



## BLUNDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another school year! We are looking forward to getting our students back into the routine of learning, and to seeing everyone soon! Please check the [school website](#) for further updates.

For our return to school this fall, students will be returning in a more typical fashion. Students will attend for an hour on Tuesday, Sept. 7 and return to full time learning on Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Details are listed below.

### Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**ALL students will attend from 10:00am-11:00am**

Returning Blundell students will report to **LAST year's classroom** with one exception. Please see the list below as to where to take your child.

Div. 9-(Ms. O'Connell) **to the library** with Ms. Quine

Div. 8-(Ms. David) to Room 5 with Ms. Musil

Div. 7-(Ms. Casado) to Room 12 with Ms. Neuman

Div. 6 (Ms. Lam) to Room 2 with Ms. Lam

Div. 5 (Mr. Smith) to Room 1 with Ms. Bae

Div. 4 (Mr. Chu) to Room 8 with Mr. Chu

Div. 3 (Mr. Cooper) to Room 4 with Mr. Cooper

Div. 1 and 2 (Ms. Ng and Mr. Dennis) to Room 13 with Mr. Dennis

**Students starting Kindergarten** will report to the Ms. O'Connell's Room 6 with Ms. O'Connell and Ms. David. Please meet in the area indicated on the map.

Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule attached. Also on our school website.

Students **NEW to Blundell**, please come to the main entrance at the front of the school. You and your child will be placed with an appropriate age group and walked to your classroom. You will pick your child up from this classroom. This will be your child's classroom for the week.

Please report to the outside entrance to the classroom. See the attached map. Students will continue to enter their classrooms from the external door for the entire school year. Our aim is to reduce crowding in the school, at the beginning and end of the day as well as during the day.

As per our Health Protocols, students should not attend if they are feeling unwell or have met the criteria in the Daily Health Declaration (please see attached).

Regular school hours will start on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> (8:45 am to 2:45 pm). Our bell schedule and breaks have changed for this year. Please see the schedule below.

8:45am	Bell to start the day—Teacher will greet students and invite them into the classroom.
10:45am	Outside play time (recess)
11:18am	Students come inside
12:13pm	Outside play time (lunch)
12:47pm	Students come inside)
12:47pm	Eating time inside the classroom with teachers
2:45pm	Dismissal time—student pick-up outside their classroom door

**Due to health and safety protocols, adults excluding staff, will not be able to enter the school without an appointment.** If you need to come in the school, please use the main entrance to the school. All other entrances and exits remain locked throughout the school day. Parents and guardians are welcome to wait with their child at the start of the day at the specified outdoor meeting locations.

**Your child's meeting location for pick up and drop off:** Please see the map attached to this email your child's class—the same as last year.

Please remember to continue to distance from other adults waiting with their children. Teachers will come to their class meeting location or entry/exit door each morning to escort/invite their students to the classroom. At the end of the day, teachers will lead their classes back to this location where parents and guardians can reconnect with their children.

Students will be expected to go outside for break times, regardless of the weather. It is very important that all students are properly prepared for all types of weather. The entire school will be outside together for the outdoor play times.

What to send each day with your child:

- Lunch—drink, morning snack and a full lunch—waterbottles are encouraged, the school has a refill station
- Clothing for the weather—shirt, pants, shoes, sweater, hat (if needed), coat, rain jacket and/or rainboots
- Backpack, lunchbag, waterbottle and cutlery

**Similar to last year, schools will not be able to accommodate lunch drop offs during the day.**

Students will remain in last year's class, with their teacher for this first week. We hope to place students in their new classrooms at the end of the week.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Regards,

Ms. J. Rooney  
Principal