child not arrive before 7:55 and if they haven't been picked up by 2:30, we will bring them inside to wait at the office as we cannot leave students outside unattended.

*If your child is going to be missing school or is leaving early or coming late due to an appointment, please use the Safe Arrival system to log their absence. You can find

directions for how to install the app here: [SafeArrival](#). This is a link you can find on our school website by clicking the 'Report an Absence' tab.

*We will have our breakfast cart out with some grab-and-go items that students can take back to class in the morning beginning on Wednesday, September 9th. Bowls of Hope will begin providing lunch on Monday, September 14th. These food items are provided at no charge to students. Breakfast items can be accessed after the morning announcements from the cart at the front of the school by the office and lunch is served from the kitchen in the hallway by the gym at 11:45. We're so appreciative of this support from the Feeding Futures team as we want everyone to be well fed so they can be their best self!

*We'll be having a freezie sale on Friday, September 11th to raise money for Cops for Cancer and the Terry Fox Foundation. Sales will begin after school outside at the front of the office and the cost is \$2 for a jumbo freezie. Yum!

*We're happy to be welcoming some staff back this year. Mrs. Padgett is coming back to the office, working along with Ms. Darby. Ms. Boucher is back too, covering for Ms. Greenwood, until the December holiday. Mrs. Chadwick will also be returning, providing Learning Assistance from Tuesday to Friday at lunch. Mrs. Brown will now be here every Tuesday - Friday to provide English Language Learner support. We're also welcoming EAs Erin Kelley and Tasha Halak to the support team. I know you'll join us in welcoming them all to Sardis!

It seems like we were just saying good-bye for the summer holiday and now here we are getting ready to say hello and welcome back. Our website is a good place to find information about what's happening at school and contains links that will be helpful. Many school events and all of the non-instructional days and holidays are already posted to the calendar link there so you can look now and see what's coming up each month. [Sardis Elementary](#)

Mr. Moore, the Vice-Principal, is going to be taking over the weekly Sunday emails and we're going to try out a new format, so watch for more information to come about that from him next week. As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to come in to discuss something with us. Hope the students have a great last weekend as we get ready to start what we hope will be another amazing year at Sardis Elementary!

Mrs. Kasper