



J.W. Inglis Elementary School

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2026-2027 School Year First Day Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited for another great year with the JWI community, knowing it is filled with amazing students, families, and staff who care deeply about kids. Thank you to the custodians and maintenance staff, who have worked hard to get the school ready for the new school year. We look forward to connecting with families in the coming weeks, as we begin the new school year together.

We welcome you to join us on Tuesday morning while the students are gathering outside. We will have coffee and breakfast snacks near the bus drop off, so please help yourself and come say, 'hello!'

Once we return to school, we will determine our student numbers and work to finalize class placements. We will place students into their new classes for this school year as soon as possible, but this may take a day or two, depending on various factors. Please see below for details on the first week back to school.

Warmly,
Kyle Doerksen
Principal

Day 1: Tuesday, Sept 8th

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 (Busses will run 3 hours early)

Location: We will gather and organize ourselves outside next to the basketball court. Signage will be visible. Students will line up at their previous teacher's cone.

Preparation: Please send your child with a snack, water, and weather appropriate clothing, as some activities will take place outside. School supplies will be provided by the school (school fee information below). Thank you!

Plan: For the first half-day at school, students will be with their classmates and teachers from last school year. They will be participating in activities that encourage them to reconnect with friends and teachers while enjoying playing and getting used to being back at school.

New Students/Families: If you are new to J.W. Inglis, please meet at our Welcome Back Table which will be outside by the bus drop off. Signage will be visible. Our new students will be welcomed by some members of our amazing teaching staff, who will show them around and then bring them to classrooms where they will join in with students their age for the day.

Reminder for New Kindergarten Families: Kindergarten Gradual Entry starts on Wednesday, Sept 9th. Parents of new kindergarten students will receive a separate email with more details about kindergarten start-up. If you need more information, please contact the office at 250-547-9231.

Day 2: Wednesday, Sept 9th

We may not have enough information to place our students into their new classes by Day 2 and will plan to be flexible. As these decisions are based on several educational factors, this process takes time and will be dependent on student number changes that have occurred over the summer. Thank you for your patience with this process. Our school team will be working collaboratively to create classes that are compliant with Ministry Standards, District Standards, and focus on student growth and success.

Regardless of where we are at by the end of Day 1, **you will receive an email on the evening of September 8th** providing you with the plan for Day 2. This process will continue until we have communicated the class placements for all our staff and students.

Time: 8:30 – 2:30 (see bell schedule below)

Location: We will gather in the same area as day one.

Preparation: Full lunch and weather appropriate clothing.

New Kindergarten Reminder: Gradual Entry for Kindergarten students begin. Please refer to your schedule and contact the school office with any questions.

2026-2027 Bell Schedule:

Morning (Bell)	8:25
Classes Begin (Bell)	8:30
Recess Begins (Bell)	10:20
Recess Ends (Bell)	10:35
Student Play (Bell)	12:25
Student Eat (Bell)	12:49

Afternoon Classes Begin (Bell)	1:08
Dismissal (Bell)	2:30
Bus # 1	2:55
Bus # 2	3:10

2026-2027 School Fees:

This year's student fee for all supplies is \$65.00 per student. An email will be sent out later this week by Leah Durand detailing the payment process. As always, thank you for your timely payments.

Demographic Information

If you have a change in address, phone number, or contact information, please stop by the office or email our secretary Mrs. Durand (ldurand@sd22.bc.ca). It is VERY IMPORTANT that all our information is up to date and accurate.



Before and After School Planning



Safe Arrival: Please call the school office at (250) 547-9231 to inform us if your child is sick or will be absent from school. If we have not received a call and your child is absent, we will call to ensure student safety.

After School Plans: Please arrange after school plans with your child prior to school drop-off in the morning. This should include who is picking them up after school, and where they are to go at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation, as this helps to reduce the amount of confusion and phone calls for students at the end of the school day.

Student Supervision: Supervision begins at 8:00 and after school supervision is provided for bus students only. All other students are expected to go directly home after school.

Allergy Reminders & Medical Alert Updates

Please avoid including peanut products in your child's lunches. We have several students with severe food allergies. Please avoid using strong fragrances while on school premises, as we have staff and students who are sensitive to fragrances.

If your child has a medical alert, please ensure that you contact the school office to update the appropriate forms for planning purposes. Please note that these forms are required to be updated each year.



Dress for the Weather



Please help ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. We expect all our students to go outside for exercise, play, and fresh air in **all** weather conditions, except during times of extreme weather. Please label your child's clothing so we can return lost items to their owners!

Volunteering at JWI

We encourage and welcome parent volunteers in our school. Parents who wish to help must have a completed criminal record check (CRC). This is at no cost to you through the Ministry of Justice. Your completed CRC will be sent directly to the District Office via email to be forwarded to our school. If fingerprinting is required by the Ministry of Justice, the cost is the responsibility of the volunteer. If you have already completed a criminal record check, please note that they are valid for five years. If you are unsure, please contact the school. This process is all online.

Access Code: MFXFJSBB2R Web link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC>

Field Trips and Consent Forms

At the start of the school year, all students will come home with a 'PARENT/CAREGIVER FIELD TRIP CONSENT FORM LEVELS 1&2.' Low risk excursions that happen throughout the school year within the boundaries of SD22 are covered by this consent form. This includes trips around the Lumby community, such as walking trips to the skating rink, the Salmon Trail, and other local destinations. Parents will be informed about time and destination the day before the excursion.

JWI PAC

We have an incredible group of PAC members at JWI. Our PAC president is Amanda Cadden. She can be reached at jwinglispac@gmail.com. For updates on PAC activities at JWI, please refer to their Facebook Page: "JW Inglis PAC." Stay tuned for an announcement on the first PAC meeting date. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend PAC meetings. It is a great way to connect with other parents and to share your ideas on how we can make JWI an even better place for our students. If you are interested in helping with Hot Lunch, please contact jwinglispachotlunch@gmail.com.

Parking Reminders

- Please do not leave vehicles unattended unless you are parked in a designated parking spot.
- Please make note of which pull-through lane to use.
- Please remind your children to use the crosswalk and to make sure drivers can see them when crossing the parking lot.
- Please be patient and courteous to other drivers.

- Thank you for your help in making our parking lot safe for everyone!

JWI Calendar: Upcoming Events

- **Sept 8:** First Day of School (Early Dismissal at 11:30).
 - New Kindergarten optional parent interviews 9-11:30 (sign up through link sent in email)
- **Sept 9:** First Day of Kindergarten Gradual Entry (please refer to schedule sent)
- **Sept 11 & 14:** New Kindergarten optional parent interviews 1:00-2:30 (sign up through link sent in email)
- **Sept 16:** First Full Day of school for Kindergarten Group A
- **Sept 17:** First Full Day of school for Kindergarten Group B
- **Sept 18:** First Full Day for all Kindergarten Students. Parents will be informed of Kindergarten class placements by this date.
- **Sept 22:** PAC Welcome Back BBQ
- **Sept 23:** Cross Country Race #1 at Marshall Fields
- **Sept 24:** Terry Fox Run
- **Sept 25:** District Pro D Day (No school for students)
- **Sept 29:** Orange Shirt Day
- **Sept 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- **Oct 5:** Individual Photo Day
- **Oct 7:** Cross Country Race #2 at DND Grounds
- **Oct 27:** Photo Re-Takes