



C.M. FINCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PAC Thanks

Our parent advisory group has continued their outstanding support of our school. Many volunteer hours were put in to support school activities such as the Carnival, PAC plant fundraiser and BBQ, and for funding the Art Residencies. Each classroom received funds to support field trips and items for classroom activities. The hot lunch program and special lunches made and distributed by Mrs. Alexander and others were greatly appreciated. We would like to thank our PAC members and pass on our appreciation to them for the time and effort they put in. We look forward to working with them next school year.

Staffing Changes 2023-2024

As this school year draws to a close, we are looking forward to the 2023/24 school year that will be full of learning opportunities and activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff members for their hard work and commitment to their students and our school community. We would like to thank Mrs. Baker-Watson, Ms. Ramstead, and Mr. Gilmore for all their hard work at our school this year. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Opening Week 2023-2024

School opens on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 for students in grade one to six. The students are only with us for two hours. Dismissal time will be at 10:52 am. On September 5th, students will be returning to their 22/23 classroom groupings. Students that are new to the school community will be placed in a grade appropriate classroom for the morning.

Student Enrolment 2023-2024

For the 2023/24 school year at CM Finch we are planning to open with 12 classrooms. Enrolment numbers in given grade levels dictates our classroom grade configurations. Students that have applied to attend CM Finch on a variance will not get a definitive answer on their placement until the end of the first week of school in September. If you get new neighbours over the summer, please encourage them to register their children during the last week of August or on the prn website. If the enrolment situation for your child changes please email Mr. Lang (tlang@prn.bc.ca).

Educational Requests

Parents may make a written educational request for next year. An educational request is based on your child's needs not the selection of a specific teacher. If you feel that there are things that need to be considered in your child's placement, please send a detailed letter to Mr. Lang. The numbers of students that are in each grade level and the balancing of needs within the school will determine the final grade configuration and teacher assignment.

School Start Up 2023-2024

The first day for students grades 1 to 6 will be on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. This is a partial day of school and students will be dismissed at 10:52 am. Kindergarten teachers will contact their students by September 8th, 2023 to set up small group classroom visits prior to the first day of Kindergarten on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, it is a full day of school.

CM Finch 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

8:34 am	Supervision starts, students may arrive.
8:49 am	Warning Bell
8:52 am	Classes Start
10:30-10:45 am	Recess
10:45-10:55 am	Snack
10:55-12:00 pm	Class time
12:00-12:20 pm	Lunch Play
12:20-12:40 pm	Eating time
12:40-2:50 pm	Class time
2:45 pm	Dismissal
3:00 pm	Supervision ends

School Fees 2023-2024

Fees will be collected after students are assigned classes **but not before, September 13th, 2021**

Kindergarten	\$35.00 supplies	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$45.00</i>
Grades 1-3	\$45.00 supplies \$8.00 agenda	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$63.00</i>
Grades 4-5	\$8.00 agenda	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$18.00</i>
Grade 6	\$8.00 agenda + \$30.00 iPad Insurance	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$48.00</i>

School District 60 Calendar 2021-2022

	2021-2022
School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	Adopted District Dates
Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction Schools Open	180
	Tuesday September 5, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning Day)	Friday September 22, 2023
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 9, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D – Provincial)	Friday October 20, 2023
Remembrance Day	Monday November 13, 2023
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday November 22, 2023
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday November 23, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	Friday November 24, 2023
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5, 2024
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, February 2, 2024
Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 19, 2024
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, March 1, 2024
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Spring Vacation Period/District Closure Days	Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 28, 2024
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D Day)	Monday, April 29, 2024
Indigenous Learning day (Non-Instructional Day)	Friday, May 10, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last day for Students	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative Day – Schools Close	Friday, June 28, 2024

Primary School Supplies

Primary students in kindergarten to grade three are able to purchase their school supplies from the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase supplies through the school as this ensures the supplies match those needed for the overall class plan. This optional participation allows parents to take advantage of the convenience of having others get the correct materials at school pricing. Students are given materials, as they need them throughout the year.

Intermediate School Supply List

√	Supply	Requirements
	Duotangs (report covers with 3 built-in metal fasteners)	black 1; red 1; green 1; grey 1; yellow 1; light blue 1; dark blue 1; white 1; purple 1; white 1; orange 1 <i>*Please do not buy fancy duotangs with pictures/patterns. Grade 6 students do not require this item.</i>
	Three Ringed Binder with Dividers	This item is for Grade 6 Students
	Note/ Exercise Books	4 Key Tabs Notebooks (with lined paper; not coil bound)
	Quad Rule Notebooks (4 sq to 1") 200 pages	<i>If unable to get notebooks, get (4 sq-1" grid/ graph paper = to 200 pages and a special math duotang) Grade 6 students do not require this item.</i>
	Pencil Crayons	36 pack
	Felt Pens/ Markers	Washable, broad Tip – 16 pack (or more)
	Glue Sticks	5 – 40 grams each
	HB Pencils w/ erasers	50 (or more)
	Pencil sharpener	1 with shavings collector (NO electric/battery powered sharpeners) <i>Grade 6 students do not require this item.</i>
	2 x Fine tipped Sharpie	This item is for Grade 6 Students
	2 x Broad tipped Sharpies	This item is for Grade 6 Students
	Blank paper	1 package – NO holes please
	Ball Point Pens	2+ – red
	Large white erasers	4+
	Pencil case	1
	Pencil box with lid	Optional for storing markers, scissors, etc.
	Scissors	1 pair
	Ruler	1 – 30 cm with both cm & mm markings – NO metal edges
	Highlighters	(2) yellow, (2) blue, (2) pink, (2) green
	Sketch/drawing book – coil bound	1 – no larger than 9x12 inches (coil bound)
	Facial tissue	2 boxes
	Inside Athletic Shoes	1 pair (non-marking soles)
	Sticky tack	1 package (will be used for project assembly)
	Large tri-fold display project board	48" x 36" (usually available at Staples/Walmart) <i>Grade 6 students do not require this item.</i>

- Specific Teachers and Classrooms may ask for additional school supply items specific to their instructional needs.

- Please do your best to ensure that your child has their school supplies by Friday, September 15th if possible.
- Please **LABEL** all of your child's school supplies, except for duotangs.
- **Please do NOT label the duotangs as we have a special labelling process and colour coding process in place.**
- *Note:* These quantities are averages; some children require more materials than others. If your child often needs extra supplies, you may want to purchase additional quantities (e.g., pencils). If additional materials are required later in the year, the student will jot a note in their agenda.

Thank You

We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone for the patience and understanding they demonstrated throughout the school year. We would like to wish our Grade Six students moving onto middle school in the fall a fond farewell. It has been a pleasure working with you and watching you grow and learn during your seven years with us. Please do not hesitate to stop in and say hello in the future.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break. We look forward to working with you and your children in the fall. Updates about the upcoming school year will be posted on our school website in late August.

Kind regards,
Mr. Lang