



SCHOOL OPENING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 FOR THE COMMUNITY OF STEWART

Ama Sah / Good Day,

On behalf of Coast Mountains School District, I'd like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

The start of a new school year is an exciting time for everyone involved in our education system, but in particular, for our learners. Heading back to school in September allows children and youth to reconnect with friends they may not have seen over the summer, as well as begin to forge new relationships with both classmates and caring adults who may be new in their lives. In many cases, these relationships become the cornerstone for authentic and meaningful learning experiences over the course of the school year.

As a school district, Coast Mountains will continue to focus this year on the priorities identified in the Board's Strategic Plan – Engage, Ignite, Empower. With overarching goals related to learning, organizational wellness and cultural diversity, district-wide actions in 2023-2024 will serve to improve outcomes for students as measured through multiple indicators including graduation rates, provincial assessment results and classroom evidence of learning. To be sure, staff members across the entire district will strive to create learning spaces that are safe, welcoming and inclusive so that all students feel a sense of belonging and experience success. To learn more about our school district's Strategic Plan, visit our website at <https://cmsd.bc.ca>.

Please take a moment to review the rest of this important communication which includes school start-up and bussing information for Hazelton, Kitwanga, Kitimat, Kitamaat Village, Terrace, Thornhill and surrounding communities. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Again, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We all look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
Aaron Callaghan, Superintendent of Schools!

School Opening:

- ↪ **The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5 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 5.
- ↪ **Regular school hours will commence on Wednesday, September 6.**
- ↪ **The 2023-2024 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 will be held on
Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29 and 30 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 5.



Sincerely,

Aaron Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools