

Welcome Back – 2026/2027 School Year!

Hello C.M. Finch Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! We have been working hard to get everything ready for the first day of school and are looking forward to a great year ahead.



First Week Details

- **Grade 1 to 6 First Day:** Students will attend for a short two-hour session. Dismissal will be at 10:45 AM. Please make sure your children bring a snack.
- **Opening Week Groupings:** Students will initially return to their previous classroom groupings. Students new to the school community will be placed in a grade-appropriate classroom. Mornings (Wednesday to Friday) will be spent with last year's classes, and afternoons will feature multi-age centers while we finalize enrollment numbers and create official classes.
- **Kindergarten First Day:** The first day for Kindergarten is Wednesday, September 16th, which will be a full day of school. Kindergarten teachers will call families and set up small group visits prior to the start of Kindergarten.

A warm welcome to our new staff members joining us this year:

- Kory Bell: VP
- Amanda Shaw : Secretary
- Shelby Moody : Intermediate
- Racquel Robertson: Primary
- Paige Kratchmer: Intermediate
- Welcome back Amy Lovell: Primary

***The school will be open from 8am-4pm this week for any questions or concerns.**

School Fees: Fees will be collected after students are assigned to their permanent classes.

- **Kindergarten:** \$50.00 supplies + \$10.00 cultural fee + \$10.00 Field trip fee = **\$70.00 Total**
- **Grades 1–3:** \$60.00 supplies + \$10.00 cultural fee + \$10.00 agenda + \$10.00 Field trip fee = **\$90.00 Total**
- **Grades 4–5:** \$10.00 agenda + \$10.00 cultural fee + \$40.00 Art Supplies+ \$10.00 Field trip fee = **\$70.00 Total**
- **Grade 6:** \$10.00 agenda + \$10.00 cultural fee + \$30.00 CWT + \$40.00 Art Supplies + \$10.00 Field trip fee = **\$100.00 Total**

C. M. Finch Elementary



Bell Schedule 2026/2027

Time	Event / Period
8:40 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:45 a.m.	Classes Commence
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Recess
12:06 p.m.	Lunch (Play time for students)
12:26 p.m.	Bell to Come In for Lunch
12:46 p.m.	Come Inside
2:46 p.m.	Announcements / Dismissal

School Supplies Information

Primary School Supplies (Kindergarten – Grade 3) Primary students purchase their school supplies directly through the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in this option to ensure supplies match class requirements and to take advantage of bulk school pricing. Materials will be distributed to students as needed throughout the year.

Intermediate Supply List (Grades 4, 5, 6) Please see the attached list for each classroom teacher and bring supplies by **September 13, 2026** if possible.

Kind regards,

Principal - Mrs. Ginger Alexander

Vice Principal - Mr. Kory Bell

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Intermediate School Supply List 2026-2027– LINGEL & MOODY

√	Supply	Requirements
	Duotangs (<i>no fancy covers please</i>)	black 1; red 1; green 1; grey 1; yellow 1; light blue 1; dark blue 1; white 1; purple 2 ; white 1 ; orange 1
	Note/Exercise Books	4 Key Tabs Notebooks (with lined paper; not coil bound please)
	1 Quad Rule Notebooks (4 sq to 1") 200 pages	1 – <i>If unable to get notebooks, get (4 sq-1" grid/ graph paper = to 200 pages and a special math duotang)</i>
	Pencil Crayons	36 pack
	Felt Pens/Markers	Washable, broad Tip – 16 pack (or more)
	Glue Sticks	3 (or more) – 40 grams each
	HB Pencils w/ erasers	50 (or more)
	Pencil sharpener	1 with shavings collector (NO electric/battery powered sharpeners)
	Ball Point Pens	2 – red
	Large white erasers	4 (or more)
	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	(1) yellow, (1) blue, (1) pink, (1) green
	Sketch/drawing book	1 – no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches (coil bound please)
	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)
	Black Sharpies	2 fine tip Sharpies

- Please do your best to ensure that your child has their school supplies by Friday, September 11th, 2026.
- Please **LABEL** all of your child's school supplies, **except for the duotangs as we have a special labelling 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.

Mrs. Louie's class 2026/27

	SUPPLY	REQUIREMENTS
	BINDER	2-3" in width (zipper or "plain style")
	DIVIDERS (for subjects in binder)	MUST HAVE THESE PLEASE. Pack of at least 8, should be easy to label.
	NOTE/EXERCISE BOOKS	2 Key Tab Notebooks (lined paper, 20 page size , 8.5x11 size)
	LINED 3-HOLE PAPER	1 package of 100 pages
	PENCIL CRAYONS	ONE 24 PACK
	MARKERS/FELT TIP PENS	ASSORTED COLORS, STUDENT PREFERENCE ABOUT TYPE
	SHARPIES	ONE REGULAR TIP AND ONE ULTRA FINE *IN BLACK*
	GLUE STICKS	FOUR - 40 GRAM SIZE
	HB PENCILS (OR MECHANICAL WITH REFILLS) WITH ERASERS	24 FOR THE YEAR
	INK PENS	2 BLUE OR BLACK, TWO FOR MARKING (RED OR PURPLE)
	HIGHLIGHTERS	1 OR 2 DIFFERENT COLORS
	ERASERS	ONE LARGE WHITE
	PENCIL CASE	TO STORE SUPPLIES
	PENCIL BOX WITH LID	TO STORE PENCIL CRAYONS AND MARKERS
	SCISSORS	ONE PAIR
	RULER	30 CM WITH CM AND MM MARKINGS
	GYM STRIP WITH BAG AND DEODORANT	WE WILL CHANGE FOR EVERY GYM PERIOD
	SKETCH/DRAWING BOOK	(OPTIONAL) ONE, NO LARGER THAN 9 X 12 INCHES
	FACIAL TISSUE	1 BOX. (OPTIONAL BUT APPRECIATED)
	INSIDE RUNNING SHOES	MUST HAVE INDOOR ATHLETIC SHOES TO CHANGE INTO DAILY (NO CROCS OR SANDALS)

- Please have the supplies to school by **Monday, September 14, 2026.**
- Label all the supplies with a name.
- Students have one bin to keep their things this year, so please avoid bringing unnecessary or excess supplies to school.

Mrs. Kratchmer's Supply List

Intermediate Supply List (Grades 5 & 6) Please label all supplies with your child's name, except for duo tangs (we use a specific color-coding system).

Please try to have supplies at school by Friday, September 13th.

- **Duotangs:** 1 black, 1 red, 1 green, 1 grey, 1 yellow, 1 light blue, 1 dark blue, 1 white, 1 purple, 1 orange (Plain colors only; no patterns)
- **Binder:** 1 1.5" Binder
- **Quad Rule Notebooks:** 1 book, 4 sq to 1" (200 pages)
- **Pencil Crayons:** 1 pack (36 count)
- **Felt Pens/Markers:** 1 pack (16+ count, broad tip, washable)
- **Glue Sticks:** 5 (40g size)
- **HB Pencils:** 50+ with erasers
- **Pencil Sharpener:** 1 manual sharpener with shavings collector
- **Blank Paper:** 1 package (no holes)
- **Pens:** 2+ red ballpoint pens
- **Erasers:** 4+ large white erasers
- **Pencil Case / Box:** 1 soft case; 1 optional hard box with lid
- **Scissors & Ruler:** 1 pair of scissors; 1 non-metal 30 cm ruler (with cm & mm markings)
- **Highlighters:** 2 yellow, 2 blue, 2 pink, 2 green
- **Tissues:** 2 boxes of facial tissue
- **Inside Shoes:** 1 pair of athletic shoes with non-marking soles

School District Calendar - 2026-2027

School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	District Dates
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning)	Friday, September 25, 2026
Truth & Reconciliation Day	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Non-Instruction Day (Pro-D Provincial)	Friday, October 23, 2026
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	Friday, November 27, 2026
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 21, 2026 to Friday, January 1, 2027
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2027
Non-Instructional Day Pro-D (District - Semester Turnaround)	Friday, January 29, 2027
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Non-Instructional Day (Report Writing)	Friday, February 26, 2027
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, March 10, 2027
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, March 11, 2027
Spring Vacation Period /District Closure Days	Monday, March 15 to Thursday, March 25, 2027
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation /District Closure Days	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Good Friday	Friday, March 26, 2027
Easter Monday	Monday, March 29, 2027
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)	Friday, April 23, 2027
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D) (Indigenous Learning)	Friday, May 14, 2027
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2027
Last day for Students	Thursday, June 24, 2027
Administrative Day - Schools Close	Friday, June 25, 2027

