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VICE-PRINCIPAL: MS. ELEANOR LEE

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## Back to School Newsletter September 2025

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!



We hope everyone had a great summer and is now getting ready to go back to school!

### **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

#### **Grades 1-7** **9:00-10:00am**

Please meet your last year's class and teacher by your assigned door using the map and list on page 3.

**New Bridge students** will be placed with students at their grade level. We will meet you at the front of the school to guide you to your class for the week.

### **Wed, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Grades 1-7** **8:45am – 2:45pm**

Students in Grades 1-7 will attend school for the full day. Please remember to send a healthy recess snack, a lunch, a water bottle, and an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack.

We hope to have all students placed in their new class for the year by the end of the day on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Kindergarten Students** **10:30-11:30am**

**All English Kindergarten students**, please meet **Ms. Nguyen** at the front of the school.

**All EFI (Early French Immersion) Kindergarten students**, please meet **Madame Yamamoto** and **Madame Parkes** near the primary playground on the south side of the school.

#### **Kindergarten Families**

Please refer to the **Gradual Entry Schedule and Letter** for more detailed information about the first two weeks of school. This was sent to you in a separate email in July.

#### **PAC**

Our Bridge PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be hosting a welcome and coffee station on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> while your children are in class. Please stop by to say hi, meet other families and find out more about our PAC and volunteer opportunities!



## Getting ready to go back to school

As we prepare to welcome students back to school, it's important to help them ease into a school routine. A consistent sleep schedule, especially going to bed at a reasonable hour, will ensure your child is rested, focused, and ready to learn. Re-establishing regular mealtimes, limiting screen use before bed, and encouraging quiet evening activities can make a big difference. Let's work together to set our students up for a successful and energized start to the school year!

### Hello Bridge Community



Born and raised in Richmond and a product of the French Immersion program, I am thrilled to have my first principalship at Bridge. I have been working in the Richmond school district since 2002, spending time at Gilmore, Anderson and Dixon. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the families and supporting everyone in the Bridge community.

### Our PAC Executive for the 2025-2026 School Year

**Co-Chairs** - Kim Nowitsky and Mei Shum

**Treasurer** - Angeline Naidu

**Secretary** - Theresa MacDonald (with Tina Tam shadowing for the year)

**Members-at-Large:** Sarah May, Sara Lee, Angel Bajgoric, and Sally Mah

**All Bridge parents and caregivers are part of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC).** We'd love to see you at our meeting each month or helping at the school.

**PAC Email:** [williambridgepac@gmail.com](mailto:williambridgepac@gmail.com)

## 2025-2026 School Hours

8:40 am	Doors Open
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:10-10:25 am	Recess Break
11:50-12:42 pm	Lunch Break
2:45 pm	Dismissal



For updates, please check our website and **Week at a Glance (WAAG) newsletters.**

**For September dates – see the attached calendar**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2025**

Individual and Class Photo Day

**Monday, October 13, 2025**

Thanksgiving Day - Schools Closed

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

Early Dismissal at 1:45pm  
for In-Person Learning Updates #1

**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

Early Dismissal at 1:45pm  
for In-Person Learning Updates #1

**Friday, October 24, 2025**

Pro-D Day - No school for students

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

Remembrance Day – Schools closed

**Monday, December 1, 2025**

Pro-D Day - No school for students

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

Written Learning Update #1 in MyEd

**Winter Break:**

December 20, 2025 – January 4, 2026

*Last day of school before the Break*

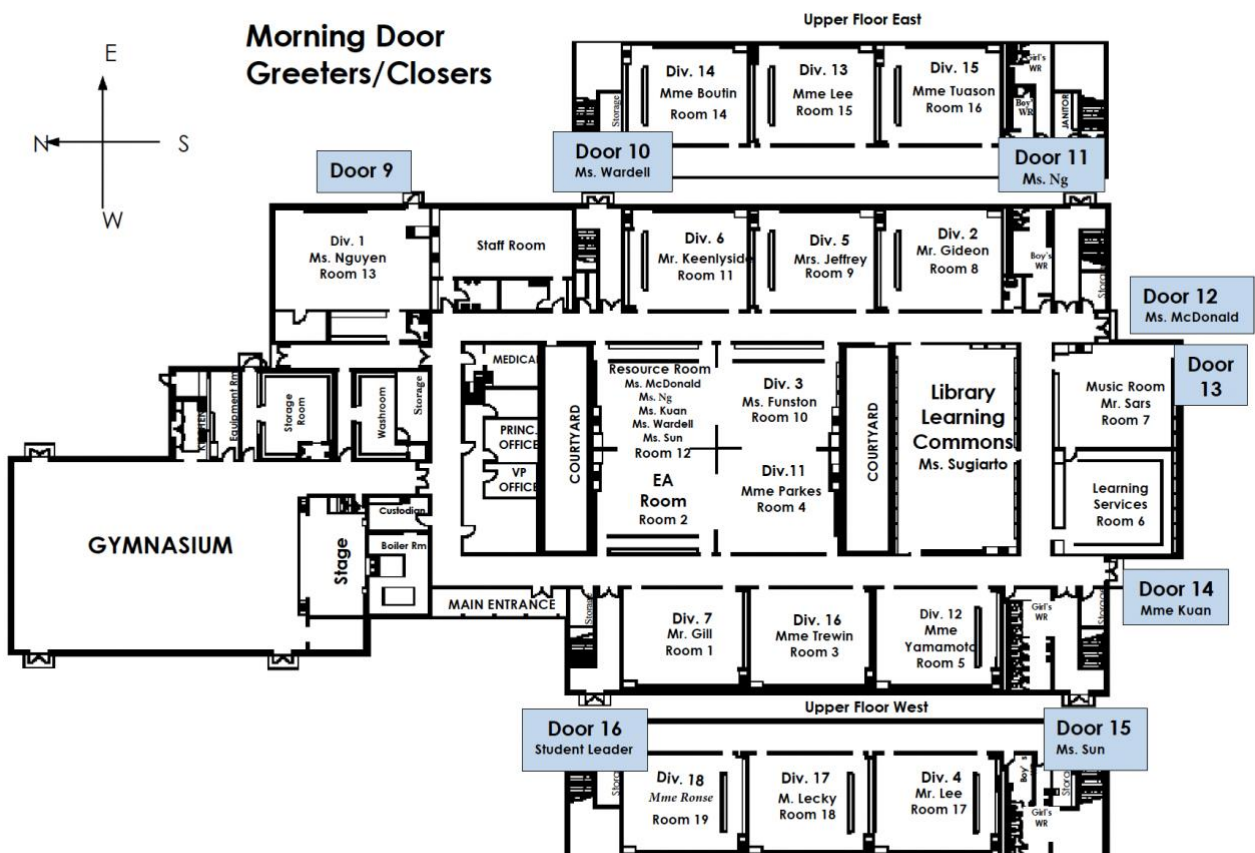
*Friday, December 19, 2024*

*Return to school – Monday, January 5, 2025*

**Students will meet by and enter through the following doors:**

**Division 1 – Door 9**  
**Division 2 – Door 12**  
**Division 3 – Door 12**  
**Division 4 – Door 15**  
**Division 5 – Door 10**  
**Division 6 – Door 10**  
**Division 7 – Door 16**

**Division 11 – Door 14**  
**Division 12 – Door 14**  
**Division 13 – Door 11**  
**Division 14 – Door 10**  
**Division 15 – Door 11**  
**Division 16 – Door 15**  
**Division 17 – Door 15**  
**Division 18 – Door 16**



**WILLIAM BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAP – 2025-2026**