Good morning Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We are so excited to be able to have our students coming back to school. Protocols are being developed to ensure the safety of our students and staff. **We need to know by Friday May 29 at 12pm if your child will be in attendance on June 1st or Wednesday June 3rd if in Grade 6. Please read on for what to expect beginning June 1st:**

1. **School for all of our students will be in session every Monday and Wednesday through June for grades K-5. Mrs. Potter will have the grade 6’s in on three separate days which she will communicate to parents**. 8:40 doors open for students who are on our list of identified students coming back to school. **Only those students that we have confirmed are attending and are in good health as per the parent health check, will be allowed entry**. It is your responsibility to ensure only healthy students are brought to school. Please keep your children in your vehicle until 8:40. Please do not let your children out to play in our school yard or playground. If your children are walking, please have them head straight to the front entrance. Students are not to loiter on the playground before school begins. All students will enter through the front door and exit through the classroom door at the end of the day. All students will be eating their lunch in class. **Students and staff will be asked not to go home for lunch**. Please determine a pick up point for end of the day pick up. If your children are walking home they are to proceed directly home after school**. Even though we miss you all and would love to chat with you, parents please do not enter the building. It helps with our safety protocol in respect to virus transmission.**
2. While students are in the building they will be restricted to the identified classroom for instruction, the washrooms and our field. We are attempting to limit the number of touch points and locations in our building hence limited movement throughout the school**. We are encouraged to get outside as much as possible. Learning activities may take place in low risk areas around our school and catchment area.**
3. Students will be instructed in the art of proper handwashing and we will practice social distancing at all times. Our classrooms will be equipped with all of the necessary cleaning materials. Lunches will be eaten at desks and no sharing of food or other material will be allowed. Hands to yourself will be spoken about frequently. Teachers will be sending out specific instructions as to what is expected in class.
4. Instruction will take place in designated classrooms which may or may not be the classroom your child was instructed in when they left for Spring Break. On Monday June 1st they will head to their regular class and receive instructions from their teacher.
5. Our teachers are working as a team to provide the best possible support to our students and may work together to teach and supervise our students.
6. Recesses will be staggered. Primary students will have recess at 10:15. Intermediate students to be determined. Lunchtime will also be staggered with the intermediates going outside to get fresh air before they eat and then coming back in to eat while the primary students head outside.
7. School dismissal- we will dismiss at our regular times. Please let your child know where you will be for pick up so they can head right to you after school. Students walking home are to proceed directly home without loitering.

Changes:

* Unfortunately Mr. Lutz will not be teaching music in his class. He will continue to offer on line instruction.
* The gym will be closed. We will be active outside.
* The school wing containing the gym, music room and change rooms are off limits.
* The Library will be closed to students.
* Only the water bottle refill station will be open. The mouth faucet will be covered and non accessible.
* Toys from home need to stay at home.
* Students will use their own materials and will not be sharing.
* The intermediate and primary students will have limited interactions.
* Students will become expert hand washers.

**We truly appreciate your patience and the efforts of all of our staff during this difficult time. Our plan is comprehensive yet fluid and flexible. If you have any questions or concerns please call Mr. Standing at 250 919-2736. If you have changed you mind and now want your child to attend school or are now not prepared to send your child, please call or email at** **david.standing@sd5.bc.ca****.**

**Reminder-doors open at 8:40 and dismissal is at 2:55.**