



**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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*At Cameron Elementary School, where everyone is respected, we believe in taking responsibility for our actions, being diligent in our learning, caring for each other and having fun together.*

We are pleased and excited to be back after our long lovely summer. The staff of Cameron would like to wish everyone in our school community a warm welcome to the new school year.

We are eager to work with you to make this an exciting and rewarding year for our students. It is our belief that the school and the home are partners with a common purpose, that of providing the best possible educational experiences for the students. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions or issues which concern your son or daughter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked through staffing and enrollment changes during the first week of school.

**New Staff:**

The Cameron School Staff, PAC Executive and the Cameron Community are pleased to welcome the following new staff.

Ms. James (Classroom Teacher)	Ms. Park (ELL Teacher)	Mr. Kuan (LSS Teacher)
Ms. Leppanen (LSS Teacher)	Ms. Hesketh (Music Teacher)	Ms. Doolan (EA)
Ms. Rutherford (EA)	Ms. Linsley (EA)	Mr. Charboneau (EA)
Ms. Rogan (EA)		

**New Families**

A big welcome to the many families who are new to our Cameron community. Please be sure to stop by and introduce yourselves to the Office Staff. There are many ways that new parents can connect with our community and a great place to start is with our Parent Advisory Committee. Please come to our PAC meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the Staff Room. You can also take a look on our website to connect with any of the executive to learn how you can become involved!!

**Find Us On The Internet**

You can find this [newsletter](#), along with [Calendar Information](#) and other [Important Announcements](#) on our school website: <http://cameron.burnabyschools.ca>

**Where to find our newsletters and calendars:** All newsletters and calendars will be emailed to you at the end of the month. They will also be posted on our website for easy access. If you require a paper copy, there will be copies available on the wall outside the office. Thank you.

## School Schedule

School starts each day with a warning bell at 8:50am. Classes are in session at 8:55am. Students should arrive as close as possible to this time as we are unable to provide supervision before or after school. Our recess break starts at 10:35am. We dismiss for lunch at 11:55am. Students return to class at 12:35pm and are dismissed for the day at 2:47pm. Please be sure to make arrangements for your child for before and after school supervision.



### Student Safety

**Street Crossing:** Please use the raised crosswalk on Bartlett Court. Jaywalking is dangerous and we need your help and example to get all our children to and from school safely! Please remind your children about using safe practices when walking to school (always walking on the sidewalk, crossing at street corners, and using the crosswalks.)



**Parking:** Please follow the parking regulations as they provide a clear line of vision from the crosswalk. Please do not stop in front of the staff parking lot or the firelane. (*Please note the school parking lot is for staff members only.*)

**Bikes/Scooters:** For the safety of others, bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school property.

## Individual School Photos

Individual student photos will be taken on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



## Absences and Lates



Please phone our school secretary, Mrs. Brown, at 604-296-9005, or send an email to [Janice.Brown@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Janice.Brown@burnabyschools.ca) between 8:00 and 9:00am or leave a message on the school's voice mail whenever your child is absent from school or will be arriving late. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, we will attempt to phone you. Please keep us informed of changes in phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. Any student who arrives late must first come to the school office to sign in and then proceed to their classroom. We expect students to arrive on time. Arriving on time helps children begin their day smoothly. Not only is promptness an excellent lifelong habit but it is also less distracting for other students.



### School Organization, Multi-age Classes and Final Placements

When placing students into classes, many factors are considered including the following: students' learning needs, learning styles, social/emotional development, balance of male and female students, class size, Parent Requests, etc. Your child may be placed in a single or combined grade class. Research indicates that students do well in both types of classrooms.

In BC, as in most of the western world, multi-age classes are common learning environments. This model is based both on educational philosophy and administrative need. Educational philosophy about multi-age classes has changed significantly over the past thirty years. Research has consistently shown that multi-age classes have several benefits, including positive results in academic, social and emotional development. The Ministry of Education has also set class size limits, making multi-age classes a necessity.

One of the most common misconceptions about combined classes is that a child's placement in the lower grade of the class indicates superior academic abilities while a placement in the upper grade suggest weaker ability. This is not the case. For example, a Grade 3/4 class and a Grade 4/5 would be organized based on the range of criteria discussed above to create two fairly balanced classes.

Determining final class placements is a complex and time-consuming process that involves many factors some of which are described above. **Once we finalize student placements, changes are no longer possible without impacting several other students.** We respectfully ask that parents work with their children and their assigned teacher in a positive and pro-active manner to build new relationships. This is an opportunity for all students to have new experiences, meet new challenges and make new friends.

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation in helping your child adjust to the changes that September will bring.

### Dressing for the Weather

On the West Coast, we live in a temperate rain forest. This means we tend to get a lot of rain throughout the year. It's important for children to have movement breaks during the day so, unless it is unsafe to do so, we will send students outside at recess (15 minutes) and lunch (30 minutes) rain or shine. Please send your child with an appropriate coat and hat on rainy days. *We recommend that a change of clothes be kept at school in case your child gets wet or muddy and needs to change clothes.* Thank you for your cooperation.



### Life Threatening Allergies



Several of our students have life threatening allergies so we want to make our school community as safe as possible. Several students have severe reactions to nuts so their classrooms need to be nut-free areas. Please respect the safety of all our students and staff by complying with the allergy signage around the school.

### Medical Information

If your child has any medical problems, it is important to inform the school. Medical forms need to be completed and kept on file at school if your child has one or more of the following health issues: diabetes, asthma, seizure disorder, severe allergies, and/or hearing impairment. If your child needs medication during school hours, a request for administration of medication at school form must be on file. Be sure to obtain the relevant form(s) from Mrs. Brown at the school office. Return completed forms to the office.



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School Opens – 8:55 – 10:00 am	September 4, 2018
Book Fair	September 17 – 20, 2018
Kindergartens begin Full Days	September 17, 2018
Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm – Intake Meetings	September 18, 2018
Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm – Intake Meetings	September 19, 2018
Welcome Back BBQ – 4:00 pm	September 20, 2018
Professional Development Day – School Closed	September 21, 2018
School-Based Terry Fox Run – PM	September 27, 2018
Thanksgiving – School Closed	October 8, 2018
Individual Photos	October 9, 2018
Saleema Noon Body Science Presentation for Parents – 6:30 pm	October 9, 2018
Professional Development Day – Province-Wide. School Closed	October 19, 2018
Halloween	October 31, 2018
Photo Retakes	November 8, 2018
Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:55 am	November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day – School Closed	November 12, 2018
Professional Development Day – School Closed	November 23, 2018
Winter Concert	December 19, 2018
Winter Break	Dec 22, 2018 – Jan 6, 2019
First full day back after Winter Break	January 7, 2019
Curriculum Implementation Day – School Closed	January 28, 2019
Family Day – School Closed	February 18, 2019
Professional Development Day – District Wide – School Closed	February 22, 2019
Spring Break	March 16 – 31, 2019
First Day back after Spring Break	April 1, 2019
Good Friday – School Closed	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday – School Closed	April 22, 2019
Professional Development Day – School Closed	April 29, 2019
Group & Panorama Photo Day	May 3, 2019
Welcome to Kindergarten Event	May 17, 2019
Victoria Day – School Closed	May 20, 2019
Professional Development Day – School Closed	June 3, 2019
Volunteer Tea (PM)	June 4, 2019
Administration Day for Teachers – School Closed	June 28, 2019