

— September 2026 —

Les nouvelles de l'école Beairsto

Principal's message

By Mme Stevenson

Bonjour Beairsto families,

Welcome back! I am excited to begin another school year and to see our hallways filled once again with the familiar faces of students, families, and staff. There is always a special energy in the building when our community comes back together.

In many French-speaking cultures, "la rentrée" (back to school) is often thought of as a second New Year's celebration. It is a time of renewal, new routines, fresh goals, and exciting possibilities. As we start this school year together, I encourage all of us to embrace that spirit of growth and optimism.

I am also delighted to welcome our new Vice Principal, Mme Löf, to our school community. She brings a wealth of experience (including French language acquisition) and a deep commitment to student success. Mme Löf is eager to meet and support all of our students and families in the weeks ahead.

As always, let's continue to lead with our Coyote Hearts by being kind, caring, and supportive of one another. Together, we will make this a wonderful year of learning and connection.

Please take a few moments to read through the rest of this newsletter, as it contains important information to help your family prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Warmly,
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First Week of School

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 8th 8:45–11:45 a.m.

Returning Beirsto students will begin the first day of school with their classroom teacher from the PREVIOUS school year. This Beirsto tradition helps strengthen relationships and build community as students reconnect with their former teacher and classmates and share stories from their summer. Returning students should line up in the same location as last year. Staff will be outside to assist any student who is unsure where to line up.

Late French Immersion students: Please line up with your teacher for THIS school year. Mme Chow will meet and welcome Grade 6 LFI students by the swing sets, and Grade 7 LFI students will report to Mme Godard's class line up, near the basketball courts (South side of building).

Kindergarten students: Please refer to the Gradual Entry Schedule sent by email. There is no school for Kindergarten students on Tuesday. Gradual entry begins Wednesday, September 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

NEW Beirsto students (excluding Kindergarten and Grade 6 LFI students) should come to the foyer at the front entrance of the school. A Beirsto staff member will welcome new students and help them find their grade level groupings as quickly as possible.

- Following dismissal, staff will finalize class placements and email families to welcome students to their 2026–2027 classes.
- Students do not need to bring school supplies on the first day of school.
- A photo area will be available at the main entrance throughout the week for families who would like to take first-day-of-school pictures.

First Full Day - Wednesday, September 9th 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

Families will have received an email from their child's teacher welcoming them to their class for the new school year.

All students in Grades 1–7 should line up with their classroom teacher for this year. Please look for the teacher and the cone displaying their name to help locate the correct lineup area. Staff will be outside to assist any student who is unsure where to line up.

Please refer to your child's classroom teacher for information on when to send supplies. Click here for the [school supply list 2026–2027](#).

Thursday & Friday

Classes will be settling in and getting to know each other, their classroom teacher, and the new routines.

Class Configuration, Including Combined-Age (Split) Classes

At École Beairsto Elementary, we are committed to creating caring, inclusive learning environments where every child feels valued, supported, and challenged. As part of our annual class organization process, your child may be placed in a combined-age (split) class. These decisions are made thoughtfully, considering enrolment, class composition, and the learning and social needs of all students.

Research shows that students in multi-age classrooms achieve academically at levels comparable to students in single-grade classes while also benefiting from opportunities to develop leadership, independence, collaboration, and a strong sense of belonging. The BC curriculum supports this approach by allowing teachers to meet students where they are and provide learning experiences that address individual strengths and needs.

We care deeply about every child and value input from students and families whenever possible. While we consider many factors when creating classes, our goal is always to build balanced, supportive classroom communities where students can thrive.

Transitions can be challenging, and it is common for children to feel some discomfort during the first few days of school. In our experience, most students begin to build connections and find their place within the first couple of weeks. We encourage families to give their child time to adjust and their new teacher time to develop a strong, positive relationship with them. With patience, encouragement, and a strong home-school partnership, our students grow in confidence, resilience, and belonging. We believe in every child and in the power of learning and growing together.

Welcome Mme Löf!

Mme. Löf is joining the administrative team as the new vice principal. She was in French Immersion herself from kindergarten to grade 12 and loves the language so much that she went on to complete her Masters degree in French. After 12 great years in the Delta School District SD37, Mme. Löf is excited to join SD22!

In her spare time, she enjoys the Vernon trails with her husband and her big dog Gus. In her work, she is inspired by her mom who taught primary (mostly kindergarten) for over 30 years. Mme. Löf is keen to join l'équipe Beairsto, support our continued success, and give back to the French Immersion program from which she benefitted so much in her own life. Bienvenue Mme. Löf !



School Information

Allergy Reminders & Medical/Legal Information

We are a nut-aware school and have community members with severe food allergies.

Please notify the school of any medical or legal changes that may affect your child. Families of students with safety plans, including those requiring EpiPens are asked to submit completed paperwork and any necessary medication to the office on September 8.

Volunteering at Beirsto

We encourage and welcome parent volunteers at Beirsto. All school volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) on file before volunteering. We recommend completing this process at the beginning of the school year, as it can take up to five weeks for the RCMP to process the paperwork.

Criminal Record Checks are free of charge and remain valid for five years. To obtain the required forms and instructions, please go to our website or click this link: [CRC](#).

School Fees

\$20 Fee for Grades 1 - 7, which includes; Duotangs, erasable markers, pencils, kleenex and agendas. Please see the school supply list for other supplies. You can find the list through this link: [School Supply List 2026-2027](#)

\$60 Fee for Kindergarten students, which includes all supplies.

If your family requires financial assistance, please contact the school office.

***Please pay school fees on MyEd or to the office.**

MyEd BC Family Portal

An important tool for paying for field trips, viewing learning updates, and monitoring attendance. We encourage all families to become familiar with accessing and using it.

If you have a change in address, phone number, or contact information, please contact the office. It is important that all our information is up to date and accurate.

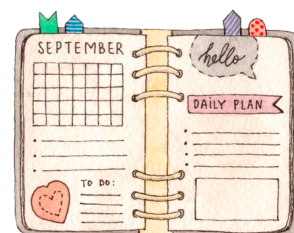
École Beirsto Bell Schedule

8:42	Warning Bell
8:45	Classes begin
10:25	Recess starts
10:40	Recess ends
12:17-1:30	Staggered lunch 12:17-1:00 K-3 12:00-12:43 4-5 12:47-1:30 6-7
2:45	Dismissal Bell

Field Trip Forms

Classroom Teachers will send home a **Level 1/2 Field Trip Consent Form**. Please sign and return to the Classroom Teacher as soon as possible.

Families are encouraged to review the Beirsto **Student Planners** which contains school expectations and other important information.



From the École Beirsto PAC

<https://www.ecolebeirstopac.com/>

Did you know that all parents and guardians of students enrolled at Beirsto are automatically members of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)? The PAC values input from all parents to ensure that our perspective truly represents the community.

Getting involved is a fantastic way to support your child's school experience while also fostering connections with other parents and staff. Whether you volunteer your time, share your thoughts and ideas, or simply stay informed, every contribution counts!

Join us in making a positive impact on our school community. We look forward to your involvement!

Join us in the Beirsto Library on September 22, 2026 for the first PAC meeting of the school year!

From Canadian Parents for French

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Join CPF!

Whether you're a parent, educator, student, or simply someone who believes in the power of bilingualism, joining CPF is one of the best ways to support French as a second-and-additional language learning in your community.

Looking to support your local CPF chapter?

We collect Natures Fare receipts on the CPF board right next to the PAC board near the office
We also have a Co-op number #81907

Personal Digital Devices, E-Bikes & E-Scooters

We encourage students to leave personal digital devices, including cell phones and smart watches, at home. If brought to school, devices must be turned off and kept in backpacks during the school day unless permission is given by a teacher or the office. School phones are available if students need to contact home. Please make after-school arrangements before school. If plans change unexpectedly, the office can help communicate with your child. Taking photos or videos at school is not permitted, and the school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices. Your child's school planner contains more information. Please review and sign with your child.

E-bikes and e-scooters are not permitted on school grounds.

From Mme Argan in the library

The Beirsto Library is excited to welcome back our students and families! We hope you have had a restful summer full of delightful stories.

A reminder to all families that participated in the Summer Lending Program, Mme Argan will be in the Outdoor Classroom every morning for the first week of school to take back all your borrowed books.

Anyone else that found a lost library book over the holidays is also invited to drop it off with Mme Argan during the first week.

Book exchanges will start in the second week of school for all grades 1-7 students, and kindergarten students will be invited to start book exchanges later in September when their teachers have them organized.

Some things to look forward to this year in the library!!!

- Robotics club for grade 3 students will kickstart quickly in September. Keep your ears open for the announcements.
- Grade 6 and 7 beading club will start in October.
- Battle of the Books English for interested intermediate students will get going in November.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!
Mme Argan and Mme Kane



Support for Families

The school and our Beirsto PAC are happy to help families who need it. Be it for school supplies or at any other time of the year. We help with food, clothing, field trip costs and school supplies. Please contact the office, the principal Mme Stevenson, your child's teacher, or any staff member is available to help.

Beirsto Clubs and Athletics Highlights

Cross Country will start up quickly once school starts! Permission forms will be sent home, and practices will start shortly thereafter.

This year, the district is running 2 events - Marshall Fields on September 23, and DND on October 7th. Stay tuned for more details.

Drop off & Pick up Safety Tips at École Beairsto

DO:

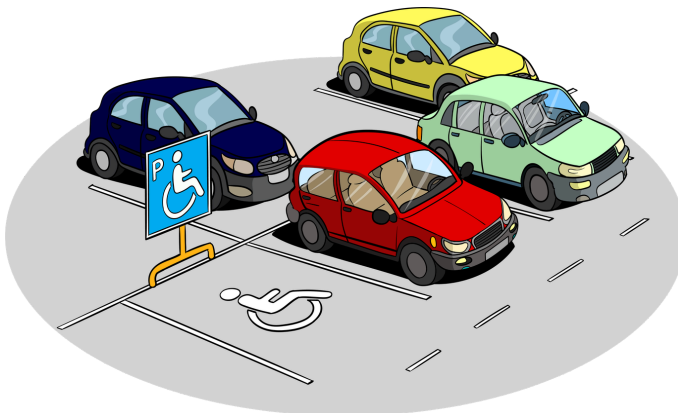
- Drop off your child in the designated drop-off zone -NOT the parking lot
- Pull up to the farthest spot in the drop-off zone to allow more cars to enter
- Circle around if your child is not waiting for you, so other parents can use the drop-off zone

DO NOT:

- Park or drop-off students in the bus area - buses need this space so students are not walking in between vehicles
- Park in the drop-off zone - it is for quick drop-offs only (3-5 minutes)
- Park in the staff parking area - we have limited spaces for staff
- Park on the crosswalk - this ensures students can walk safely
- Leave your car for chats - if you want to socialize, please park off school property and walk over

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- KISS and GO - Keep drop-offs quick and efficient
- Park off school grounds and walk over if you need more time for pick-up or drop-off
- Work together - Following these guidelines will help make our school drop-off safe for everyone!



Important Upcoming Special Events

September Dates

Sep 3	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Orientation
Sep 8	Grades 1-7 students in session 8:45-11:45
Sep 9	Welcome Kindergarten students! Gradual entry begins for K-students. Grades 1-7 students go to new classes
Sep 18	First full day for ALL Kindergarten students
Sep 19	Thanksgiving Food Drive
Sep 22	Open House, Meet the Teacher 8:45-9:15 am
Sep 23	Cross Country Run at Marshall Fields
Sep 24	Terry Fox Run
Sep 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
Sep 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sep 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)

Save the Date!

Oct 7	2nd Cross Country Run at DND
Oct 15	Photo Day (individual)
Oct 16	Grade 7s to Myra Canyon
Oct 21	Fall Conferences (early dismissal) Book Fair
Oct 22	Fall Conferences (early dismissal)
Oct 23	Professional Development Day (no school)
Nov 2	Professional Development Day (no school)
Nov 4	Photo Retake Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Dec 18	Last day of school before winter break



Home

"We inspire and nurture students to thrive in their learning, relationships, and community."

Ecole Beirsto Elementary

We welcome parents and visitors to our school.
Please check in at the office.

We can also be reached at: 250-542-1388.

Looking for more information? Check out our
website: <https://beirsto.sd22.bc.ca>