

# Garden City Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

This year we are pleased to welcome over 60 new families to Garden City School. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout at our first Meet the Staff BBQ, and I look forward to the year together. Our community of learners have an exciting year ahead. Coming up are parent/teacher conferences, which is an important time to meet with teachers to share information to support your child's learning.

This year one of our big ideas at Garden City School is **MINDFULNESS-For Deeper Learning and a Caring School Community**. All of our classes will be learning about mindfulness as our staff get trained in Mind Up during some of our Pro D Days this year.

All of our classes, staff and PAC have had the opportunity to review our Code of Conduct. Everyone at Garden City, visitors, staff and student are expected to abide by it. Please see the last page for the full Code of Conduct.

Please remember to check our website and online school calendar for school information. Newsletters are usually posted monthly, usually the end of the month. News Posts will be more often—and will be on our website. Email to parents is not yet set up, but hopefully by the end of first term.

Mrs. Diane Steele



## Upcoming Events

### October 10

Thanksgiving Day—**No School**

### October 17

Parent/Teacher Conferences

### October 18

Parent/Teacher Conferences

(early dismissal at 12:00 pm)

### October 19

PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

### October 21

Pro-D - **No School**

### October 25

PAC Family Photo Night

## Important Announcement

### EARLY WARNING

**(604)668-6277**

Please call 604-668-6277 to report any student absences. Leave a message with your child's name, grade, division # & reason for absence.

## SCHOOL HOURS MONDAY

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 8:30 am        | Doors Open         |
| 8:40 am        | Getting Ready Bell |
| 8:45 am        | Classes Begin      |
| 10:25-10:40 am | Recess Outside     |
| 12:20-12:35 pm | Recess Inside      |
| 1:40 pm        | DISMISSAL          |

## TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 8:30 am          | Doors Open           |
| 8:40 am          | Getting Ready Bell   |
| 8:45 am          | Classes Begin        |
| 10:25-10:40 am   | Recess               |
| 12:20 – 12:50 pm | Lunch Break          |
| 12:50 -1:10 pm   | Lunch Break (inside) |
| 2:50 pm          | DISMISSAL            |

Reminder: Parents need to pick up students after school



**At Garden City Students go out for recess & lunch breaks RAIN or SHINE!**

Please make sure they are dressed for the rainy weather! Younger students should have rain coat, hat and boots.

Older students might want to leave a small umbrella at school.

## How To Help Your Child Succeed At School

School staff and parents work together to help all of our students experience success at school. When your child is happy and has friends at school, when they feel supported and able to do the work they need to do, and when they look forward to coming to school, they are succeeding!

### Parents, we appreciate it when you:

- Ensure your child is **well-rested and has healthy food** for their school day
- Ensure your child **arrives to school on time** (8:40 arrival, by 8:45 they should be sitting in class ready for the day)
- **Read to your children daily**, and model an **interest in learning**, and especially that it's **okay to make a mistake and try something that you aren't yet good at.**
- **Create a routine** with your children for homework, with time for daily reading, and provide tasks that they are responsible for in the home (as age appropriate).

When you have a problem or question please **speak directly to the teacher**, rather than to each other. When you do this, you **model respectful & effective problem solving to your children**, and give the teacher an opportunity to clarify information and assumptions, and assist you. Our teachers want to help!

## [More Important News](#)

### **Important Notice Regarding Extended Absences throughout the year & Late Returns in September:**

- Extended absences from school impact the learning of your child and are a disruption for the classroom teacher. We discourage extended absences, and instead encourage parents to use our extended breaks of three weeks for travel out of the country
- Over the past couple of years more and more parents are requesting absences longer than our district guidelines. Parents either request a later return in September or a longer than 20 continuous school day absence.
- Parents—please note all district guidelines will be followed at Garden City—please do not make special requests for extensions or book holidays/flights for absences longer than 20 continuous school days and then ask us to make an exception. (whether for 1 day or 5 or more)
- When you will be away for extended periods please come to the office and complete paperwork and please also let your child's teacher know. Once a student is away for 20 consecutive school days, they are removed from the school register and withdrawn. They will then have to re-register at Central Registration and may only return to the school if there is space available.
- (this year the 16<sup>th</sup> of September was the last day for return—each year the district publishes this information and it's incumbent on parents to find out this date if they are planning for an extended absence)

### **VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

During the school day visitors are required to sign in and get a "Visitor Pass", this includes parents. During morning drop off and the end of the day pick up, no pass is required, but we ask that parents sign in and get a visitors badge during school hours.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE**

Please report to the office if you come during the day and need to:

- Get a message to your child
- Deliver something to your child (ie: homework, instrument, lunch, etc.)
- Pick up your child for an appointment
- Need assistance of any kind



PLEASE DO NOT arrive at the classroom unannounced or go to the playground area where other children are playing.

### **COME TO THE OFFICE...WE WILL HELP YOU.**

**Lunch Drop Off:** If you need to drop off a lunch for your child, please make sure that you label the lunch with your child's name and leave it on the "Lost & Found" box located outside of the office.

If you plan to drop off lunch on a daily basis, make sure your child knows where to go to pick it up. If it is a special occasion, please let the office know and they will call down your child to pick up their lunch.

Dear Parents;

## Re: Parking LOT Guidelines at Garden City School

Please remember... the safety of our children is MORE IMPORTANT than your convenience.... Take the time you need to drop off in the morning and park on the street to walk your child in and to park and walk in after school. Be a positive role model for your children by respecting of school rules and help us ensure that all children are safe.

**GUIDELINES** Parking in the parking lot is limited to **STAFF ONLY**. Some exceptions are made for parent volunteers with permission from administration. We encourage ALL families to walk from home, or park on side streets and walk in. A benefit is that you will ensure your child is dressed for the weather!

### Morning Drop Off

When using the drop-off lane at the front of the school we remind you:

- there is no parking in the drop-off lane in the morning
- drive slowly and carefully
- pull as far forwards as possible in the right hand lane before allowing children to exit the vehicle
- never drop off children in the left lane (or between the parked cars!)
- be prompt with your drop off
- never drop your children in the middle of the parking lot—it is not safe!



**After School Pick Up** **THERE IS NO ENTRY** into the parking lot after school except for buses, daycare, and handicapped vehicles for our special needs students who are in wheel chairs. Should you have special circumstances—please see Mrs. Steele.

亲爱的家长们，

### 有关 Garden City 小学停车场指南

谨记孩子们的安全永远比我们的一己之便更重要。

请为接送孩子上下学预留充足的时间。

请在遵守校规方面为您的孩子做出好的榜样并协助我们确保所有孩子的安全。

#### 停车场指南

停车场为教师专用。另外拥有学校颁发的许可证的义工家长也可使用。

我们鼓励学生步行上学，或将车就近停在邻街然后步行入校。这样也有助于您的孩子根据天气变化恰当着装！

#### 早晨 – 允许驶入

当您使用学校的下车区时请注意：

- 早上不可在下车区泊车
- 小心慢驶
- 在孩子下车前将车辆停于右车道尽可能靠前的位置
- 不要让孩子在左车道下车 (或是车辆间隙)
- 迅速驶离
- 不要让孩子在停车场中间下车 – 不安全！

#### 放学后 – 禁止驶入

除公车、日托和为我们坐轮椅的学生所设的残障人专车外，所有车辆禁止驶入停车场。若您有特殊情况请与 Mrs. Steele 联系。



# DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to all members of the school community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment so that effective, purposeful teaching and learning may take place.

***Therefore it is expected that all members of the school community (staff, students, parents and guests) will:***

- respect the rights of others;
- respect the health and safety of others;
- respect the property of others—private and public;
- respect the legitimate authority of the school administrative officers and staff;
- respect and take pride in the schools' physical facilities;
- respect the diversity of the school community;
- respect the nonsmoking nature of district schools and property;
- respect the individual rules within each school;
- behave in an ethical and lawful manner;
- behave in a considerate and courteous manner;
- behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
- comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of gender, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation;
- not threaten, harass, intimidate, bully or assault, in any way, any person within the school community directly or indirectly, through print or electronic media; and
- not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol, or illegal drugs while in school or at school functions.



*The District Code of Conduct shall apply in school and at school functions.*

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