

Welcome To Marlborough



For September, 2021



Dear Families,

Welcome to our Marlborough school community! We are so glad that you are here; we look forward to closely working with you and teaching your wonderful children. We hope your child received their postcard and you enjoyed our *Welcome To Marlborough Video*. We are all very excited to meet you and your children!

This booklet, along with our *Kindergarten Philosophy* pamphlet will answer some questions you may have as you join our school community. Please keep it handy for future reference as it contains important information. We highly recommend checking your email and our school website for updated information, newsletters, and general school information:

www.marlborough.burnabyschools.ca

Most importantly, always feel free to ask your classroom teacher any questions you may have. It is our pleasure to help and welcome you to Marlborough!

❖ *if any information in this newsletter changes for any reason, we will promptly update you*

Gradual Entry in September

Our district offers and supports a gradual entry process which allows children to connect with their teachers, feel comfortable at school, make friends and understand routines, in smaller groups. It helps set them up for a successful start to school. Please see the September calendar for the gradual entry schedule sample.



You will receive your **child's group** so that you know when and where to bring them for the first two weeks.

Please note: There will be no school for Kindergarten students on Tuesday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 8, 2021. **Welcoming Conversations** will begin **September 8th**.

Absences, Arrivals and Dismissals

The regular school day begins at 8:50 and ends at 2:47 each day. Please be on time for drop off and pick up.

- **Parking & Parent Drop Off:** Parents may park along Arrow Street, or Sanders Street or Dover Street. Please ensure you walk your child to their classroom door and greeted by their teacher. This ensures students arrive safely to school.

- **Arrival:** Students should arrive at school on time. Please line up and wait outside your classroom door and stay with your child until the teacher opens the door and greets them into the classroom. Students should not enter the school or access their classroom through the interior doors.
- **Late Arrival:** If your child arrives late and the outside classroom door is closed, please bring your child to the East Building entrance and call the East Office.
- **Dismissal:** Children will be dismissed by their teacher through the outside classroom doors at dismissal time. Please be on time. Also, please remind your child not to leave the area unless they are picked up. Do not stand far from the doors and motion your child to run to you; making eye contact with the teacher is important. If someone different is picking up your child, please let the teacher know beforehand preferably in writing.
- **Early Pick Up:** If your child is being picked up early, notify the classroom teacher in the morning to arrange a pick-up time and location.
- **Absences:** If your child will be absent, call the school office at **604 296 9021**

Westcoast Recess

Students will go outside every day for recess and lunch, in all kinds of weather. Please dress your child appropriately in the mornings and be prepared for sudden changes in the weather. Rain boots, rain pants, and a hooded waterproof jacket, are highly recommended for their comfort. A change of clothes and indoor running shoes are highly recommended and may be kept in the classroom.



School Backpack and Shoes

Students need a full-size backpack for school; it needs to fit a lunch box, extra clothes, and school materials. Please keep all toys at home unless instructed by the teacher.



Students also need an extra pair of indoor shoes. If your child doesn't know how to tie their shoelaces, please practice at home this summer if you want them to wear lace ups. Otherwise, send only Velcro fastening or slip-on type of running shoes to school. Students cannot wear Crocs, boots, or slippers to gym class. You do not need to send the extra clothes until your child has their permanent classroom and teacher.



Kindergarten Supplies

In Kindergarten students usually share all classroom supplies and materials. There will be a \$25 supply fee to cover the cost of supplies and an additional \$15 to cover the cost of cooking, and special arts and crafts activities done throughout the year. Both fees can be paid using School Cash-Online in September following the directions on the school's website.

If you choose to purchase supplies for your child, please speak with your classroom teacher for an approved supply list specific to your child's Kindergarten class before purchasing supplies.



There is no need to label their supplies as they will be shared. We will provide materials during the first week for the students to use; please do not send any supplies until your child is assigned to their permanent classroom.

Healthy Snacks and Lunches

We recognize good nutrition is invaluable for student learning and we encourage eating healthy foods at school. Please do not send juice boxes, pop, chocolate, cake, cookies, candy or chips to school. Some healthy snack and lunch food choices are: Fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, crackers, sandwiches, or dinner leftovers.



We expect students to bring their lunches in reusable containers that they can open and bring their own utensils. We are not able to warm up lunches or provide utensils. We strive to be a **Garbage Free School** and your child will bring home all their leftovers, wrappers and containers.

Sleep Hygiene

Everyone knows what it feels like to try to get through the day if you haven't had enough sleep. For students, that can mean having trouble learning

because of difficulty concentrating, solving problems, or remembering. Sleep is a time for your brain to repair cells and build new pathways, which is critical for learning. Simply working on having regular bed and wakeup times; turn off electronics at least 1 hour before bed; reduce noise and light; healthy eating, exercising, and getting outside. Please refer to the Burnaby School District website for more details.

BENEFITS OF ENOUGH SLEEP



Better Brain
Improved memory
and concentration



Better Body
Improved energy



Better Mood
Improved emotional
resilience

Our warmest regards and welcome to Marlborough!
Kindergarten Teachers

Marlborough Kindergarten – September 2021

GRADUAL ENTRY SAMPLE– September 9th – September 17th

Teacher: _____ Room: _____

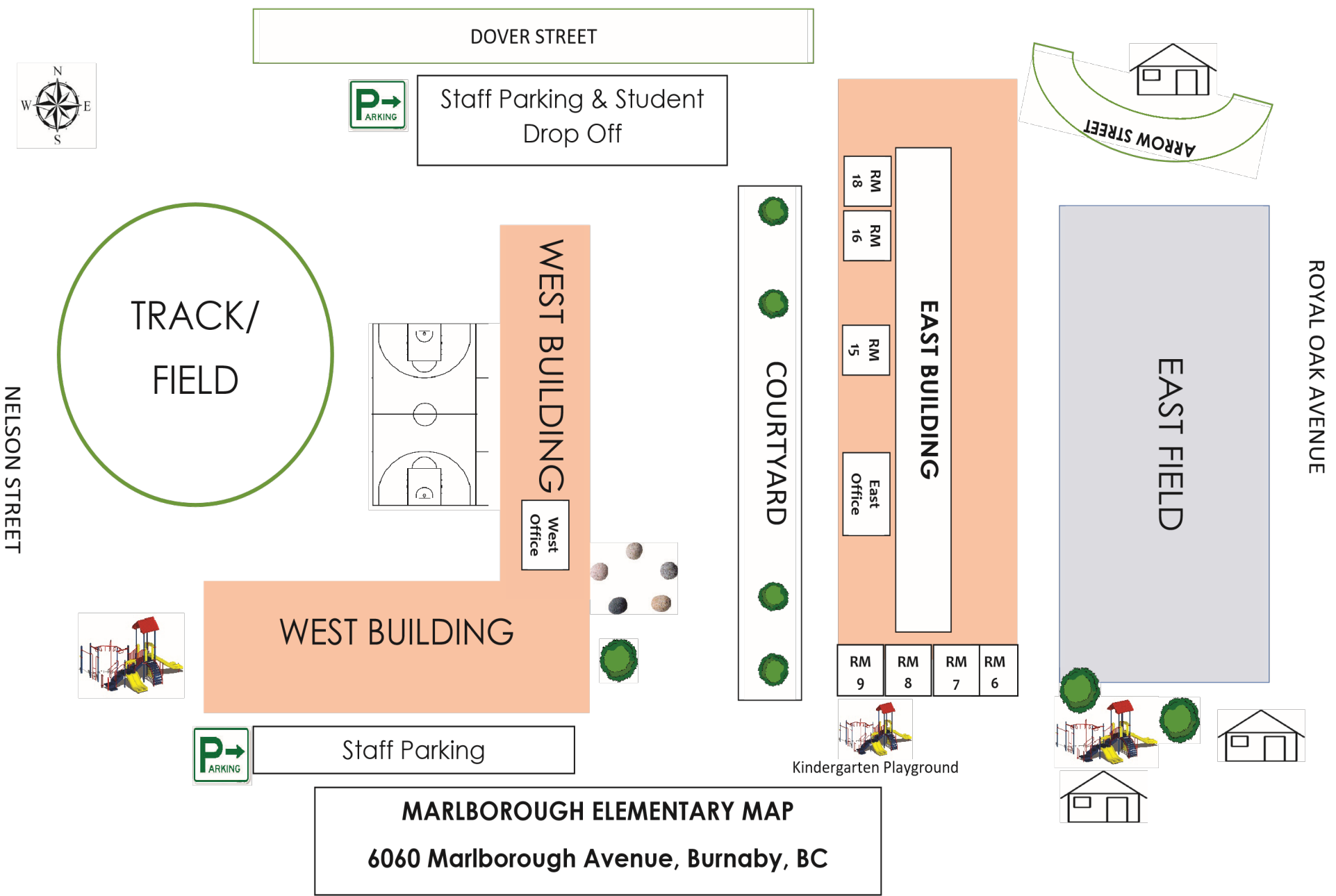
Student: _____ Group: _____

	Tuesday – Sept 7	Wednesday – Sept. 8	Thursday – Sept. 9	Friday – Sept. 10
	First Day of School No school for Kindergarten Students K-Teachers will contact families to arrange Welcoming Conversations	(No Kindergarten Students in school) Welcoming Conversations ↓	Group A 9:00 – 10:00 Group B 10:30 – 11:30	Group A 9:00 – 10:00 Group B 10:30 – 11:30
			Bring Snack	Bring Snack
	May begin Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations
Monday – Sept. 13	Tuesday – Sept. 14	Wednesday – Sept. 15	Thursday – Sept. 16	Friday – Sept. 17
Group A 9: 00 – 10:30	Group A 9: 00 – 10:30	Groups A & B 9:00 – 1:00	Groups A & B 9:00 – 1:30	Groups A & B 9:00 – 2:00p
Group B 11:00 – 12:30p	Group B 11:00 – 12:30			
Bring Snack	Bring Snack	Bring Snack and Lunch	Bring Snack and Lunch	Bring Snack and Lunch
Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations	Welcoming Conversations	



Please send a water bottle, snack and lunch to school that your child can open and close on their own. Thank you.

Regular School Hours start Monday September 20th at 8:50 am – 2:47 pm.



MARLBOROUGH ELEMENTARY MAP
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