



ÉCOLE POIRIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PO Box 940, 6526 Throup Rd,

Sooke BC V9Z 1H9

Tel.: 250-642-0500

Principal – Vicki Ives; Vice Principal – Erin Russell

Hello École Poirier Elementary Families!

We are excited to start our 2025-2026 school year next week! Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with time to relax, recharge, and make special memories with family and friends. As we begin a new year together, our school is once again filled with the excitement of learning, friendship, discovery, and new possibilities. We are looking forward to welcoming our returning students and families, as well as those who are joining our École Poirier community for the first time.

At École Poirier, we believe that every child deserves to feel safe, valued, included, and inspired to learn. Our dedicated staff is excited to work alongside students and families to create a positive and joyful school experience where every learner can grow and thrive.

This year we have eighteen divisions which is around 400 students. We did have a few registrations over the summer and are thrilled to welcome our new students and families as well. If you have moved from our school and are receiving this email by mistake, please reach out and let us know. My email is vives@sd62.bc.ca.

First Day – Tuesday, September 8th

The first day for students in grades 1 to 5 is a shortened day and will run from **8:50 am to 11:40 am**. **Please arrange to pick up your child on time if they do not take the bus.**

Students in grades 1 through 5 will return to their last year's teacher and classroom for the first three days. We ask that students line up at their regular line up spots. Teachers will greet students and escort them into their classrooms.

For those students who were in the following classes, you will have a different teacher for the first 3 days:

Mme Adsett's class will have Ms. Britton

Mme Taylor/Jacqueline's class will have Ms. Cochrane/Mme Taylor

Mr. Parson's's class will have Mr. Thompson

Mr. Karleen's class will have Mme Deshane

Ms. Radsma's class will have Mme Dupuis



For our **new students and families**, we ask that you meet us at the front entrance. We would like to meet our new parents/guardians and students for a few minutes and then bring students to their first week classrooms after meeting in the library. Please meet your child at the front entrance at the end of the early dismissal day at 11:40 am. Welcome to École Poirier Elementary!

First Week

For this first week, teachers have planned a variety of learning experiences to transition students back into the classroom and create a sense of community and belonging as well as to provide students with skills to help them have a successful school year. We will work to ensure we have class placements finalized this week and then help students transition to their new classes Thursday. Please know that our staff is very thoughtful in determining class placements for each student.



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Kindergarten Gradual Entry

A reminder that kindergarten is a gradual entry with shortened days Friday, September 11, Monday, September 14, and Tuesday, September 15. The first full day of kindergarten is Wednesday, September 16. Parents of students in kindergarten, please refer to the letter emailed to you in July. I will send it out again in case you have misplaced it or are new to École Poirier.

There is a **new event** this year for Kindergarten students and families on **Thursday, September 10th from 1:00 to 2:00pm**. If you are planning to attend, please meet at the front of the school by the flag pole.

Food Programs

Food Programs will start the second week on Monday, September 14th. **Registration forms will be sent out soon for those who are interested.** We have two programs, Backpack Buddies for weekend snacks and Flourish Hot Lunches for at school. The Flourish Hot Lunch program is a little different this year in that you must register and it will be a Pay-What-You-Can system.

School Supplies

The only supplies the students will need to bring for the first day is a backpack with a few snacks and water bottle for recess break. All school supplies should be brought in on Monday, September 14th. Supply lists are on the school district website. www.sd62.bc.ca

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What is the school bell schedule?

What do I do if my child is late or absent from school?

First Bell 8:47am and classes begin at 8:50am
Last Bell 2:40pm and classes are dismissed
Recess is from 10:20am to 10:35am
Lunch is from 12:05pm to 12:47pm (bell rings at 12:47pm to line up)

If your child is absent or late for school, we ask that you please email us at poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca

If there is to be an extended absence, you may also inform us using the above email. It would also be important to email your child's classroom teacher as well.

What do I do if my child arrives late, leaves early, or has an appointment during the day?

If your child will be arriving late, leaving early, or they have an appointment during the day, we ask that you please email us at poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca this way we can inform the staff and coordinate their arrival/departure. Please escort your child to and from the office and complete the sign in/sign out sheet with Mrs. Shea, our Admin. Assistant.

How do I as a parent visit the school? We are thrilled to welcome parents/guardians and visitors into École Poirier Elementary. We ask that should you come into the school you do so by coming to our main office to check in. It is also important to make appointments with staff should you wish to meet with any of them.



Who are the staff at École Poirier Elementary this year?

New staff members:

Shannon Miller -Teacher

Katrina Britton – Teacher

Kyla Blacoe - Counsellor

Sharisse Mortimore – IS Teacher



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Returning staff members:

Noelle Mullinix – Teacher

Caylie Prochnau – Teacher

Alysha Chumber - Teacher

Kristy Green - Teacher

Julli Murphy - Teacher

Kyla Beattie - Teacher

Thomas Remy - Teacher

Elaine Ralph-Bruce - Teacher

Taiya Kristiansen - Teacher

Kelly Taylor - Teacher

Claudine Wagner - Teacher

Zach Thompson - Teacher

Kaitlin Deshane - Teacher

Emily Dupuis - Teacher

Sandi Arts – Music Teacher

Isabelle Dion – IS/LA Teacher

Kira Decyk – LA/LIT Teacher

Beki Wood – LA/LIT Teacher

Samantha Powers – Librarian

Erin Russell – Vice Principal

Alisha Shea – Admin. Assistant

Dana Fraser – ESD

Mark Koslowski – OT

Stephanie Adamek - SLP

Sandi Bowers – SEF (Student Engagement Facilitator); School Meals Coordinator

Meghan Rownd – School Meals Coordinator; Supervision Assistant

Nicole Underwood – NCPA (Na'tsa'maht Classroom Program Assistant)

Danica Fruttarol – Library Learning Commons Assistant

Shelly Henss – Supervision Assistant

Grace Murano – Supervision Assistant

Jennifer Swystun – Custodian

Arnold Robinson - Custodian

Amy Cote – Education Assistant

Anna Fenton – Education Assistant; OSC Program Coordinator

Annette Lajeunesse – Education Assistant; Supervision Assistant

Baillie Stuart – Education Assistant; Supervision Assistant

Bea Andrews – Education Assistant

Charlotte Karleen – Education Assistant

Darryl McLeod – Education Assistant

Donna Bonin – Education Assistant

Elena Christians – Education Assistant; Supervision Assistant

Jo Paquin – Education Assistant; OSC Program Assistant

Jordanna Daly – Education Assistant; Supervision Assistant

Justine Hope – Education Assistant; OSC Program Coordinator

Kim Steele – Education Assistant; School Meals Coordinator

Laura Taggart – Education Assistant

Marlise Lewis – Education Assistant

Mike Meagher – Education Assistant; OSC Program Assistant

Mina Hong – Education Assistant

Samantha Fernando – Education Assistant

Sarah Ellwood - Education Assistant

Sean Brown - Education Assistant

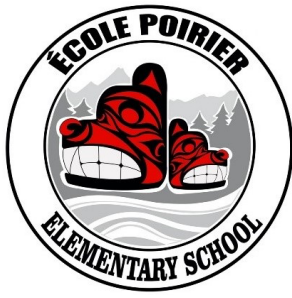
Vivian McMaster - Education Assistant

Daily Health Awareness - What are the current health and safety guidelines for all staff and students?

We have communicable disease protocols in place so that everyone is healthy and safe. We will continue to have students wash their hands at multiple points in the day and will work together to have a clean learning environment. Staff will not come to work sick.

As parents and guardians, please remember to

- Monitor your child's health prior to sending them to school. Conduct a daily health check of your child. The Daily Health Awareness is where parents and caregivers assess their children daily to determine if they are experiencing symptoms of illness before sending them to school. If they are ill or experiencing symptoms, go to the link: **BC Self-Assessment Tool** to determine next steps.
- **If students are ill, please keep them at home.**



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- Should your child present as ill here at school, we will call you and ask that you take your child home from school.

Apologies for the lengthy email, but I had much to share with you. I will do my very best to update you with École Poirier news and information through the weekly newsletter called "THE BEAR."

Please also remember to send your child in clothing, outerwear and footwear that is appropriate for all weather conditions, as we will be spending much time outside – rain, sun or snow. Rain gear is really needed as fall approaches.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week! If you have any questions, please reach out.

Respectfully,

Ms. V. Ives

Principal