



WILDWOOD SCHOOL

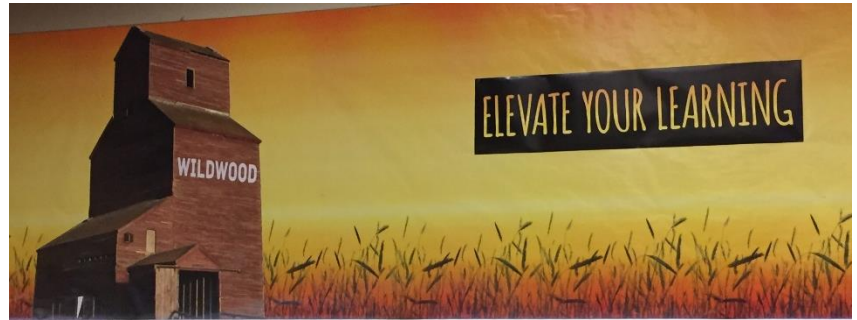
203 Rosedale Rd
Saskatoon, SK S7H 5H1
Phone: (306) 683-7500
Fax: (306) 657-3942
Email: wildwoodschool@spsd.sk.ca
Portal: <https://portal.spsd.sk.ca/school/wws>
Website: www.spsd.sk.ca/school/wildwood

Candace Ahmed, Principal
Stephanie Cole, Vice Principal
Rachel Levitt, Admin. Assistant
Trish Reeves, Superintendent
Charmaine Bellamy, Trustee

August 26th, 2020

Welcome back Wildwood School families!

We are very excited to be welcoming you back to school! We have missed you and our staff is so excited to see you and begin our work together as learners for the 2020-2021 school year. Although things might look a little different, it's going to be a great year and we are here to support you and your children!



Our staff will be calling all families next week to confirm that you received this plan, confirm that your child will be attending Wildwood School, and clarify our staggered start week which is explained in this newsletter.

Please refer to the [Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook](#) for general information on Saskatoon Public Schools reopening plan. This parent handbook provides detailed information on many important topics.

The guidelines of the Parent Handbook will be adhered to by our school along with elements specific to our school. The following information represents our school specific plan for a safe return to school at **Wildwood School**. Please note that the plan is subject to change at any time based on direction from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer. Changes will be communicated as they occur.

Safety Precautions

Please do a daily symptom check.

Anyone experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms must stay home.

Please phone the office at (306)683-7500 and leave our Administrative Assistant a message letting us know if your child will be staying home sick.

Parents/caregivers are asked to contact the main office to make an appointment if they need to come to the school. We request that this only occur if necessary.

All visitors must scan the **QR Code** located on the front door of the school to complete the health check, wear a mask (we will have disposable masks on hand if needed), and sanitize hands prior to entering.

How do you feel today?

Every morning before your child leaves for school, please check to see if they are experiencing any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Headache
- Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, do not send your child to school. Contact Healthline 811 for assistance.

Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

Isolation Space

If a student becomes sick or exhibits Covid-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will wait in our isolation space and parents will be called to pick them up as quickly as possible. Our school's isolation space is the Vice Principal's room just off the main office where the student can be monitored by school staff. We will ensure your child has a mask and is comfortable and safe while awaiting their pick-up. The room will be sanitized after each use.

Hygiene

Staff will teach to the specific practices outlined in the [Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook](#). Signage will be placed at all sinks as a reminder of proper handwashing practices. Hand sanitizer will be provided at all entry/exit points.

Mask Usage

Students in grades **4-8 are required** to wear masks when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained, including recess breaks. Masks are **strongly** recommended for kindergarten to grade 3 **students**. Staff are required to wear masks at all times when appropriate distancing cannot be maintained. When physical distancing is achievable, mask breaks may occur (i.e. outdoor learning). All students are required to wear masks while riding the bus and all visitors to the school must wear masks. Saskatoon Public Schools will provide one reusable mask for each student. Additional disposable masks will be made available to students when needed and required. Students are welcome to bring their own masks. In some situations, wearing a mask may not be possible for a student. In these instances, school staff members will work with parents/caregivers to consider accommodations. More information can be found on the [CDC website](#). Staff members will be provided with a reusable mask and face shield for use as needed. Staff members may also choose to use their own mask. More information about the proper usage of masks or face coverings is available from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#). “

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

Well-being is one of the four student goals in our school division strategic plan. Opportunities to learn about and practice well-being exist across multiple curricular areas.

Students who need additional support for their well-being may receive support from our school counsellor, Jennie Waldner. Parents who believe this support may be necessary can reach out to their child's teacher or administrator for discussion. The counsellor will work with the team to determine appropriate supports, which may include direct support and/or assisting students and families to access other services in the community.

School Day Schedule - Our school day schedule will remain the same as last year. We ask that students arrive at school as close to the bell as possible to avoid mixing of students. Supervision begins at 8:50.

School Schedule

9:00 am	Warning Bell
9:05 am	Classes Begin
10:50-11:05	Recess
11:55-12:45	Lunch
2:25-2:40 pm	Recess
3:30 pm	Dismissal

Changes to Entry and Exit Procedures/Muster Points

To limit traffic and help with social distancing, all students will be assigned a door from which they will enter and exit the building. Kindergarten students will use our front door. Students in Ms. Chan, Miss Hoffer, Mr. Cantin, and Mrs. Erickson's classes will use the senior boot room doors. Students in Mrs. Zurevinski and Ms. Hamon-Adair's classes will use the junior boot room doors. Each class will also be assigned a **muster point** at the back of the school where they will line up at the first bell and after each recess break from there, a teacher will guide them in through their assigned door, class by class. These muster points will be clearly marked when students begin classes on the week of Sept 8th. We will spend time in the first weeks making sure that these new procedures are clear and effective.



Students who arrive to school late will need to come through the front door to pick up a late slip from the office. We will ask students to line up at the "social distancing" stickers so Ms. Levitt can assist students.

Upon dismissal at the end of the school day, younger students who are being met by a parent or sibling will meet at the youngest student's muster point. If you plan to change your meeting point, please email your child's classroom teacher to inform them.

Recess

We are fortunate to have generous spaces for all students to play outdoors during our recess and lunch breaks, without the need to stagger break times. To limit cohort mixing, students will be assigned various areas to play. No more than two classes will be within the same area at a time. In order to avoid congestion and mixing while coming in and out of the building and within boot rooms, classes exit and enter in a staggered fashion, through assigned doors. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands upon exit and entry (with teacher assistance). Since we know that fresh air and exercise are important for healthy bodies and minds, students will be expected to dress to be outside rain, shine, or snow. For safety and cleanliness, students must always have a pair of dry/indoor shoes to change into.

Lunch

We would ask that students go home for lunch whenever possible. Limiting the number of students who stay will help us better follow health guidelines. Students leaving at lunch will be asked to use their assigned door, and if necessary, meet a parent or older sibling at the youngest student's muster point. We request that all grade 6-8 students go home for lunch unless they take the bus to school, or a parent contacts Mrs. Ahmed or Ms. Cole to discuss. Students will eat lunch in their homeroom classrooms.

Nutrition

At Wildwood School, we are able to provide a nutritious bagged lunch for students who need one. These lunches are prepared and delivered by the Child Hunger Education Program (CHEP). Please email Mrs. Ahmed or your child's teacher if you want to inquire about access to this program.

Fun Lunches and school/classroom activities involving food are temporarily suspended until health guidelines change.

Bussing

Students who take the bus will be required to follow the seating plan created by the driver and wear masks. Students will load the bus from back to front and exit from front to back. A supervisor will meet the bus in the morning and be at the bus stop at the end of the day to direct students.

Parking and Student Drop-off/Pick-up

There is limited street parking and space for student drop off. Please follow the signs and do not block the bus, taxi, or handicap loading zones. Also, for safety of students and staff do not pull into the staff parking lot. We recognize that you may need to park on the other side of the street, or further south on Rosedale Road. Please remember that safety always comes before convenience! Lastly, ensure that you and your children use the marked crosswalks.

Storage of Student Materials

Students will be assigned a locker for personal storage. We will ask that they keep these areas free from clutter, and that they are used only at times when directed or supervised by their teacher to avoid crowding. Teachers will each have systems in place with their classrooms to minimize touching of common surfaces and resources. Students will use their own classroom supplies as sharing of supplies is not permitted. Students are encouraged to bring their supplies with them on their staggered start day, as time will be spent organizing these materials when there are fewer students in each space.

Flow of Traffic, Washroom Use, and Water Stations

Green arrows are affixed to the floor to indicate flow of traffic. Generally, students are asked to “stay to the right” when walking in the hallway.

We have 4 washrooms for student use at Wildwood School. Washroom use will be limited to 4 students at a time.

Students are asked to bring their own water bottle from home. Please send it filled with water each day. Water fountains have been turned off, and we have two water bottle filling stations available for refilling bottles. Students should take their water bottles home at the end of each day to be washed.



Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will be taking place as much as possible. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all weather, and that they have a filled water bottle at school each day. “Field trips” or out of school learning will be limited to ensure guidelines are being followed. Teachers will communicate in advance any plans to leave our school grounds and the details of the excursion.

Confirming Registration

As we are unable to all come together to our gym for a registration morning, our staff will be phoning all Wildwood School families between August 31st and September 2nd, to welcome you back, verify your return, and explain the process for the first week of school. We will send an email if we are unable to reach you by phone. You will receive another call or email on Friday, September 4th letting you know which teacher will be working with your child the following week. Our hope is that these class groupings will be permanent, but as always, based on enrollment and staffing, class placements can change during the month of September.

Grades 1-8 Staggered Start

On Tuesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 10th, students whose **last names** begin with the letters A-M will attend full days of classes. On Wednesday, September 9th, and Friday, September 11th, students whose **last names** begin with the letters N-Z will attend full days. This will allow for students to see the spaces and learn routines alongside a smaller group of students. Regular classes for all grade 1-8 students begin on Monday, September 14th.

Kindergarten Staggered Start

Ms. Altman will contact all families with Kindergarten students to provide them with their staggered start day, and answer questions they may have at this time. Each Kindergarten student will attend for a half day, either on September 9th or 11th.

Grade 6-8 Band

The band program at Wildwood School is valued and appreciated by our students and school community and the ability to offer band at the elementary level has been an important topic of discussion as part of the school division's overall reopening plan.

To start the school year, the traditional band program involving air-blown instruments will be put on pause. Parents will not need to rent instruments at this time.

During the period that band is on pause, our band teacher, Ms. Stefanson-Pexa will continue to be a part of our school staff and we will work to find unique ways to support music and the arts curriculum with our grade 6-8 students. If health guidelines change and a band program can be offered in a safe way within our school, we may be able to return to more of a traditional band experience.

The school division is continuously investigating ways to offer a safe, quality band program while working within the [Performing Arts Guidelines](#) found within the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan. We will re-evaluate this pause at the end of September or if guidelines change.

Extracurricular Sport, Clubs, and Activities

At the direction of the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD) fall sports will be cancelled (cross country, volleyball). This will be reevaluated throughout the year. Regular in-school clubs supervised by staff will not be able to meet in person (e.g. SLC, choir, Roots & Shoots). This plan will be reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Kid n' Around – Before and After School Program

Our Kid n' Around Daycare program will run as usual with guidelines in place, including the wearing of masks for all staff and program participants, as well as 2 meter spacing. Please see communication from the program for more information. Families should phone or text the program staff to inform them of arrival. Students will enter through the front door and go directly to the program (not to their lockers). Likewise, for pickup, parents are asked to call or text when they are ready for their child to exit the building. Students should have all of their belongings with them while attending the program.

Thank you for being such great partners to work with! Together, we will navigate through these new times, support one another, and find joy and laughter in the learning that happens and relationships that are so important at here at Wildwood School!

