



WILLIAM BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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WELCOME BACK!

Bridge Week at a Glance

September 12th – 16th, 2022

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| Monday September 12 th | First full day in our new classes |
| Tuesday September 13 th | |
| Wednesday September 14 th | |
| Thursday September 15 th | School Assembly |
| Friday September 16 th | PAC Freezie Friday – watch for an email from our PAC \$2/Freezie - after school near our primary playground |

Welcome Back to School

It has been wonderful seeing the learning activities students were involved in this first week of school as our Bridge Bulldogs reconnected with friends and staff while welcoming our new Bridge family members!

A very special welcome to our **Kindergarten Students** who are continuing with their Gradual Entry schedule. They have been taking tours of the school to explore the building, playgrounds, and meet other students and staff members. We know you are going to have a fantastic first year of school!

New Staff Members

A warm welcome to the following staff members who have joined (or re-joined) us this year at Bridge:

Ms. Sara Lai (our Vice Principal)
Ms. Valerie Nguyen (Kindergarten and Grade 1 Teacher)
Mr. Mason Lee (Grade 3/4 Teacher)
Mr. Jas Gill (Grade 6/7 Teacher)
Mr. Joel Lecky (Grade 5 EFI Teacher)
Mme Kristine Canas (Grades 6/7 EFI Teacher)
Ms. Kiran Sidhu (ELL Teacher)
Ms. Tiffany Kostopoulos (Educational Assistant)
Ms. Heather Tanemura (Speech and Language Pathologist)



Please refer to our **school website** @ <https://bridge.sd38.bc.ca/> for a complete list of staff members as well as our Calendar, School Story and other important news and information.

William Bridge is Social

Follow our website, Twitter account and PAC Facebook page.



Bridge School Website: <https://bridge.sd38.bc.ca/>

Twitter: @bridgebulldogs



PAC Facebook Page:

William Bridge Elementary PAC

School Hours:

Please note our school hours and bell schedule:

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| 8:40 am | Doors open |
| 8:45 am | Classes Begin |
| 10:35-10:50 am | Recess Break |
| 12:00-12:50 pm | Lunch Break |
| 2:45 pm | Dismissal |



Please remember to send a **healthy recess snack**, a **lunch** and a **water bottle** in your child's backpack. If your child's lunch requires a **fork or spoon**, please send one from home. Students will be outside rain or shine for recess and lunch breaks so be sure to send your child dressed and prepared for **weather changes** with layers, a raincoat and boots.



Student Absence Line – 604-668-6294

Please call our Student Absence Line (not the school) and leave a message to report a child's absence. Please include the following information:

- student name
- division or teacher's name
- reason for the absence

Health and Safety Information

Our Health and Safety at school this year is shifting from COVID-19 protocols to a communicable disease management focus. Students and staff are reminded to:

- Stay Home When Sick
- Make Handwashing a Regular Routine
- Practice Respiratory Etiquette
- Understand that we are a Mask Friendly Environment and that wearing a mask is a personal choice
- Be Kind to Each Other

Mask Friendly Environment



Wearing a mask is a personal choice.
Let's all continue to be kind to one another.

sd38.bc.ca/covid-19

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PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

All parents are part of our school PAC and are invited to attend our monthly meetings. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:45pm**. We will discuss school events, upcoming fundraisers and more.

Seismic Upgrade News

Our wonderful Seismic Construction Crew worked long hours over the summer and completed a great deal of upgrades as we enter year two of this project. You may notice that our front door is in a new location, the lobby is larger and our office space has been updated. We are also happy to announce that the boys' washroom downstairs is complete and the accessible washrooms and change area in the gym will be ready soon along with four of our classrooms. We anticipate the next phase of construction to begin in October when we will move several classes into temporary locations. Once this move takes place, we will plan for a tour of the school for those families who may be interested in seeing the progress so far. Stay tuned for more information and thank you for understanding that we are limiting visitors during construction for your safety.



Student and Family Affordability Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Mrs. Lin, Principal, at klin@sd38.bc.ca, or the main office at 604-668-6236, if you need assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Mark your calendars:

Monday, September 19th

Tuesday, September 20th

Wednesday, September 21st

Thursday, September 22nd

Friday, September 23rd

Thursday, September 29th

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Friday, September 30th

Tuesday, October 4th

Wednesday, October 5th

Monday, October 10th

October 17th – 19th

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

Dates will be added as we plan activities

Terry Fox Run (more information to come)

Bridge PAC Meeting @6:45pm – zoom link tba

Safety Drill

Freezie Thursday

Pro-D Day – no school for students

Orange Shirt Day

Freezie Thursday

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Photo Day – Individual and Class Photos

World Teacher Day

Thanksgiving Day – schools closed

Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

Great Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill

Pro-D Day – no school for students