

SCHOOL OPENING for the 2010-11 School Year

Tuesday, September 7, 2010—

Busing: Regular morning pick-up. School dismissal/pick-up will be two hours earlier than the usual times for your school.

Students within Walking Distance: Students within walking distance will be dismissed at the schools regular lunch break (at most elementary schools this will be at 11:45 am). Please contact your school for specific details.

Secondary School Start-Times:

Highland Secondary—grade 8 students will need to be at school for 8:35 am, with the rest of the students needing to be at school for 10:40 am

Mark R. Isfeld Secondary—grade 8 students and **NEW** students will start at 8:45 am, with the rest of the students starting at *11:00 am. (***please note: students starting at 11:00 am must make their own way to school**)

Georges P. Vanier Secondary—**NEW students only** will need to be at school for 9:00 am

Cumberland Junior Secondary—all students will need to report to their Advisory at 9:00 am

Lake Trail Secondary—all students will need to be at school for 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 8, 2010—

Busing: Regular morning pick-up and after school drop off as per regular school year schedule.

Regular attendance for **ALL STUDENTS in Grades 1-12 will begin on Wednesday, September 8**, with normal operating times and bus schedules in effect as per regular school year schedule. Please see the **school calendar, operating times and bus schedules** on the school district website (<http://sd71.bc.ca>).

Schools that will offer **full day kindergarten** beginning September 2010: Airport Elementary, Arden Elementary, Aspen Elementary, Courtenay Elementary, Cumberland Elementary, Denman Island Community School, Ecole Puntledge Park (English and Aboriginal programs), Hornby Island Community School, Huband Park Elementary School, Miracle Beach Elementary, Queneesh Elementary and Royston Elementary. Brooklyn Elementary, Valley View Elementary, Ecole Robb Road Elementary and programs of choice (French Immersion, Montessori) will continue to offer **half-day kindergarten** for this coming year.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2010. Your child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration (Care Cards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration.) Passport or Landed Immigrant Authorization is suitable documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

If your child is not already registered for school—pre-registration will take place in the schools during the week starting August 30. This is required for students who are new to a school (except those with approved cross-boundary requests). **Legal identification is required** (as detailed above) to register a student in a BC public school for the first time. Please contact the school directly for the best time for you to register your child. Parents will need to be aware that all of our schools were staffed and organized in June, so new registrants may be directed to another school where space exists.

Re-entering students (those who withdrew from secondary school last year or were last in an alternate program) will need to re-register.

The larger secondary schools (with grades 8-12 students) will be registering new and re-entering students. Please call the schools directly to make the necessary arrangements.

Georges P. Vanier Secondary, Telephone: (250) 338-9262

Highland Secondary School, Telephone: (250) 339-5525

Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, Telephone: (250) 334-2428

Glacier View Secondary Centre (Alternate Programs)

The following School District 71 – Alternate Programs are accepting applications:

- *Independent Learning Program* (Grades 10-12)
- *Senior Alternate Program* (Grades 10-12)
- *KEY Program* (Grades 8-9) (formerly Contract Tutoring)
- *Bridgeway Program* (Grades 7-9) (formerly Sandwick Program)

Please call (250) 338-2752 for further information and an appointment for the above programs.

- *Nala'atsi Program* (Grades 10-12, First Nations Alternate Secondary Program)

Please call (250) 331-4040 for further information and an appointment.

North Island Distance Education School (NIDES) will register students who plan to study the BC curriculum from home or abroad. Please see their website (www.nides.bc.ca) or call the school for more information (250) 337-5300.

Home-schooling students may also register through their neighbourhood school.

Please see our school district website (www.sd71.bc.ca) for more detailed information, or contact the school board office at (250) 334-5500.