



September 1, 2026

Good afternoon, Craigflower Families!

We hope this finds you enjoying the final days of summer and having one last adventure before we return to school. Here are a couple of updates as we get ready for our new year. Our office staff, Maria Nordstrom (Vice Principal), Alesia Shew (Administrative Assistant), Melissa McGrath (Secretary Clerk) and I, Dwayne Doyle - (Principal), are back in the office, as are many of our teachers and custodial staff. Our office is open for regular office hours, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, throughout the rest of this week. We will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labour Day. Please call if you have questions about returning to school at 250-384-8157.

Just a reminder that **the first day of school** for students in Grades 1-5 is **Tuesday, September 8th**, beginning at **9:00 am** and ending at **11:30 am**.

All students will enter a "Temporary Classroom" for the first week of school until we are able to create permanent classrooms. This information will be coming out on **Friday** by email to you, indicating which classroom your child(ren) will be entering and how to find that particular line-up on the first morning. Please send your child(ren) with a snack and a filled water bottle **only** for Tuesday. Please **do not bring school supplies** until the teacher requests them!

The first full day of classes for Grades 1 - 5 will be Wednesday, September 9th, from 8:45 am - 2:37 pm. Please send your child with a snack, water bottle and lunch, but please continue to **keep your school supplies at home until instructed by your child's teacher.** As always, it will take us a few days to finalize class placements, and we thank you in advance for your patience. We always need to wait for the district to give us the go-ahead before placing students in their final classes for the year.

Some clarification about Lunches the first week of school:

For this week, lunch will be available for students enrolled in the lunch program last year. If you require lunch for your child and they were *not* on the Lunch Program last year, please call the office or email Melissa McGrath at mmcgrath@sd61.bc.ca.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We will have our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast provided by the Optimist Club on Friday, September 11th, from 8:20 am to 9:00 am. All are welcome (grown-ups, siblings, etc.)!

Wishing you all a fun-filled last few days of summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Dwayne Doyle, Principal & Maria Nordstrom, Vice Principal

Craigflower Elementary Daily Schedule 2025-26		
Start time		8:45 AM
Recess		10:15-10:30 AM
Eating/Outside Recess		11:50 AM - 12:35 PM
Dismissal		2:37 PM

