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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year. I am excited to begin my journey as the new Principal at École Cascade Heights Elementary. Please find my welcome letter attached to this email.

School starts on Tuesday September 6th, 2022. Students will attend school from 8:56am -9:56am on this day. All returning students from grades 1-7 please report to last year's classrooms. Grade 4 French Immersion students will report to the Music Room (signage will be directing students). New students to Cascade Elementary please enter the main doors and meet in the school gym.

Wednesday September 7th to Friday September 9th students from grades 1-7 will be in session all day 8:56am until 3:03pm. On these days, our grade 1 students will be in the following locations Ms. Staples' grade 1s in the Library, Ms. Minhas' grade 1s in Rm # 7 and Ms. Ezra's grade 1s in Rm # 3. French Immersion students will begin their new classes on Wednesday. I have also attached a first week school map to this email for your reference.

All grade 1-7 students will take part in a rotation of classroom and school wide activities from Wednesday to Friday.

Once we have district approval, we will be moving all students into their new classrooms. Hopefully by Monday September 12th.

Health and Safety Information

As you may have seen, the province has released health and safety guidance for K-12 settings, which are very similar to what was in place when the school year ended. You can find links to the full public health documents on the Burnaby School District website and more information [here](#). Below are some of the key pieces from those guidelines provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

- **Health Check.** It remains critical that people continue to practice a health check to determine if they should come into the building that day. Please do not come to school sick. As previously, if a student becomes ill while at school, the office will contact you to pick up your child. More information to support health awareness, including a link to symptoms of COVID-19 can be found [here](#).
- **Masks.** The decision to wear a mask is a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors. A person's choice is to be supported and respected.
- **Cleaning.** Surfaces are cleaned and/or disinfected at least once a day.
- **Hand Hygiene.** We will continue to encourage students to wash and/or sanitize their hands frequently.
- **Personal Space.** Students will be supported to respect one another's personal space.
- **Vaccination.** Guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control is that vaccines remain important protection tools; as such, public health encourages all students and staff to be up to date on all recommended vaccines for communicable diseases, including COVID-19 vaccines.

I am looking forward to a great first week back and great school year ahead.

Friday Funny

How do you know if a clock's hungry?

- **It goes back for seconds!**

Mr. F. De Vita – Principal

Be Happy Be Safe!