

ÉCOLE BELGO ELEMENTARY

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

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Hello Belgo families,

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to safe classrooms on September 10th or 11th for a full day of orientation. Starting school will look different than last year, so we thank you for both your patience as we planned for back to school and your diligence in helping us keep everyone safe. At Belgo, we will welcome **students whose last name begins with the letters A to L on Thursday, September 10th**, while **students whose last names begin with letter M-Z are expected to attend on Friday, September 11th**.

Please review the attached learning plans, maps, and documents on basic procedures for returning to school. Staff will familiarize students with safety procedures and ensure clean, safe learning spaces, but knowing our new procedures will help you make sure students travel safely and arrive to school in good health.

Please remember the following key points for arriving to and leaving from school this fall:

- Remind children to keep their distance and refrain from touching others while waiting for the bus and lining up for entrance to the school
- Parents/caregivers are to leave school grounds shortly after dropping off and everyone must leave the school grounds once students are dismissed for the day
- Learn the staggered entrance and exit times for your student, as well as drop-off/pickup areas
- Parents/caregivers must not enter the school unless you have a scheduled appointment/invitation from school administrators

Here is a sample timetable for elementary students:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25 am	Learning groups line up outside at their designated meeting area for staggered entry				
Morning	Instructional Time (Staggered recess break for half the school in designated play areas)				
Lunch	Half of school to play while other half eats in classroom, then switch places				
Afternoon	Instructional Time (Staggered recess breaks for half the school in designated play areas)				
2:25 pm	Staggered dismissal of learning groups				

You can learn more about district-wide plans for safety, returning to school, and provincial updates at sd23.bc.ca. Thank you for staying engaged and connected to our school community. By working together, we can help students feel welcome, safe, and ready to learn.

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Additional Details for École Belgo Elementary

Learning Group Details

- Our Learning Groups will consist of two classes and the size of learning groups, including students & teachers, will vary between 45 and 60 students. Students will receive most of their instruction in their classroom (20-28 students) and will join other students from the Learning Group for certain activities including outside play time.

Class Placement

- Students will be assigned to a classroom by Tuesday September 8th. On Tuesday, class list will be posted to the website where families will be able to find their child's teacher using their PEN. Please [click here](#) for more details.

Pickup/Dropoff Points

- Parents are asked to drop off and pick up students outside the school property. There are access points/gates in the front of the school (on Adventure Rd.), as well as on the three streets surrounding the perimeter of the school (Venus Rd., Benchview Rd, and Douglas St.). Exceptions may be made for Kindergarten students and parents for the month of September if need be. Kindergarten parents will receive future information from their teacher.

School Navigation

- The hallways through the school will be marked much like a 'road system' so that student & staff walk on the right side of the hallway.

eSchoolBC Option – For students who are immuno-compromised, please contact your school for information about enrolling in distributed learning options through eSchoolBC.