



Wishart Elementary School

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Being Kind, Accepting and being Grateful!

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Wishart Elementary School has two school goals. Firstly, we want to engage and empower students' in their ability to self-regulate themselves. Secondly, we want to increase student opportunities to experience, explore and learn skills in Fine Arts (Music, Art, Drama and Dance).

Another Enthusiastic Year Gets Underway at Wishart Elementary!

Tuesday's excitement and smiles served to indicate that students enjoyed a very restful and fun filled summer, but are now ready for school. It's time to renew friendships, make new ones, and embark on new goals that will continue their learning and growth! Whether you are returning to our school or have recently moved into Wishart's school community, we believe that it will be a successful year. Welcome everyone!



After preparing the first few days to accept new students, and plan for the start of a successful 2017/18 school (School District added an additional classroom to make this happen) students moved to their new classes on Friday and have begun to learn the routines and skills that will set them up for success this year. Our enrolment sits at 327 students, a total of 15 divisions. As well, our newest learners, Kindergarten students, began their Gradual Entry on Friday. Their first full day will have been Wednesday, Sept. 13th. We have three Kindergarten classes this year.



Everyone has noticed the dramatic change to our playground! Not only was the new purchased equipment installed (thanks PAC!!), but also, wood fibre chips were added to replace the pea gravel (for safety reasons). Students were overjoyed, and have been making use of the equipment and area.

Staff are excited to be back and begin another year of learning as well. Ms. Poole, Ms. Vegeur, Ms. Miller, Ms. Hagar, Ms. Jensen, Ms. Clarke (Choices Program teacher) are ready to contribute, and join the wonderful team at Wishart! As we have added an extra classroom, and so Ms. Thierren has been hired to work in that class. We appreciate parents and student's patience and understanding as we work through the hiring process.

Regular communication will occur between home and school throughout the year. We will be sending all newsletters (twice a month, on Friday; first being Sept.15) via email. They are also posted on our school website, www.sd62.bc.ca/wishart . Stay connected, or call the school as needed.

It is demonstrated and well understood that parents play a vital role in creating a successful school community. Make sure you connect with your child's teacher on a regular basis to chart and support your child's successful learning. There will be opportunities to volunteer in the school as well, stay tuned for specific details. As parents of Wishart, you are all members of the Wishart PAC, Parent Advisory Council. This great group offers many different opportunities for parents to involve themselves in the school. This year's executive (Michelle Cabana, President, Devon Reid, Vice-President, Jennifer Annand, Treasurer, and Loretta Thom, Secretary) extends a welcome to all parents. The first PAC meeting took place on Thursday, Sept. 14.



The annual Terry Fox Run takes place on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Students and staff will participate in a run around the school and neighborhood. We are setting a goal of raising \$1000 for cancer research and supporting Terry's dream of find a cure for cancer! Thanks for your support.