



Bringing Learning to Life!

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Welcome Back Students, Staff and Families!

It is with great excitement and anticipation for the year ahead, that you are welcomed to a new school year in SD85! September is such a wonderful time to witness our schools and classrooms reignite with exhilaration and energy as students and staff return with a renewed focus on learning, curiosity and building relationships.

Thank you to our district maintenance staff who have worked hard throughout the summer to ensure schools and classrooms were cleaned, updated, and ready to go this week!

It has been quite some time since we have been able to open our schools in a more familiar way and for this, we are grateful. As a school district, we will continue to meet all provincial and public health guidelines for COVID. Please check in with your school if you are not aware of the health guidelines.

Our education staff have been busy preparing engaging lessons and welcoming spaces to ensure that all learners, from kindergarten to Grade 12, are able to engage in meaningful, relevant learning opportunities. We live in such a beautiful location that learning on and from the land is often a naturally embedded aspect of lessons! All students in SD85 benefit from this experience.

We look forward to greeting students this week, beginning on Sept. 7, 2022. Should you need any information on school start up times, please visit your school website or the district website.

I wish everyone a wonderful 2022-2023 school year and look forward to hearing about the many exciting learning opportunities that will occur.

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Christina MacDonald
Superintendent of Schools

We would like to recognize the Elders and Knowledge Keepers and peoples from the Kwakwaka'wakw Nations, who share these traditional territories with us so we can live, learn, work, and play side-by-side. We also want to acknowledge our people who have come before; our ancestors who have guided us and taught us how to live on these lands in a good way.