



WELCOME BACK AND WELCOME TO BEACON HILL 2024-2025

It is that time of the year already! School starts next week, and the staff has been working hard getting ready for the return of students. Unfortunately, our gym was flooded during the rainstorm a few weeks ago. The clean up is done, and we are waiting for the new floor to be installed late September.

I would like to welcome all our new and returning families back for another wonderful year at Beacon Hill. We are very excited about the year ahead.

CURRICULUM EVENING

Curriculum evening will be held on Tuesday, August 27th, in person, at the school. There will be sessions for you to choose from (or in the case of more than one child): 6:30 – 6:55 and 7:00 – 7:25.

These sessions are intended for parents / guardians **ONLY**.

The Grade level teachers will be presenting together. Staff members will be in the front foyer to help guide you to the classrooms. Please remember that this an evening where the teachers will explain and share the curriculum and classroom expectations. Please follow the link below to access the evaluation and reporting document for Grade 1 to Grade 6 for the 2024-25 school year:

<https://beaconhill.lbpsb.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2024/08/Evaluation-2425.pdf>

Please feel free to bring in your child's school supplies at this time in a bag with your child's name clearly indicated. As well, please be sure to label all items. The supply lists are still available on the school website.

If you choose not to bring them on curriculum evening, please be sure to send them in on the first day of school.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Thursday, August 29th. The K4 and K5 students have their separate progressive entry schedules. Grades 1 – 6 will have a full day of school and resume their regular routine (daycare and bus).

LUNCH – SNACKS – WATER BOTTLES

Don't forget to pack a lunch and snacks. We ask that you please refrain from sending nut products to school as we have students with serious allergies. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

It is very important that every student brings a refillable water bottle to school every day. Students have access to the water fountains to refill their water bottles, and as well to drink from.

ALLERGIES

If your child requires the use of an epi-pen/ asthma pump please be sure to send it in for the first day of school. We ask that the epi-pen / pump be clearly labeled with your child's name. Please check the expiration dates. You may also come to drop it at the office in person as of Tuesday, August 29th. If you have any other medical concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school at any time.

MORNING DROP OFF FOR STUDENTS ARRIVING BY CAR

The drop off zone is around the back in the staff parking lot. Please do not park or enter the semi-circle.

Staff members are there to greet your child and to help escort them out of the car. Please make sure that they are ready to exit the car on the right side, along with their school bag and what they need for their day.

If you are driving your child to school, please see the procedure below:

MORNING ENTRY PROCEDURE FROM 7:50 – 7:55 – staff will be ready to greet students at their designated grade level spots (teachers will elaborate more on curriculum evening).

We will NOT be having direct entry at this time as we are still currently trying to alleviate late arrivals and traffic in the front of the school.

Teachers will be out on supervision as of 7:50.

The bell will ring at 7:55 and the students will enter by 7:57. Once the students enter, they will head down to their classroom. Class starts at 8:00 am sharp.

Please help us provide a great start to the day by arriving on time. It is very disruptive when students arrive late as the teachers begin the daily routine at 8:00. As well, students begin Phys. Ed, Music and Drama at 8:00 – and if your child is late – the school needs to locate where their class is, which is also disruptive to your child's routine and that of the other students. We do understand that late arrivals do happen occasionally, however, please make the effort to arrive on time.

If your child is not in class (by 8:00 a.m.) – they will be considered late. After three lates, the student will miss their recess. If lates continue, a meeting will be scheduled with the school to see how we can best support and help families to get their child to school on time.

If you foresee a late arrival (accident / appointment) please call the school so that it can be recorded as a notified late.

In the case of a late arrival, please accompany your child to the front door and wait to be greeted by the office.

[PARKING](#)

There is plenty of parking areas available for parents around the school. There is also a large parking lot behind the soccer field off Elgin. You may park on the side streets around the school but please pay attention to parking signs and restrictions that may apply.

There is absolutely NO PARKING in the staff parking lot off Harwood Gate. The staff population has grown once again, and we need every parking spot for staff members. We ask that you please respect the NO PARKING in the staff parking lot – it is essential that all members have a parking spot upon arrival to school each day. They do not have the time to circle the neighborhood waiting for a spot to be available. We need to ensure that staff are here on time and ready to start the day with their students. This applies to before and after school as well.

[SCHOOL PROPERTY](#)

We ask that parents please do not stand or walk through the asphalt area where the students are. We have adequate supervision with our daycare and teaching staff. Parents should be away from this area and should not be interacting with students. We ask that animals be always kept on a leash and away from the staff and students.

Our staff's focus is to supervise the students and keep them safe. That is and will always be our priority.

At end of day dismissal – please do not enter the school yard until all students are back in the building from the afternoon recess (2:30).

We rely and depend upon your support and cooperation.

[WELCOME BACK PACKAGE](#)

All students will receive a package on the first days of school. Please take the time to look through all the forms and return them to the school promptly. The consumable fees and instructions for payment will be included as well.

August 27th: Curriculum evening – parents / guardians only

August 29th: First day of school (full day for Grade 1 – 6)

Scheduled days for K4 and K5.

September 11th: Home and School AGM and Meeting (7:00)

September 13th: School Photo Day

September 27th: PED day

September 26th: Governing Board AGM and Meeting (5:30)

September 30th: Orange Shirt Day – STUDENT COUNT DAY

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. Please never hesitate to reach out to the school should you require any further information – we would be happy to help.

Have a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Natalie Maurice

Principal

Beacon Hill Elementary School