

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Welcome - it is good that you are here!

First Day Back - Students will be heading back to their last year's teacher with dismissal at 10:20am for the entire school. Any new students to Leary will head to the gym. The remainder of the week, students will be in learning communities (made up of combined grades, 3 teachers and an Inclusive Design Teacher, and support staff). The whole first week, students spend time in learning communities to build relationships with each other. This allows us to have the best possible placement for all students. Your child will come home with information on where to line up the remainder of the week after the first day. Looking forward to a great year as we ROAR together!



COMMUNICATION

Monthly newsletters are sent via email and posted on our website and weekly email to families with important information/reminders for the upcoming week. Your child's classroom teacher is the first person to reach out to with questions, concerns or comments regarding your child. Please ensure we have an updated email and contact information.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 2 - School Opens: **Early Dismissal @10:20am Gr. 1-5**
- Sept. 3 - Regular Day for Gr. 1-5 8:20am-2:18pm
- Sept. 8 - Classes Set
- Sept. 18 - Open House @5:00pm
- Sept. 19 - Terry Fox Fun
- Sept. 29 - Pro-D Day: No School
- Sept. 30 - National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We have ordered classroom supplies your child needs. Payment per child is \$50. This is paid online using Rycor Quickpay System: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/> Please provide inside shoes and a full-size backpack.



RAIN OR SHINE

We go outside regardless of the weather every day. If your child needs a clothing item to help make that more enjoyable, please reach out to the classroom teacher.



REPORTING ABSENCES

Our Safe Arrival Program is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported. You can use one of the following:

1. Download and install the SchoolMessenger App. (First time users need to create an account, select Attendance and then Report an Absence).
2. Access from the website: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival>
3. Call toll free: 1-833-698-6567



CODE OF CONDUCT

We expect our students, staff, families and community members to follow our Code of Conduct. We can ROAR together with Respect, Open-Heartedness, positive Attitude and are Responsible. For reference throughout the school year, our Code of Conduct is posted on our website.



DRESS GUIDELINES

Clothing needs to be suitable for a school learning environment. We expect student, staff and families to dress in a way that respects this, our [District Policy](#) and the BC Human Rights Code.



PHOTOS/VIDEOS

Due to privacy, we ask you to be present and enjoy events. Photos/Videos are not permitted during school activities.



ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – The School Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Guardians are responsible for these expenses. iA Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan for those who may not have additional coverage: <https://sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>



VISITORS

All visitors must check in at the office. We need to know who is in our building at all times for the safety of all. All visitors will be given a pass to indicate that they have checked in at the office.

If you are dropping off a lunch or any other items, we will keep it at the office and deliver it to your child to avoid disruptions.



MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

If you need to get a hold of your child during school hours, contact the office as per the [District Student Cell Phone Policy](#).



ALLERGY AWARE

There are students with severe allergies (Nuts, fragrances, bee stings, etc). For these classes, certain items may be prohibited, which will be communicated to families to create a safe space for all.



PARKING ETIQUETTE

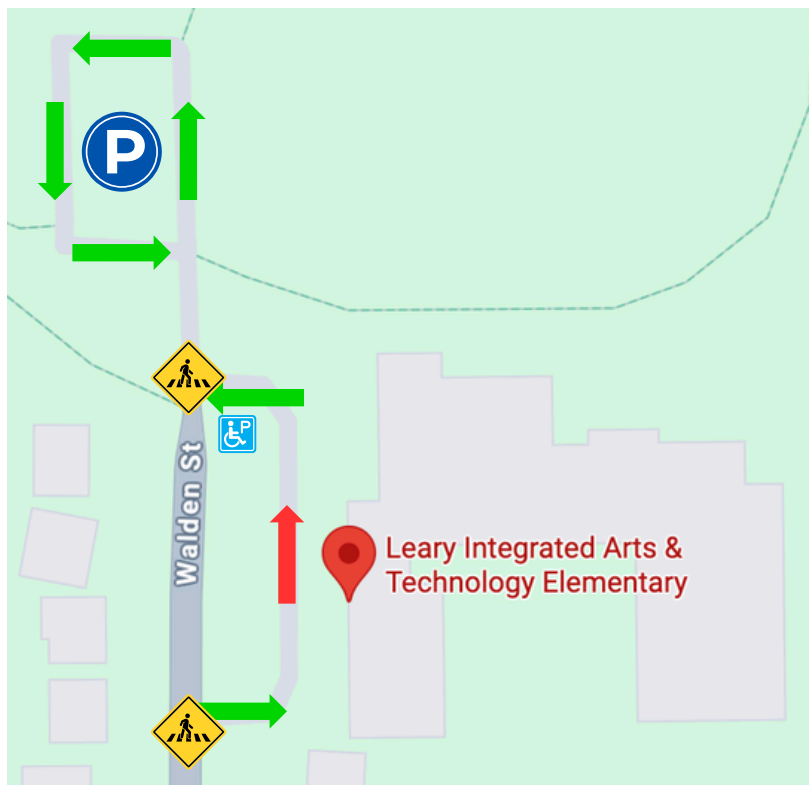
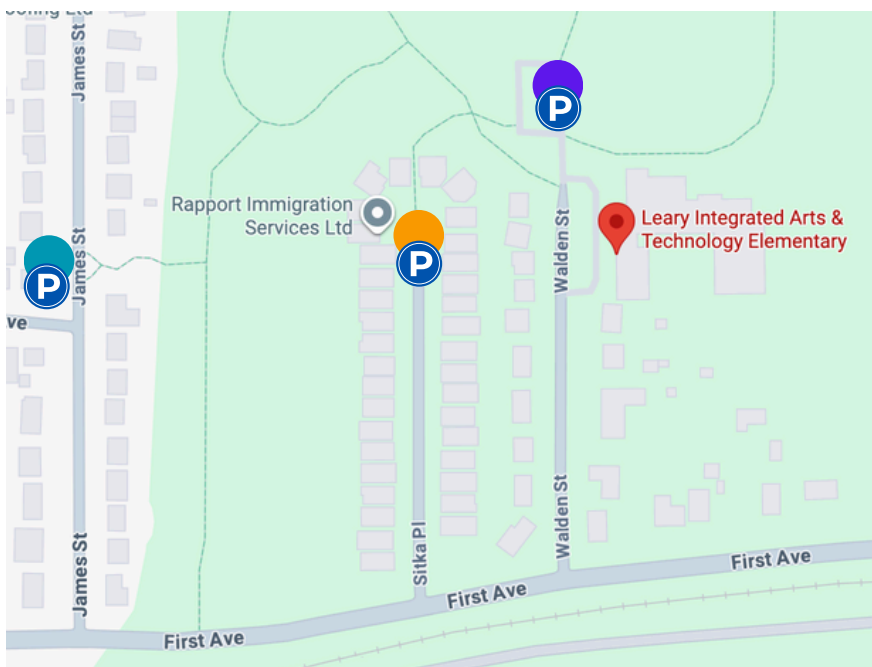
Parking is limited.

Thank you in advance for being patient and kind to everyone.

We encourage those who can, to walk or ride when possible.

Options for drop off and pick up with short walks along paths:

- **Walden Park**
- **Sitka Place (250m)**
- **James Street (400m)**



Crosswalks: Respect pedestrians and let them cross.

Follow the **flow of traffic**.

Drive slow & be alert.

Drive Thru Drop Off Zone: Driver must remain in the car - student gets out on the school side.

Staff Parking: The lot attached to the school is for staff use & those who need accessible parking.



WHERE WAS THAT?

Can't remember exactly what was shared and need to find it? It is probably on our [website](#).

We post all past newsletters. Check your email, as we send any changes in the weekly email to families. You can also give our office a call [604-792-1281](tel:604-792-1281) and we can help!