



BELLA BELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Parent and Student Handbook 2019-2020

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Welcome!

We are honoured to work with you and your children as partners in their education.

We are committed to our collective mission: to develop, in a caring and respectful environment, students who are independent life-long learners, incorporating our community traditions and culture with the acquisition of skills needed to succeed in both the traditional and modern worlds.

Communication:

We value open and respectful communication between parents, students and staff. The school phone number is 250-957-2391. Mike and Jasmine are our home-school liaisons.

You are welcome any time; please drop by the office when you arrive.

We use many modes to regularly communicate: facebook, our school website bellabellacommunityschool.com open houses, grade-level meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and newsletters.

If you have any concerns, please contact the teacher. If the issue remains unresolved, it can be brought to the administrative team: Haydn hgeorge@bellabella.ca Anita ahall@bellabella.ca or Katie kcroxall@bellabella.ca If the issue remains, it can be brought to the board.

Please share your suggestions for improvement!

School Calendar:

Important School Dates for 2019-2020

September:

- 3-First day of school

October:

- 14-Thanksgiving
- 31-Halloween Assembly

November:

- 1-Pro-D Day
- 11- Remembrance Day

December:

- 18- Christmas Concert
- 23-Christmas Break Begins
- 25-Christmas Day

January:

- 1-New Year's Day
- 6-First Day back

February:

- 18- Family Day

March:

- 16-27- Spring Break

April:

- 10-Good Friday
- 12- Easter Sunday
- 22- Earth Day

May:

- 20-Victoria Day

June:

- 19-Aboriginal Day (in lieu)
- Last Day of classes - dismissal at 12 noon

School Staff:

Principal	Haydn George		
VP	Anita Hall		
VP	Katie Croxall		
Secretary	Karen Windsor		
Records Clerk	Jean Vickers		
SEAS Prog. Coord.	Johanna Gordon-Waker		
PE	Alex Laforest		
PE EA	Liam Carpenter		
Heiltsuk Language Department			
Coordinator	Michelle Brown		
Teacher	Angie Peers		
Teacher	Connie Tallio		
Heiltsuk EA	Wolf Hall		
Heiltsuk Lang. Trainee	'Jojo' Allen Wilson		
Resident Elder	Elizabeth Brown		
Resident Elder	Stella Humchitt		
Maintenance			
Supervisor	Mitch Vickers		
Assistant	William		
Elementary Custodian	Bernadine Grant		
Intermediate Custodian	Ryan Peers		
High School Custodian	Leo Hopkins		

Elementary Staff			
K4	Donna Germyn	Mary D	Ronald H
K5	Dorena Mason	Mandy W	
K5/1	Sharon Wilson	Trina R	
Gr 1/2	Natasha McLean	Sally H	
Gr 2/3	Brenda Guest	Verna W	
Gr 3	Micayla Callaghan		
Gr 4/5	Rachael Lawless		
Gr 5	Leandrea Carpenter		
Gr 6	Matthew Doucette		
Gr 7	MaryAlyx Murphy	Gloria E	
Elementary Counsellor			
Elementary Home School Liaison	Mike Carpenter		
LST Elementary	Monika Waterfall		
Speech & Language	Gloria Edgar		
K4 EA	Mary Dixon		
K4 support	Ronald Humchitt		
K5 EA	Mandy Wilson		
K/1 EA	Trina Reid		
Gr 1/2 EA	Sally Hunt		
Gr 2/3 EA	Verna Wilson		
Gr 3 EA & Gr 5 support	Janine Newman		
Gr 4/5 EA	Alyson Reid		
Gr 5	Rhonda Wilson		
Gr 3 EA & Gr 5 support	Sarah Newman		

Gr 6 support	Darell Puglas		
Gr 7 support	Ryan Pitman		

High School Staff		
Counsellor	Ashley Gosse	
English	Cassie Bordignon	
LST/English	Julian Cruz	
Math	Dan Wilson	
Math & Tech	Ted Martin	
Shop & Art	Tom Kero	
Science	Vi Lindberg	
Social Studies	Vikki Ellis	
Foods & Textiles	Jennifer Hafenbrack	
Secondary Home School Liaison	Jasmine Montgomery-Reid	
Gr 8 EA	Corey Humchitt	
Gr 9 EA	Josh Allen	
SST EA	Meghan Ayers	
Math EA	Thomas Wilson	
Gr 12 EA	Doris Humchitt	
Library	Rex Slett	
Tech Support EA	Dean Innes	

School Office:

If you are visiting the school, please report to the office first and we will be happy to answer any questions or direct you to wherever you want to go. The office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. The school phone number is 250-957-2391 and the fax number is 250-957-2691.

Heiltsuk Cultural Curriculum Room:

Connie Tallio maintains a variety of curriculum material for teachers that focuses on incorporating Heiltsuk content into all subject areas.

Homework:

Students may be required to do homework. This is left up to the students' teachers, although extra written work or reading at home is recommended.

Announcements:

School announcements are read over the intercom at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm daily. If anyone has an announcement they would like read to the school, please have them written down and submitted to the administrative assistant.

Awards:

The school will hold an awards ceremony in June to recognize the achievements of students. Each student is recognized for their accomplishments and presented with a certificate. Individual plaques, trophies or certificates for outstanding achievement are presented to both elementary and high school students.

Honour Roll:

Throughout the year the school will recognize student achievements in various ways such as honour roll assemblies following report card distribution.

Reporting Periods:

There are 3 terms for elementary, and 4 terms for high school. Reports will be completed at the end of each term and distributed accordingly.

Lates:

If a student is late for class, the student misses the main part of the lesson. A late student also interrupts the lesson for the other students. Students must arrive at school on time and attend classes as required. A late is to be given to any student that is not in their desk and ready to work when the bell has rung. When the bell rings teachers are to close their door and start their lesson. If the door is closed the student is considered late. Each teacher will be at their classroom door to encourage students to get to class on time. Parents are requested to inform the staff in the main office if their child is going to be late or absent. The main office can be reached at 250-957-2391.

Student Use of Cell Phones, iPods, and Electronics:

Students in kindergarten through grade 9 are not permitted to have electronics in class. Students in grades 10 and up are allowed electronics in class unless the teacher has requested otherwise.

Behaviour:

Students are expected to behave in a way that supports a just, caring and respectful environment, as per the school's mission statement. Students who are having difficulty following the overall expectation of respect for self, others, and community will be addressed by their teacher. Any issue not resolved by the classroom teacher/staff will be brought to the attention of the administrative team, who will respond in a just and swift manner, with the overall goal of resolving the issue, and having the student return to class.

Lockers:

Students in high school have all been assigned lockers with padlocks. Administration reserves the right to check lockers when deemed necessary for the protection of all members of the school community.

Hallways:

High school students are expected to be in their classrooms during school times unless it is break time or class transition time. Students who refuse to go to class will be asked to speak with the administration. Students who continue to circulate hallways during class time will be required to attend a meeting with their parents and the administrative team.

Students Leaving School Grounds:

Students who need to leave school grounds must check out at the office, and they must have parental consent. Students should remain on school property during recess, unless they have parental permission, and have checked out at the office.

Smoking:

As per government regulations, smoking is not allowed on school grounds. Adults are asked to smoke no less than 100 meters from the school.

Substance Use:

If a student is under the influence, the administration will call their guardian so that they may be taken home safely.

Visiting Students:

All visitors, including parents, are required to check-in at the office when visiting the school.

Birthday Parties:

If you wish to bring a birthday cake or other festivities to your child's classroom, please contact them in advance so that there is no conflict and arrangements can be made accordingly.