



JOHN HENDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome in the 2021-2022 school year - laughing and learn in our community!

After an enjoyable and restful summer, it is wonderful to see all the students and families return to Henderson. We are enthusiastic and eager to begin our exploration of learning this year. We especially welcome new families to our Henderson School community. The current situation with Covid-19 makes it difficult to meet all of you, but hopefully in the coming weeks we will find opportunities to meet outside or virtually so we are able to make introductions. All of us at Henderson are looking forward to working together with parents and the community to continue to provide great learning opportunities that enable our children to thrive emotionally, socially, intellectually and to build strong relationships. We want the learning to nurture our students' natural curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

This first week of school students reviewed health and safety protocols. This included learning their entry and exit locations. Those have now been set. We ask that when you drop your children off in the morning you stay either outside the fences or at least 2 meters back from the class line-ups. If you must come through the school yard, we ask that you wear a mask and do your best to stay 2 meters away from other students and adults. At this time adults are not allowed into the building without an appointment.

We are continuing to refine our recess and lunch routines so that we are able to maintain safety protocols and still allow the students to enjoy their time outside in free play. All eating of snacks and lunches will be done in the classroom under the supervision of the teacher. **Student needs to arrive each day with their snack and lunch.** Please **do not** come to the school during the day with the intent to drop off lunch. We are trying to limit the number of adults our students encounter during the school day. It would be helpful if you could review with your child(ren) the importance of our safety rules with regards to hand washing, mask wearing and not sharing food. We thank you for your support.

This year our school inquiry question is: **What educational practices, strategies, programs and school wide common language might we implement to increase students' skill development in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to better self-regulate and thus be more equipped to engage in learning?** Also, we will continue our work on the district goal: **To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.** We will explore how can we make First Peoples teaching and learning more authentic?

All our classes will be working hard on these goals in addition to all of the other areas of the curriculum and core competencies.

Each month, a Newsletter will be prepared to highlight our students' achievements, informing our parents of the latest educational developments and announcing upcoming events. A lot of time and energy goes into the composition of the monthly school newsletter, and we greatly appreciate the effort it takes to read it. It is often emphasized in research that student success in education is dependent on their parents' strong commitment and involvement. Parents being informed of the school's year-round activities and projects is one way of showing interest in their children's school life. This year we are continuing to be environmentally responsible by posting newsletters, calendars and important updates on our website. We will also be emailing out the links to all parents/guardians that have provided an email address. Please continue to keep involved by reading our newsletters and follow us at: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/john-henderson/Pages/default.aspx> or on Twitter @hendersonleme1.

We as a staff are rejuvenated and excited for the many new learning opportunities we will experience alongside our students this year! We are can hardly wait to see where our collective curiosity and passions will take us!

Thank-you for your support of Henderson School.

Sincerely,
Ms. Harjinder Sandhu
Principal

Mr. Aaron Singh
Vice-Principal

Staff Updates

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school community:

Ms. Carrie Baker, Grade 4/5 Teacher
 Ms. Teala Mackowetsky, ADST Prep Teacher
 Ms. Birgid Lehmann, Literacy Teacher
 Mr. Andrew Da Silva, Resource Teacher (Ms. Walker is on leave)
 Ms. Emily Gresham, Grade 6/7 Teacher (Ms. Bodnar is on leave)
 Mr. Cameron Walker, Grade 3 Teacher (Ms. Leavy is on leave)
 Ms. Seema Shukla, Grade 2 Teacher (Ms. Li is on leave)

Introducing our wonderful staff...

Office Staff

Ms. Harjinder Sandhu, Principal
 Mr. Aaron Singh, Vice Principal
 Ms. Jane Fether, Office Admin Assistant
 Ms. Thalia Kroll, Office Admin Assistant

<u>Classroom Teacher</u>	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>SSA TEAM</u>
Mr. Johnny Wu		1	6/7 206	Ms. Jeannette Fong
Ms. Emily Gresham	2	6/7	209	Ms. Kirandeep Viranna
Ms. Sonia Jagpal	3	6/7	204	Mr. Cody Boneham
Mr. Greg Alstad	4	5/6	113	
Ms. Katie Smith	5	5	117	Mr. David Knight
Ms. Brenda Koch ExSEL	6	4/5/6	116	Mr. Ed Nesling
Ms. Sundeep Sahota	7	5	210	
Ms. Carrie Baker	8	4/5	114	Ms. Sonia Gautam
Ms. Joan Jung	9	4	115	
Mr. Ian Poole	10	3/4	176	Ms. Nusrat Sharmin
Mr. Cameron Walker	11	3	203	Mr. Parm Sagal
Mr. Rod Ratzlaff	12	3	181	Ms. Lyncy Cobarrubia
Ms. Jasvinder Grewal	13	2	173	
Ms. Seema Shukla	14	2	174	
Ms. Pawan Sumra	15	2	205	Ms. Sonia Gautam
Ms. Marnie Candido	16	1	101	
Ms. Marguerite Leahy	17	1	104	
Ms. Sheri Hawksworth	18	1	106	Mr. Steven Flett
Ms. Jennifer Marsland-Root	19	K	103	Mr. Ken Batty
Ms. Megan Guenter	20	K	102	Ms. Sahiba Kang
Mr. Kevan Chao	21	K	105	Ms. Sarb Pannu/(pm) Carolyn Morgan-Chan

<u>Resource Teacher</u>	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
Mr. Aaron Singh		5-7	208
Ms. Andrea Shelford (Tu-Thu)		5-7	120
Ms. Leslie Roosa		2-5	180
Mr. Andrew Da Silva (Tu, Wed)		2-5	180
Ms. Kim Seto (Th, F)		2-5	180
Ms. Vicky Edmonds		K/1	120
Ms. Amanda Bonnetti		K/1	128

<u>Prep Teachers</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
Ms. Teala Machowetsky ADST	108 Maker Space
Ms. Kim Seto (M-W) ADST	112 FuturePlay Lab
Ms. Kimberly Matterson Librarian	111 Library

<u>Enhanced Services Team</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
Ms. Birgid Lehmann Literacy Teacher	128
Ms. Lillie Rowell School and Student Assistant	127
Ms. Catherine McCambridge Youth & Family Worker	127

Supervision Aides

Ms. Elizabeth Roller, Ms. Jas Uppal, TBA

Other Staff

<u>Other Staff</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
Ms. Indira Dhari (M/F& mornings W/Th) Area Counsellor	116
Ms. Lisa Loo (Th) Speech and Language Pathologist	131
TBA Psychologist	131
Ms. Carmen Helin Indigenous Education Worker	
Ms. Zabeen Hussian Strong Start	179

Facilities Team

Mr. Robb Go, Head Building Engineer

Multicultural Workers

Vandana Nagpal (T)	South Asian	vnagpal@vsb.bc.ca
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Yung Quach	Vietnamese	dquach@vsb.bc.ca
Joy Jose	Filipino	jjose@vsb.bc.ca
Claudia Sandoval	Spanish	csandoval@vsb.bc.ca

Henderson Code of Conduct

Henderson has a set of guidelines for conduct, and these are the expectations for all our school community. It is based on our motto and our mission statement: to encourage students to respect themselves and others and to strive to do their personal best in all ways.

And our Code of Conduct is: **Be Safe. Be Fair. Be Kind**

These guidelines reflect the school's philosophy. Henderson is a safe and caring place, where everyone tries their best, treats others kindly, respectfully and behave safely. It is a place where students, staff, families and the community work together to share ideas and create a wonderful place to learn. There is a rising expectation that as students develop with age, they will show increasing maturity, self-responsibility, decision-making ability, and leadership.

We are also working on our online skills to be responsible **Digital Citizens**. More information regarding Henderson's Code of Conduct please see our website <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/johnhenderson/Guidance-and-Support/Code-of-Conduct/Documents/Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

Henderson Before and After School Care

If you are looking for Child Care spaces for before and after school at Henderson School, please make enquires by contacting the South Slope YMCA at 604-939-9622. After school care is also provided by Sunset Community Centre. They can be contacted at 604-718-6512.

School Forms and Fees



There will be several important forms sent home in early September, these include forms that request emergency contact numbers, pertinent health issues, neighbourhood field trip permission and media permission. These forms need to be returned to your child's classroom. If information changes throughout the year, please update the school immediately by calling the office. The school must be able to always contact parents.

We sent out information on school fees and how to pay them online in June. School fees for all ages are \$35.00, agendas for Grades 2 to 7 students are \$8.00 and Math workbooks for participating classes are \$20.00. You will be able to access and pay fees online as of Monday, September 20th.

Please do not send money to school. We will be collecting fees through cash online.

Lunch Time



Our lunch break time this year is 12:05pm to 12:52. Please send a packed lunch with your child. Students will eat their lunch in their classrooms with their teachers. If students would like to go home for lunch, it can provide a pleasant break in their school day. Students who are going home for lunch should be picked up at 12:05 and are to be back at school by 12:50. If older students are going home unaccompanied by an adult, we request a note of permission and they sign in and out of the office, going directly home and coming back directly to school.



When packing lunch, we want you and your child to think about your child's health: Is the lunch nutritious? And we want you to think about the environment: Is this lunch going to provide a lot of waste for the landfill or recycling? This year we want to cut down on our waste and spend less time having to pick up the waste that is littered on our school grounds!