



## SCHOOL OPENING – SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 FOR THE COMMUNITY OF STEWART

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! It is with optimism and gratitude that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I am optimistic that our school year will be safe, caring, and engaging. I am grateful as we will see most learners in schools and engaged in learning.

This message does not include details on our return-to-school safety protocols. This information was not available at publication time. When the protocols are released, they will be posted to the school district's website at [www.cmsd.bc.ca](http://www.cmsd.bc.ca) and shared by schools with staff, parents/guardians and students.

We understand that there may be individuals (students, parents, guardians, employees) who are anxious at the thought of returning to school in September. This is to be expected during a global pandemic. Whether or not your child attended school last year in Coast Mountains School District 82, you can rest assured that students will be welcomed and accepted at their schools regardless of where they might be at in their learning. We welcome children to school and will facilitate their growth along the continuum of learning. We will meet your child where they are at in their learning.

Please visit our school district's website for helpful "return-to-school after COVID" tips for parents and guardians.

Parents can expect that schools will be focussing on individual students realizing their potential in an environment that is safe, culturally aware, and respectful and welcoming of diversity.

### School Opening:

- ↪ **The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 7 for all students except kindergarten.** Kindergarten students are requested to begin attending on the date arranged by the school. We have well established routines and we will follow our normal opening day routines with a shortened first day - students will be in attendance for approximately two hours on September 7.
- ↪ **Regular school hours will commence on Wednesday, September 8.**
- ↪ **The 2021-2022 school year start time for Bear Valley School, for both elementary and secondary students, is 8:45 a.m.**

*Pre-registration for all schools (with the exception of the  
Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre) will be held  
on Tuesday & Wednesday, August 31 & September 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Pupils not pre-registered should register on the above-mentioned dates.*

If you have questions or you require further information regarding your child's enrolment at Bear Valley School, please contact Ms. Jocelynn Drew, School Principal at (250) 636-2238.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on September 7.



Sincerely,

Janet Meyer  
Superintendent of Schools