



THOMPSON ELEMENTARY

Sept 9 - 13, 2024

Monday, Sept 9

Kindergarten Students:
Gradual Entry Continues

15-minute Welcoming Conversations with
Kindergarten Families

Tuesday, Sept 10

Kindergarten Students:
Gradual Entry Continues

Wednesday, Sept 11

Kindergarten Students:
Gradual Entry Continues

Thursday, Sept 12

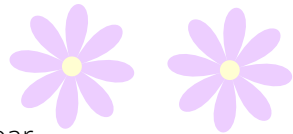
Kindergarten Students:
Full Day

Friday, Sept 13

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Full Day

1. Grade 1-7: Classrooms are set for 2024-25

- Students moved into their new classrooms today.



Background Information:

- The process of creating classes for this school year begins in May of the previous school year.
- Teachers and Administrators think deeply about how students will work well with others, the strengths and stretches of each child, and how they will best meet their social, emotional, and academic needs within a diverse group of students.

If your child is concerned about their placement:

1. Consider doing nothing - when a parent/guardian has an open mind, this helps ease the anxiety of the child.
2. Give it some time. Almost always, once students have time to bond with their teacher and classmates, concerns are resolved.
3. 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 optimize your child's learning experience, and build connections and trust.

2. Kindergarten Students

- Continue with Gradual Entry until Wednesday September 11th
- 15-minute Welcoming Conversations to occur this week with Mrs. Tong Vargas and Ms. O'Neill

3. Playground: UPDATE

- SD38's wood chip provider is delayed due to mechanical issue - proposed completion - 7-10 days away.

4. The Student and Family Affordability Fund

(click for more info)

- Please reach out to Mr. Vines if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Dress for the Weather

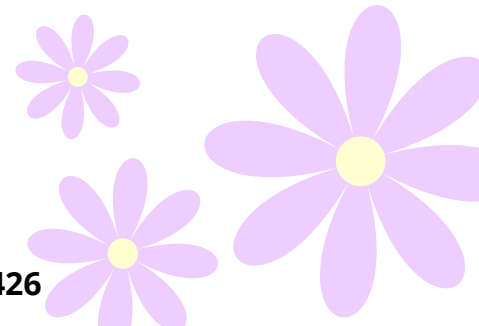


Remember to bring a **water bottle**, hat and extra clothes!

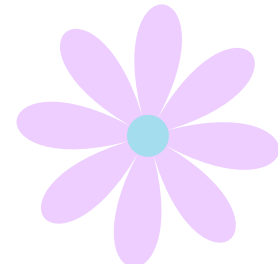
5. Important Dates

- **Sept 18** - PAC Meeting at 9am
- **Sept 19** - Terry Fox Run
- **Sept 20** - Pro-D Day
- **Sept 30** - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - All Schools Closed

If your child will be away, please call the Early Warning Line: 604-668-6426



Parking Lot Reminders



SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY:

- We are thankful to have PAC volunteers helping support students being dropped-off in cars
- Students and families are to ALWAYS walk on the outside of the parking lot and using the designated crosswalks
- Students and families should NEVER walk through the parking lot
- For ease and flow - we ask that you refer to the 'Parking Lot Info' below

BY THE NUMBERS:

- We have 20 designated parking spots for parents - ideally our younger students
 - Having designated parent parking is rare and not typical at most elementary schools
- With approximately 260 students; we encourage walking to school, if possible

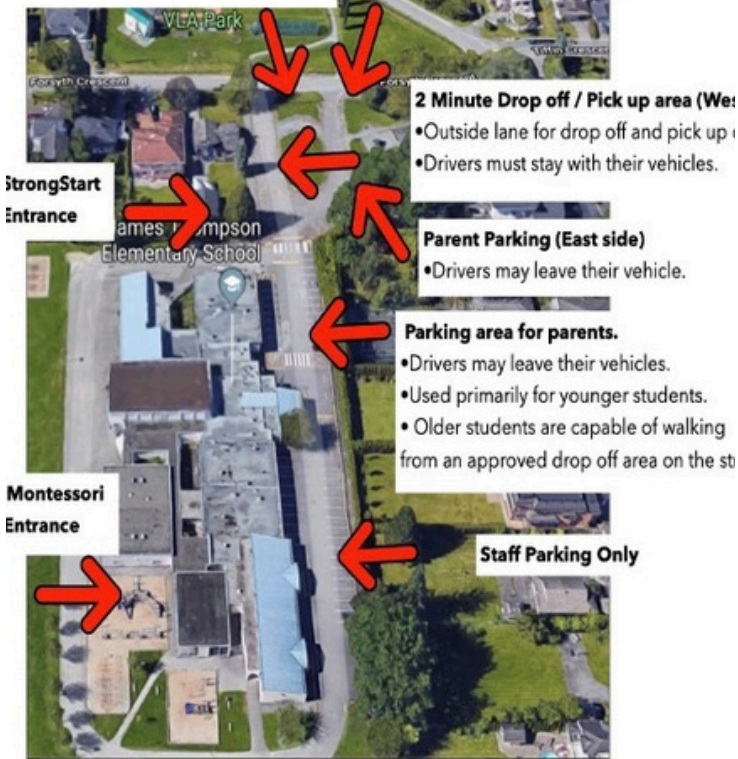
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PARKING LOT INFO

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



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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。

