

# ÉCOLE BELGO ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is a great privilege to be able to kick off another school year at École Belgo Elementary. I look forward to reconnecting with all our Belgo families and I am excited to meet the new families joining our learning community.

As you may know, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Government of BC released its province-wide plan to bring students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 back into the classroom full time this September. Dr. Bonnie Henry (Provincial Health Officer) and Hon. Rob Fleming (Minister of Education) stated that schools are safe to re-open in Stage 2. This Provincial goal means that most students will have access to full in-class instruction and its benefits to their overall health and wellbeing. Safety for staff and students will continue to be our highest priority.

As a district team, we continue to work within the provincial framework for the BC Education Restart to develop plans that ensure all students can safely return to classroom learning for orientation on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This slightly later start will allow school staff to plan for safe school spaces and procedures.

The Ministry of Education and our District have been working through all of the intricacies of creating comprehensive and safe re-entry plans. The Ministry of Education Re-Entry resources can be found [here](#). On Tuesday, you should also have received a message from the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Board of Education. The message included links to the Central Okanagan Public Schools [Restart Plan](#) and to the [Staff and Student Safety Plan](#). We will forward further site-specific startup information by the end of next week, in preparation of Orientation Week (September 8-11).

In order to facilitate orientation and allow students to become familiar with new safety protocols, your child will attend either September 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. Once our registrations are confirmed next week, we will assign all students to one of the two orientation days, and inform you via email.

As a staff we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for students while modeling our Belgo values: *community, compassion, responsibility, perseverance, and respect*. As we navigate all the uncertainty, we will help our students learn to be safe, while continuing to gain knowledge and skills within the curricular learning standards and competencies. I am confident we are going to have an amazing year of learning together while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Mme Bédard  
Principal/Directrice