



Hello Thompson families

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer full of family and outdoor time. I look forward to hearing our students' holiday stories. Plans are well under way to greet our new and returning students on Tuesday, September 5th. We have many new families joining our Thompson Community and on behalf of our staff I would like to say that we are excited to meet you and welcome you to be a part of our Thompson family. I am looking forward to next week when our hallways, classrooms and outdoor spaces are filled with children and staff eager and excited for back to school. Please feel free to pop by and say hello, or phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you to the PAC for organizing the "Sweet Start " to the year on our first day of school.

School Start Up Information

First Week of School Schedule

September 5th - Tuesday

- For **students in grades 1 through 7** - Report to school at **8:45 a.m.** to their last year's teacher/classroom. Students will line up outside in the same place they did last year when they came to school. Students will be dismissed at **9:45 a.m.** If you are uncertain what to do, please read the signs on the doors for further information or come to the front office.

- **Kindergarten students** will arrive at 9:15am (to avoid the morning rush) and will stay until 10:00am. The Ks will follow the gradual entry schedules that were emailed to parents in July.

Drop off and pick up for the Ks will be in the North Courtyard. This is the same place where "Welcome to Kindergarten" took place.

- **New Grade 1-7 students** report to the front office.

Thompson PAC presents...

"Sweet Start to the School Year"

As a way to connect and reconnect after a great summer, *our PAC is hosting a "Welcome Back" social on September 5th starting at 8:30am.*

Come and socialize while your child is in class for the hour.

Look for a gathering at the front of the school and join us for some refreshments and treats. Mrs. Hoffinger (our Principal) will be available to meet with parents during this time to introduce herself and answer any questions if need be.

September 6th to September 8th (Wednesday to Friday)

- For students in grades 1 through 7 - Full day attendance: 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Kindergarten students continue to follow the gradual entry schedules that were emailed to parents in July.

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PARKING LOT INFO

Below is some helpful information about our parking lot, and ways to decrease parking lot congestion. Please ensure that you are following the parking lot guidelines, and consider a safe 'by-law' approved drop-off spot for your child on the street. By-law officers may ticket you if parked illegally. If we can avoid driving into our parking lot (especially with older children) that would help to decrease traffic flow. The environment thanks you for not leaving your car running while you wait.

Parent Parking (by baseball field)

- Drivers may leave their vehicle

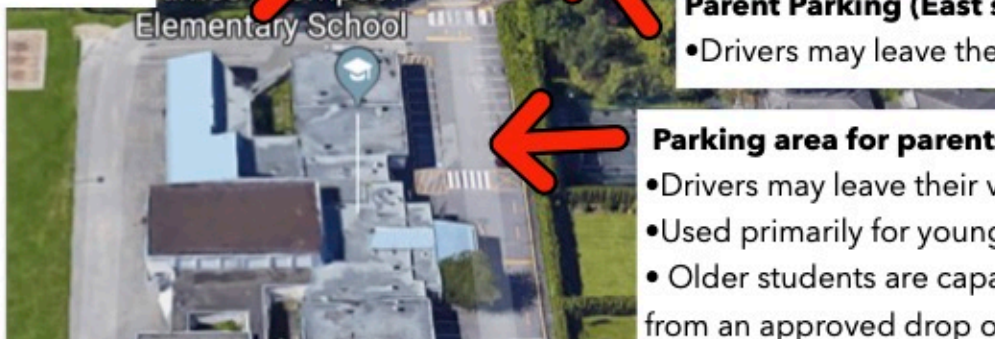
No Left Turn when exiting onto Forsyth Crescent when busy



2 Minute Drop off / Pick up area (West side)

- Outside lane for drop off and pick up only.
- Drivers must stay with their vehicles.

StrongStart Entrance



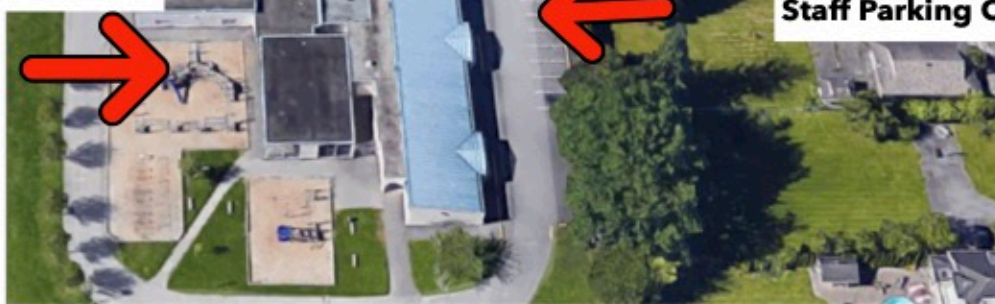
Parent Parking (East side)

- Drivers may leave their vehicle.

Parking area for parents.

- Drivers may leave their vehicles.
- Used primarily for younger students.
- Older students are capable of walking from an approved drop off area on the street

Montessori Entrance

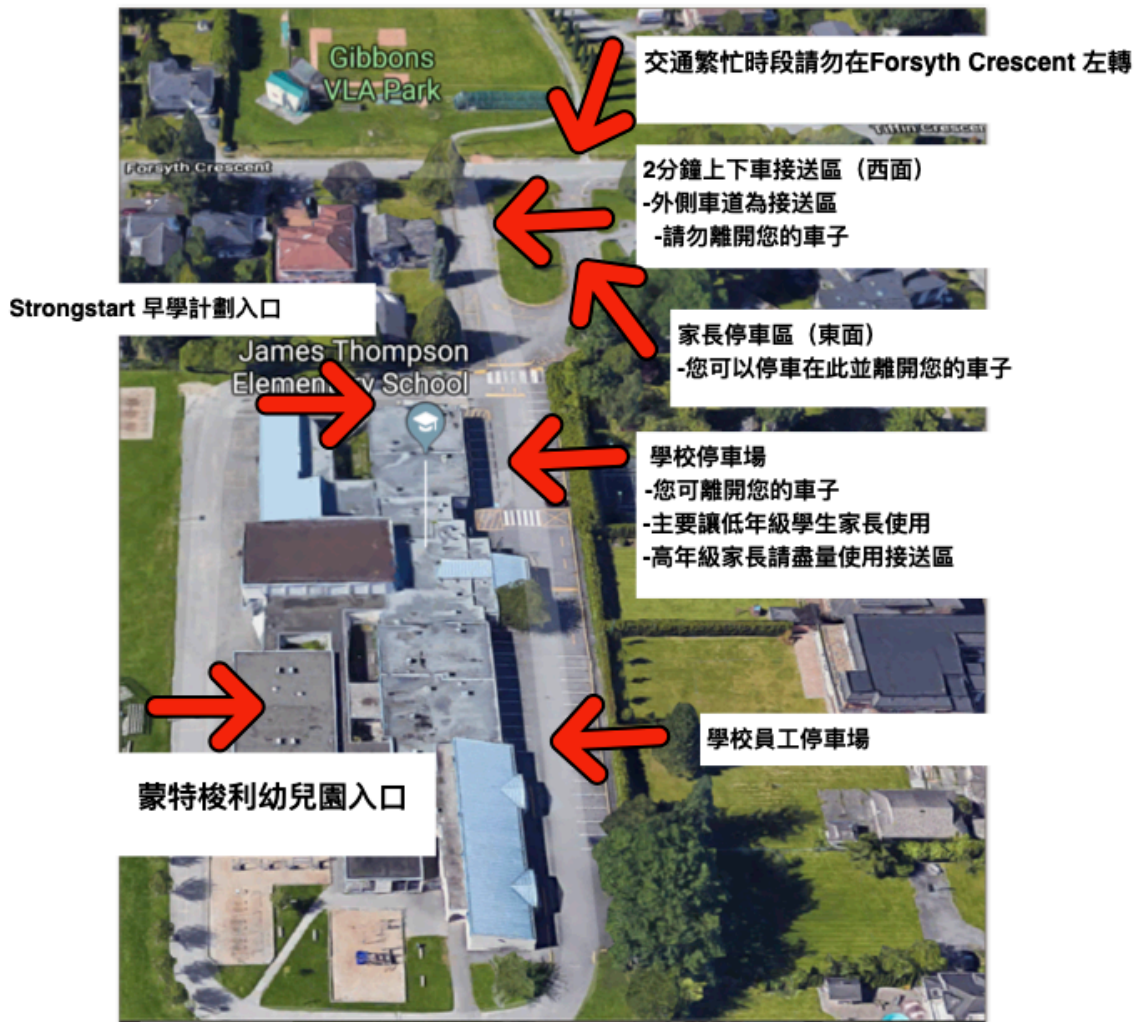


Staff Parking Only

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為維護學校停車場的秩序，請務必遵守以下交通管制條例，違規者將可能收到警察罰單。高年級的學生家長請盡量使用指定的上下車接送區。



Important Dates:

Sept. 5th: First Day of School 8:45-9:45 for students in grades 1-7

Sept. 5th- 13th: Gradual entry for Kindergarten Students

TBD: Terry Fox Run

Sept 21– Meet the Staff Night (details to follow)

Sept 22 – Professional Development Day – No school for students

Sept 29th – Orange Shirt Day

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office at 604-668-6420 or email me at shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon Hoffinger
Principal, James Thompson Elementary School

Visit our webpage at <http://thompson.sd38.bc.ca>