

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Welcome to Kindergarten Division 2 aka. K2! I am excited to welcome your child into the Brentwood Eagle family. We are a caring and supportive community and we will work together with your family to make this a safe and happy school year! Please refer to the district website at [www.sd63.bc.ca](http://www.sd63.bc.ca) or the school website at <https://brentwood.sd63.bc.ca/> for more details about the restart plan.

The children are excited and eager to learn and play! As we progress toward full days next week, you may find the children come home tired and cranky! This is normal for the beginning of the year and may last a few weeks. We will have a quiet time each day when the children can choose to have a little nap or look at a book. These first few weeks will be spent establishing routines and a positive tone for the classroom. We'll be talking about Our Brentwood Beliefs and Growth Mindset!

**Email!** If you are agreeable to email, please send me one with your child's name in the subject line so I can load my contact list. [twestwood@saanichschools.ca](mailto:twestwood@saanichschools.ca)

### **Drop off and Dismissal**

Warning bell: 8:35 am  
Class Starts: 8:40 am  
Dismissal: 2:48

At the present time, only one adult per family is permitted to escort Kindergarten children on and off school grounds. Children are admitted and dismissed from our class' exterior door. For dismissal, children are asked to wait at the window wall by the exterior door and point to the person who is picking up so I can be sure they are safely connected to someone. If you need to collect your little person early, you must sign out at the main office.

### **Lates and Absences**

Please email [brentwood\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:brentwood_attendance@saanichschools.ca) if your child is going to be absent from or very late to school. Please copy me on the email as well. Late arrivals need a Welcome Slip from the office.

### **Extra Clothing for Not So Unexpected Events (Rain, Mud, Spills, and More!)**

A change of clothes to be kept at school is required. **Please send in a labeled ziplock bag, a pair of extra socks, pants, underwear and top.** At this time, we do NOT require a pair of indoor shoes. We will be adapting this policy as the seasons change.

## **SUBSCRIBE to my Teacher Page**

In order to reduce the amount of paper that goes home, I will post class news on the school blog

<http://brentwood.sd63.bc.ca/>. I post something nearly **every Friday**.

Look under the "Students" tab and scroll down to the "Teacher Pages". **Even better, subscribe** using the link on the left of my page so all posts will come straight to your inbox and you need not keep checking for news!

If electronic communication doesn't work for you, send me a note and we'll find an alternate that works.

## **Snack and Lunch**

As well as a lunch, please send in a healthy snack for our morning breaks and spill-proof water bottle. If you are sending fruit, please ensure that it is peeled and cut. Please choose containers that you know your child can open and close independently. Let them practice! If your child attends after school care, please label those snacks for after school. There will be no compost or recycling this year. All lunches must be pack in and pack out.

## **Allergies**

At present, our littles have no reported allergies. If your child does have a dangerous food allergy, please contact me or the school immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Parent Questionnaire**

Please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey on my teacher page. This will help me get to know your child better!

## **Birthdays**

As per the district health and safety policy, there can be no treats brought in to share for class birthdays. Unless everyone in the class is invited to your child's party, please email the invitations or discreetly pass out invitations to parents. This spares hurt feelings for others in the class.

## **School Supplies**

Please send supplies this coming Monday. Every piece needs to be labelled with your child's name or initials. Thanks for your help with this!

## **Toys and Treasures**

For health and safety reasons, there can be no toys and treasures from home brought to school this year. Updates on how we will be doing 'sharing' to come.

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## **Contact Mrs. Westwood**

Phone me at school 250-652-3996

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