



CONSTABLE NEIL BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello Constable Neil Bruce families,

It has been a very busy week and certainly one to remember for all of us. We cannot be happier to have greeted our grade 6, 7 and 8 students. As you all know, the hallways and classrooms have been virtually empty and to have students back in their formal learning environment, seeing their friends, and connecting with their teachers is second to none!

We have had to make some minor adaptations to our procedures but all in all we are happy with how the two days have gone. A big thank you goes out to all the parents for the outstanding preparation you gave your child. Also, a big thank you to our teachers who have worked extremely hard at establishing routes and routines to keep your child (their students) and community as healthy as can be.

In addition, we want to thank all the families for their patience as we create our new normal. Establishing student schedules and their learning groups, mask wearing, social distancing, and designating specific areas of play has been a deep learning curve for all of us.

Please see below for a number of items we would like you to be aware of:

REMINDERS: STUDENTS DON'T FORGET

- Your mask
- A full water bottle
- Suitable, healthy snacks & lunch **(there will be no microwaves available).**
- Clothing appropriate for the weather
- Any school supplies (pencils, binders etc.)
- No personal belongings like toys, trading cards etc. from home that may be shared
- Any students with EpiPens or other medical requirements etc. must bring them to school

STUDENT PROCEDURES WHEN ARRIVING LATE

If your child is arriving to school late, please instruct them to use the front doors to come to the office to sign in. Their designated doors will be locked shortly after 9:00 a.m.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS VERIFICATION FORM

Your child will be bringing home a Demographic Information sheet. Please take a moment to review and ensure that we have the correct telephone, address, and contact information. Please have your child return this information sheet to the school as soon as possible. We do not want a situation where we are not able to contact you in an urgent or emergent situation.

SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

CNB offers a School Meals Program. A varied menu is offered each month. The monthly meals forms are available on our website and are also emailed out each month. Please pay online by the due date. We can only accept the first 120 meals forms submitted as our facility is not equipped to handle larger numbers. The program will begin September 21st. The menu will be available to purchase this afternoon.

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a medical condition that may require monitoring or treatment at school, we NEED to know. Those students that have a medical alert indicated in MyEd BC have been contacted via email. Please complete the form that was attached to the email and send it back as soon as possible. If you need to speak with someone, please contact Ms. Kubin, Vice Principal. Conditions such as heart or bleeding problems, asthma, allergies, diabetes or other illnesses should be made known to the staff. The record of this information is confidential and is necessary should a situation arise where your child needs help. We have several students who experience life threatening reactions to peanuts or peanut products. We ask ALL parents and students to help by NOT sending peanut products to school in lunches or snacks.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

Next week we will continue to focus on the safe routines of our school, which include knowing play areas; enter and exit procedures in the school; hand hygiene; and mask wearing when physical distancing outside of their learning group cannot be maintained (before and after school, in the hallways, and bathrooms).

Again, thank you for sending your child. If you need more information about the district-wide plans for safety, returning to school and provincial updates please refer to 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.

CNB Administration

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