



# DEROCHE NEWS BULLETIN

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Hello Deroche Bears; we hope you've had a relaxing summer!

For all our returning families, welcome back and to all our new families, welcome to our community at Deroche Elementary!

This week we are busy getting ready for the 2024-25 school year and we're very excited to see our students and families on Tuesday, September 3rd. Here's some information that we wanted to pass along to you about school start-up ...

## **First Day Information:**

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 3rd from 8:15-10:50 am. Bus students will be returned home at this time. Please note that Kindergarten students have a gradual entry schedule and will only attend for 50 mins on the first day with their parent or guardian (10:00-10:50 am). All students will enter and exit the building from a designated exterior door. Class lists and "Line up Here" signs will be posted on the first day of school. School staff will also be available outside to support students and families.

## **Kindergarten Schedule:**

A gradual entry schedule has been emailed to our Kindergarten families and is posted on the school website. Please note: for the first two weeks of gradual entry there is no busing available for kindergarten students at early dismissals. Parents can pick-up their child from school at the dismissal times indicated on the schedule.

## **School Supplies and Outdoor Education Wear:**

Families **are not** required to provide any school supplies as all students will be gifted with their supplies this year. We do however ask that you purchase rainboots to be left at the school for our Outdoor Ed Program. Indoor shoes are also needed (Velcro shoes for K students please). If you require assistance with the above purchases or backpacks, please let the office know as we have an extra supply on hand if needed.

## **Busing:**

For families who have registered for busing: you should receive an email from our Transportation Department by Friday regarding your child's pick-up and drop off times. If you have any busing questions, please contact our Bus Garage at 604-826-2377.

## **StrongStart:**

For our Strong Start Families: please be advised that our StrongStart Program will open on **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. StrongStart will run every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30-11:30 pm. We can't wait to see you too!

Please call the school office at 604-826-2360 if you have any questions.

With gratitude,

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