



**NewsLetter - June 2020**

**Message from Principal**

Wow, I can't believe we are starting the final two weeks of school. Our staff has been working hard on all those typical year-end school jobs. This ranges from preparing final report cards to putting on a Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (remotely). With everything that has gone on, I want to thank our staff and families for their support, flexibility, and understanding as we move forward. It was great to connect personally with students and parents on site and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future. As things progress, there will be more information coming about what September will be like. Let's hope for the best!

**Schedule for the next two weeks**

For the final week of classes (starting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>), there will be on-site classes for **those students who have been attending school** on Monday and Tuesday (June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>). For **our full-time students**, your last day will be on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. If your child attended on the **Thursday/Friday** cohort, they will attend on the Monday/Tuesday (June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>). This ensures that all of our students who attended on-site will see their teacher in the last week of class. Please give us a week's notice, **if you are planning on sending or not sending your child to school** as we have a cleaning and supervision schedule based on a specific number of students.

Staff has been preparing their Term 3 Report Cards. Please keep in mind that these reports will reflect that instruction was offered remotely for April and May, while there was the option to receive some on-site instruction for June. This means that teachers will also be using information gathered throughout the year. We will be giving students who are on-site their report cards on Tuesday (June 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you chose to not attend on site, you can pick up your child's report card on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> with the following system.

**Report Card Pick Up – Thursday, June 25**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

- **Adults only** during pickup. We want to stick with social distancing guidelines which can be challenging when children see their friends.
- Only come during your **assigned time** (Assigned times by alphabetical order below).
- Walking to Nelson is preferred, if you drive, please do **not use the staff parking lot** and space your vehicle appropriately to encourage social distancing.
- Once you arrive, make your way to one of our gym doors. Please use the **cones as spacers**. At each gym door, there will be a spaced line.
- At each door, there will be a staff member at a table. Tell the staff member you **child's first and last name and their division**.
- The **staff member will retrieve your child's report card** and bring it to the table for you to pick up.
- When departing, please follow the 6ft spacing guideline. We have spread out the school alphabetically to provide people enough space and time to do this safely. Please **limit your time on site** to avoid crowding. If there are any items that you were expecting with the report card, but aren't there, please let your classroom teacher know at a different time.

**Alphabetical Order Pick-up Times for Thursday, June 25th**

Last Name Begins With...	Pick-up time
A-B	9:00 -10:00
C-D-E-F-G	10:00 – 11:00
H-I-J-K	11:00 -12:00
L-M-N	12:00 -1:00
O-P-Q-R	1:00 -2:00
S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z	2:00 -3:00

We are hoping to get almost all the report cards out this week. **If you can not make it**, please contact the office on Friday, June 26.

**Staff Leaving**

At school, June is a time to express our thanks and say a few goodbyes. We would like to acknowledge and send our good wishes for those staff who are leaving: Ms. Long, Mrs. Meier (LSS), Ms. Tai (EA), Ms. Dhillon (EA) Mr. Chau (EA), Ms. Monga (EA-Mat leave), Ms. Palao (EA-Mat leave).

Congratulations to **Ms. Watt** (Div.8) and **Mrs. Phillips** (Div.15) on the recent addition to the family!  
 Congratulations to **Mr. Ng** (Div.2). Mr. Ng has taken the position as the new Head Teacher at Twelfth<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Elementary. Thank-you for all work with our students! Your new school is lucky to have you. A big thanks to **Mr. Feng** (Div.3), **Mr. Hui** (Div.6), **Mr. Ewert** (Div.8 – took over Mrs. Watt’s class), **Ms. Lee** (Div.14), **Ms. Naidu** (Div.15 took over Ms. Phillips’ class)

A big thank you to **Judy Robinson**, our noon hour supervisor, and longest-serving Nelson staff member is now retiring. She will be missed by all the staff and students.

### Sun Run T-shirts

You can pick-up your Sun Run t-shirts at the gym on Tuesday, June 16, from 12pm-1pm through Mr. Morrison or on Thursday, June 18, from 12pm-1pm through Mr. Ng. If both of these options do not work for you, you are able to pick up the jerseys on Thursday, June 25, when you come pick up your child's report card. Please wait outside the gym doors by the courtyard and practice safe distancing.

Students who are attending on-site will be given their t-shirts by their classroom teacher.

**Summer Office Hour** The office will be open June 26-30, July 2 from 9am to 3pm. During Summer School – July 6 – 23 – office hours are 9 am – 11:30 am. The office will be closed July 24 – August 28. During the last week before school starts, Aug 31 – Sept.4, the office will be open 9-12 and 1-3. Regular office hours resume Tuesday, September 8.

**Summer School** As you know, for the first time, Nelson Elementary is a Summer Session site. There are still a few spots left in some of the programs. Our very own Head Teacher, Mr. Tesan, will be the Summer Session Site Supervisor along with a number of other familiar faces that will be teaching summer programs here. You can check it out at: <https://burnabyschools.ca/summersession>

### Important Dates for the Next School Year

Please note that given our current situation some dates may be subject to change and the dates provided are only for events that are least likely to change.

Welcome Back – First Day of School .....	September 8
Meet the teacher .....	September 30/ October 1(Early Dismissal @2:10)
Professional Development Day .....	October 2
Thanksgiving Day - School Closed.....	October 12
Professional Development Day - School Closed.....	October 23
Remembrance Day - School Closed .....	November 11
Professional Development Day - School Closed.....	November 27
Winter Break - School Closed.....	December 21st – January 3
Family Day – School Closed.....	February 15
Professional Development Day - School Closed.....	February 26
Spring Break – School Closed.....	March 15- 26
Good Friday .....	April 2
Easter Monday .....	April 5
Professional Development Day -School Closed.....	April 26
Early Dismissal @2:10.....	May 21
Victoria Day - School Closed .....	May 26
Professional Development Day - School Closed.....	June 7
Last day of instructions - 10:00 Dismissal .....	June 29

Have a great summer,

Mr. Hamilton

Principal  
Nelson Elementary