

SCHOOL OPENING REPORT

PART 1

September 15, 2021

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



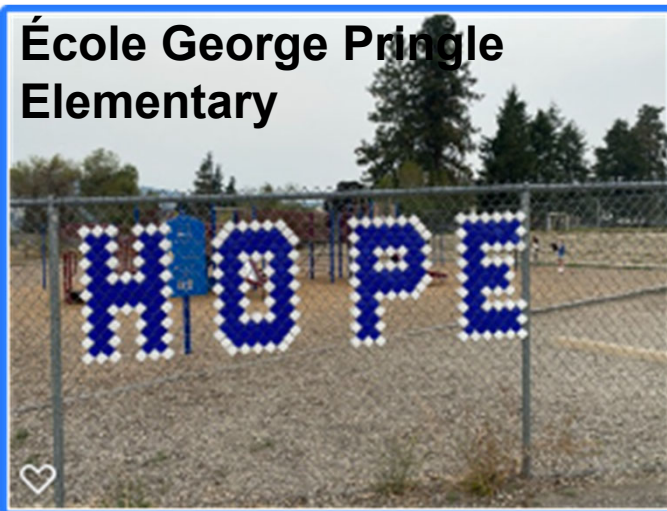
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**Davidson Road
Elementary**



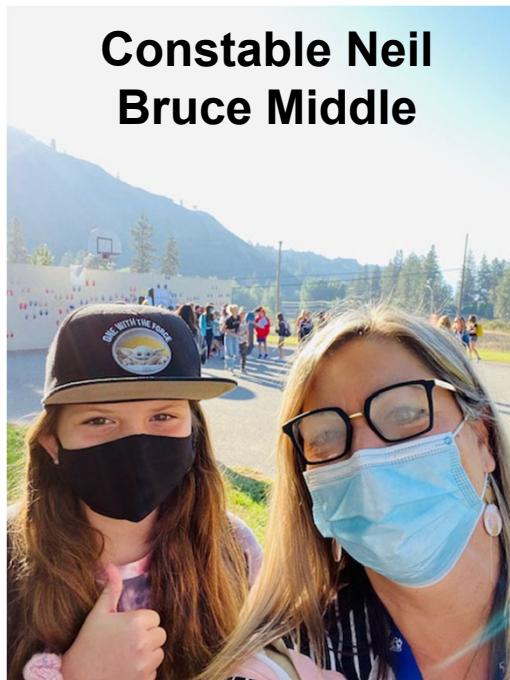
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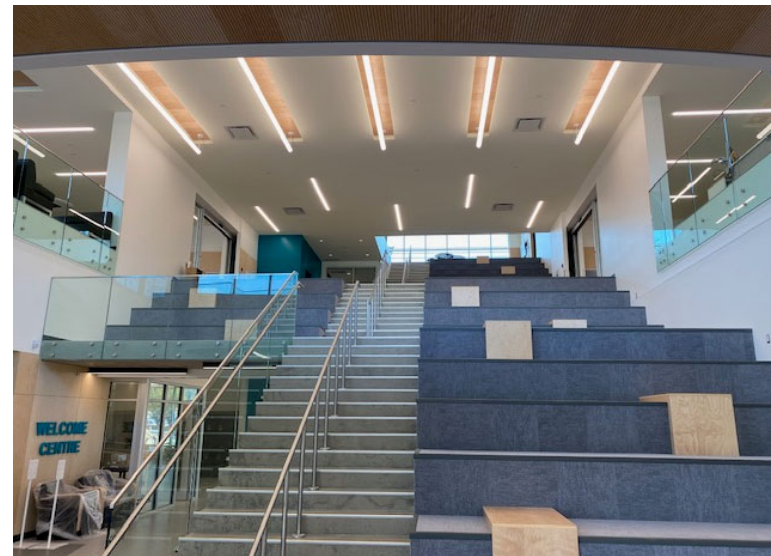
**Oyama
Traditional**



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



ÉCOLE H.S. GREENDA MIDDLE SCHOOL



THEME FOR THIS YEAR....



mus'is
(Okanagan)

espoir
(French)

SCHOOL OPENING/ ENROLMENT TRENDS



- Admin Council reports it has been a very positive start and commend school staffs for their efforts in preparing schools to be safe learning communities.
- As of September 14, 2021, 23,179 students were registered in our system, representing an increase of 2% over projections and 2.6% over last year's September 30, 2020 numbers (22,581). These numbers do not include International students or Alternate Education students.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- There are 525 students confirmed to come to the Central Okanagan during the 2021/22 school year. To date there are 423 fee paying students who have arrived and another 9 coming over the next week for the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year. Presently there are 93 students planning to arrive for the second half of the school year.
- The long-term and short-term program students currently in Canada represent approximately 359 FTE. Those students who are planning to arrive in semester 2 this school year would bring the total to 406 FTE for the 2021/2022 school year.
- 29 different countries and jurisdictions are represented in the International Education Program.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ THE WELCOME CENTRE



- The Welcome Centre helped to settle 229 students and their families into the District and the community.
- There are currently 1,613 newly immigrated children attending Central Okanagan Public Schools.
- The large numbers of newly arrived students and their families continue to have a positive impact creating a much more culturally diverse and globally aware local community. Our students, teachers and schools are enriched through the exchange of ideas and infusion of culture from around the world.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
International Education



HUMAN RESOURCES RECRUITMENT

- 263 teacher postings were processed during the months of May/June 2021
- 174 full-time temporary contracts were awarded to teachers over the summer
- Since September 2020, approximately 195 new teachers were hired into temporary contracts or placed on our Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) list.
- Anticipate recruitment of CEAs, Bus Drivers, Student Support Services staff and teachers over the months of September and October.

RECRUITING TEACHERS



- Our partnership with the Teacher Education Program at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan (UBC-O) continues to provide our District with high quality beginning teachers throughout K-12. We expect a graduating class of approximately 112 elementary, middle and secondary teachers in December 2021.
- We are currently hosting a large majority of the teacher candidates from UBC-O, as well as student teachers from the University of Victoria, University of Calgary, Vancouver Island University, Thompson Rivers University, and University of British Columbia – Vancouver.



SUPPORT STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION HIRING



- The Human Resources Department processed 334 support staff postings, including 71 CEA postings, during the 2020/2021 school year
- The selection process for the following senior staff and management positions were concluded:
 - Assistant Superintendent
 - District Principal of International Education Program
 - District Administrator: International Education and Welcome Centre Program
 - Principals/Vice-Principals
 - Principal of eSchool23
 - Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education
 - District Health and Safety Manager
 - Health and Safety Manager – Worksafe Injury Management
 - Learning Technology Department Assistant Manager – IT Project Management
 - Executive Assistant – Human Resources/Labour Relations
 - International Education Homestay Coordinator
- We now employ close to 4,040 employees (head count) which includes 42 (District-Level Senior Administration/District-Level Exempt Staff), 94 administrators (Principals/Vice-Principals), 2,137 teachers/teachers teaching on call and 1,767 support staff.

FINANCIAL



- The external auditors found the fiscal and accounting and control processes to be comprehensive and appropriate.



- The 2021/2022 annual budget is **\$292,680,128.**

FACILITY UPDATES



- There were a substantial number of projects completed in addition to normal summer clean-up that took place at every school in the District.
- Routine maintenance of facilities, grounds and custodial summer cleaning was also carried out.
- Additional work included:
 - flooring replacements
 - handicap accessibility installations
 - portable roof replacements
 - summer maintenance on all buses and white fleet
 - installation of playground equipment, picnic tables, GaGa ball courts, gardens and outdoor classroom as per Enhancement Agreements

GaGa Ball Court



NEXT STEP



- Part 2 of the 2021 School Opening Report, providing updates, will be provided at the September 29, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education

