



This Week at Currie

| WEEK AT A GLANCE | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| <p>Grade 1-7 Students re- port to their new classes</p> <p>K students please refer to the Grad- ual Entry Schedule</p> | <p>K students please refer to the Grad- ual Entry Schedule</p> | <p>K students please refer to the Grad- ual Entry Schedule</p> | | |

September 6th, 2024

Hello Currie families

It has been wonderful getting to meet many of you this week. There was a lot of excitement in the air as students in grades 1-7 moved into their new classes today. Please see the information below for helpful information to help support your child during this transition. Kindergarten students will continue their gradual entry schedule, and will be notified of their child's placement early next week.

Class Placements:

Our teachers have very thoughtfully placed our students in their new classes considering learning styles, a balance of learning needs and strengths, social relationships, gender balance, and other considerations. Thank you in advance for supporting your child as they transition to a new school year with a new teacher, new classmates and/or new classroom. What if, your child is concerned about their placement? The first step might be to consider doing nothing – in most cases, when the parent has an open mind, this helps ease the anxiety of the child. One strategy is to acknowledge their concern and anxiety and reassure them that their feelings around a new class and a new teacher is normal and experienced by most students. Another useful strategy is to give it some time. Before making assumptions or jumping to conclusions, giving your child a minimum of a week to settle in can make a huge difference. Almost always, once they have had time to bond with their teacher and classmates, concerns resolve themselves on their own. Perhaps the most important message we can give to parents is to talk to your child's new teacher. They can give you an accurate picture of how your child is adjusting in the classroom. Working together with your child's teacher will help to optimize your child's learning experience and build connections and trust. Finally, some children are more sensitive to change, and September can be especially challenging. These children can be highly impacted by the emotions of their parents and guardians. You can help your child adapt to new situations by remaining calm and reassuring them that it is normal to be nervous or uncertain, but that you believe in their ability to work through their emotions. Telling your child "I know you can handle this, and your teacher is here to support you" will help to build your child's resiliency and ensure that they are able to adapt to the changes that are a natural part of life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hoffinger.



Please plan on attending our “Meet the Community Event”! Classrooms will be open from 4-5 p.m. to meet your child’s teacher. Special PAC sponsored activities will take place on the school grounds from 2:45-5:30. See you there!

Important Dates:

Sept. 3rd: First Day of School 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for students in grades 1-7

Sept. 3rd -13th: Gradual entry for Kindergarten Students

Sept. 26th: Terry Fox Run

Sept. 17th: First PAC meeting of the school year, 9:00 a.m.

Sept 19th– Meet the Community 2:45-5 p.m.

Sept. 20th – Professional Development Day – No school for students

Sept 27th – Orange Shirt Day

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office at 604-668-6440 or email me at shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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