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Eugene Reimer
Middle School

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Principal's Message . . .

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at Eugene Reimer Middle School! I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer. As we begin another exciting year together, I am delighted to welcome both returning and new students to our school community.

Over the summer, our teachers, support staff, and office team have been preparing for a successful year of learning, growth, and connection. We look forward to working alongside students and families to create a positive and engaging school experience for everyone.

At Eugene Reimer Middle School, we are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed. We encourage all students to get involved in the life of our school by participating in clubs, teams, leadership opportunities, and school events. Middle school is a time to explore new interests, build meaningful friendships, and develop confidence both inside and outside the classroom.

Families will receive pod placements through the primary email address on file after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4th, and class lists will also be posted on the front doors of the school. On the first day, you will find tentative Pod lists posted at the front of the building. The lists will have grade level, room number, and teachers name. Look for your name on the lists and proceed to your grade location in the gym.

As we prepare class placements, our staff carefully considers a variety of factors, including academic needs, learning styles, social dynamics, and student well-being. Our goal is to create balanced and supportive learning environments that allow all students to thrive. While change can sometimes feel challenging, it also presents valuable opportunities for growth, resilience, and the development of new friendships and experiences. We encourage families to trust the thoughtful process undertaken by our staff and to support students as they settle into their new learning communities.

The partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors in student success. We greatly value the support, encouragement, and involvement of our families and look forward to working together

throughout the year. By maintaining open communication and a shared commitment to student learning and well-being, we can help every student reach their full potential.

Thank you for being an important part of the Eugene Reimer Middle School community. I am excited for the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together. Here's to a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth, achievement, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,

Principal

Mr. Dean Johnston

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION - Tuesday, September 8th

Please look at the specific start and end times for the first day only

Grade 6 Students are to be present at school in the morning from **8:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.** and then will be released for the remainder of the day.

***GRADE 6 STUDENTS WILL BE ENTERING THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND WILL BE MEETING TEACHERS IN THE GYM.**

Grade 7/8 Students are to be present at school from **10:05 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.** and then will be released for the remainder of the day.

***GRADE 7/8 STUDENTS WILL BE ENTERING THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND WILL BE MEETING TEACHERS IN THE GYM.**

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

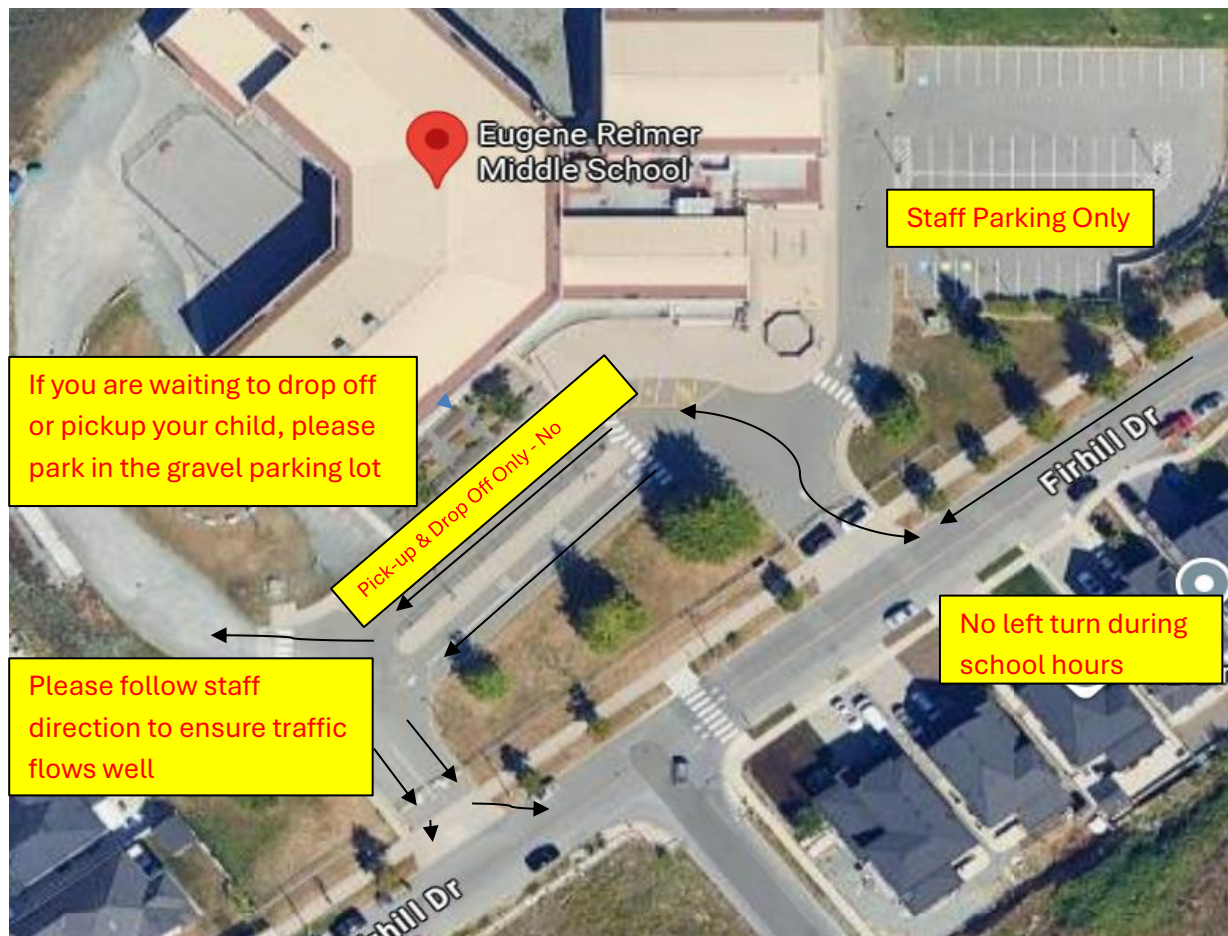
School Bus Transportation

Buses will run as scheduled in the morning. For the first day of school **ONLY**, afternoon buses will depart **three (3)** hours earlier than the regular time (for example, a bus that normally departs in the afternoon at 2:45pm will depart at 11:45 am). Beginning Wednesday September 9th, all buses will run at their regular scheduled time in the morning and after school. Please email school.bus@abbyschools.ca or call (604) 855-5278 for any questions or concerns about busing. *Students are reminded that they are not to enter or pass through Rick Hansen Secondary on their way to or from our campus.*

Traffic Flow and Safety

Safety at Eugene Reimer Middle is priority number one. It is important that all vehicles follow the traffic flow rules on signage in our traffic loop. Drivers must also obey signage on Firhill Drive.

Please only stop in the marked areas at the curb to drop off and pick up your child(ren), and do not let them exit your vehicle while you are waiting to move ahead in the line, or to cross between other cars. Do not leave your car unattended in the bus/fire lane. If you must enter the school, please park in the parking lot by the gym. Do not block other cars while waiting in the staff parking lot.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Supplies List

[The supplies list is available on the Eugene Reimer Middle's school website and can be viewed by clicking on this link.](#)

Lockers will not be assigned on the first day of school, therefore, it is NOT necessary for students to bring all their supplies to school on the first day.

Bell Times (beginning Wednesday September 9th)

Welcome Bell: 8:15 a.m.

Block 1: 8:25 - 9:24 a.m.

Block 2: 9:24 - 10:22 a.m.

Nutrition Break: 10:22 - 10:37 a.m.

Block 3: 10:37 - 11:36 a.m.

Lunch (Eat then Play): 11:36 - 12:21 p.m.

Block 4: 12:21 - 1:20 p.m.

Block 5: 1:20 - 2:21 p.m.

Please note that we go outside, rain or shine, for Nutrition Break and after the eating period at Lunch. Students should plan to dress accordingly to the weather.

Attendance & Late Arrivals

Except for illness, appointments or unavoidable family concerns, all students should attend school every day. Learning that is lost due to absence can never be adequately replaced!

Students are responsible for finding out what work was missed and making it up. Students who miss a day or part of a day can only play a school-related game or attend a school social function with the permission of school administration.

When students must be away, parents are asked **to inform the school**. The most convenient way of doing this is using the **School Messenger App** ([click here to visit the school district website for more information](#)). Using this app will also allow families to receive electronic newsletters and updates from the school.

Students who arrive late (after the second bell) **MUST** sign in at the office before going to class. Students leaving early (example, for a medical appointment) **MUST** be signed out at the office; students may **not** leave campus without permission from their parent/guardian.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Eugene Reimer Middle is proud to offer a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. This program

provides students with the opportunity, at the teacher's discretion, and with parental support, to use personal laptop computers under supervision in the classroom for learning. We believe that the use of digital technologies to improve student learning is a key part in being an innovative school that prepares students for lifelong learning. This program enables our students to access any information required at their fingertips and allows teachers to design engaging lessons with the BC curriculum. [Please visit our website to learn more about this program.](#)

Student Use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools (District Administrative Procedure 345)

All cell phones must be powered off and left in lockers during the school day (including nutrition break and lunch). Cell phones may be used before and/or after school once students have exited the building. **As per District Administrative Procedure 345 - 2.1.4 Use of personal digital devices during non-instructional periods (breaks and lunch) and while being transported on a school bus, should be restricted to the access of information related to school or home communication.**

The District recognizes the capacity within particular new and future technologies, and their educated use, to create opportunities for many constructive and positive applications that can aid learning in a school or classroom environment. Students can use these technologies to create digital content, to communicate, to collaborate and share, and to access apps and tools that may enrich their thinking and learning. Additionally, some regulated use of personal digital devices in the school and community may contribute to the safety and security of students and staff. The District also recognizes that unregulated use of such devices may pose a risk to personal safety; may disrupt instruction; may invade personal privacy and may compromise academic integrity.

Closed Campus

During the school year we have a closed campus for the safety and security of our students. This means that students are expected to stay on campus **at all times** (including nutrition break and lunchtime), unless previous arrangements are made with the school by the parents or guardians. All visitors (including parents) to the campus are expected to check in at the office upon entering the building.

Parent/Guardian Involvement

All parents and guardians are welcome to participate in the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). [Please visit their page for more information.](#) Come meet other parents and find out how we can support our children during these important and formative years. We also welcome volunteers;

please visit our [Volunteers Page](#) to find out more information about becoming a volunteer at ERMS.

Student Fee

Student fees are collected in accordance with [District Policy AP-317: Student Fees](#). The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks, and locker rentals.

We ask that all parents/guardians pay their child's fees electronically through the district's online payment system [SchoolCashOnline](#). Receipts are automatically available through this online account as soon as your payment is processed. Directions to set up your School Cash account are attached, and we are willing to help at the office if you have any problems.

E-Scooters and Hoverboards

Electric kick scooters are currently not permitted on school property, public roads or sidewalks in Abbotsford. For more information, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

Finally . . .

The office will return to normal office hours Monday to Friday beginning Tuesday, September 8th. Should you have any questions, please visit us at eugeneireimer.abbyschools.ca. All updates will be put under the "Announcements" section of the website.

We hope you're looking forward to the new school year . . . we certainly are!

Mr. Johnston, Principal & Mrs. Sidhu & Mr. Sandhu, Vice-Principals