



SCHOOL OPENING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 FOR THE COMMUNITY OF STEWART

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year here in Coast Mountains School District. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break with some time to both relax and recharge, as well as pursue some of your personal interests.

The return to school is an exciting time for staff, students, and their families, often accompanied by a new-found energy and optimism for the year ahead. For me, this year in particular brings a great sense of *enthusiasm* for the opportunities to build positive relationships that support the well-being and engagement of students in meaningful learning within classrooms that are welcoming, safe and inclusive.

This year Coast Mountains School District will embark on the Board of Education's new strategic plan - *Engage, Ignite, Empower* - focused on student academic success and school community wellness, all while embracing and honouring the rich cultures and diversity within our classrooms and school environments. You are encouraged to have a look at the [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#) (access link to view).

This communication includes important school start-up information for Stewart and surrounding communities. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or require further clarification.

Again, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We all look forward to seeing you in September.

School Opening:

- ↪ **The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 6 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 6.
- ↪ **Regular school hours will commence on Wednesday, September 7.**
- ↪ **The 2022-2023 school year start times for Bear Valley School – elementary students 9:00 a.m. and secondary students 8:43 a.m.**

Pre-registration for all schools (with the exception of the Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31 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 6.



Sincerely,

Aaron Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools