

EDELWEISS PREPARATORY SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL SEPT 2020 NEWS



Welcome

We are happy to have your child as part of our program this coming school year! Please read this newsletter & keep it for future reference.

REGULAR CLASS TIMES STARTING
BRING SNACK & DRINK. STUDENTS WEAR UNIFORMS AND MASKS

5 Day AM Kindergarten: Foxes with Miss Rebecca
8:20 - 11:20 am starting on Tues Sept 8th

5 Day AM JrK: Owls with Miss Katie
8:35 - 11:35 am starting on Tues Sept 8th

3 Day PM JrK: Hedgehogs with Miss Katie
12:25 - 2:55 p.m. full class starting Wed Sept 9th

NEW DROP OFF AND PICK UP POLICY:

DROP OFF: Due to Covid-19, we will be screening children at the door. We will start 5 mins prior to class time starting. Parents need to have the screening paper completed, including a temperature check at home prior to coming to school. We will also recheck your child's temperature upon arrival and before admittance. When you arrive with your child, please line up outside at a physical distance of 2 meters and we will admit children into the school once the screening is complete. Please come with your screening form ready. Once the child has passed the screening, the teacher will welcome your child and help them as needed to take off their coat, put on shoes and put their back pack/tote bag and snack bag into their cubby. Once the class of 12 children is ready, they will go with their teacher to the washrooms to wash their hands prior to going to the classroom. We will not be admitting parents into the school at this time. We will advise once this can change. We will send pictures during the first week so you can see how things are set up.

PICK UP: The teachers will assist their students to get ready for pick up and will dismiss them to parents at the school door. We ask that parents be on time for pickup time and to line up socially distanced 2 meters apart outside.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TRANSITION:

Alberta Health does not allow items from home such as stuffies, blankets or toys to be brought into the school due to Covid-19. We have wonderful ideas and suggestions for separation anxiety so please contact us if you think your child may experience this.

SICKNESS POLICY:

If a child exhibits any symptoms of Covid-19 (see screening tool) at school, we will call you to come and pick up your child. You will be required to take your child for a Covid-19 test and provide a hard copy of the results prior to returning to school. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness/communicable disease you will require a doctor's note specifying the date your child can return to school prior to returning to school. If your child will be absent, we will give you access to the online program to follow along. If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message (403)282-4220 or email epschool@telus.net stating the symptoms/illness your child has and when the symptoms first started. Please remember to specify which class time your child attends.

UNIFORMS, OUTERWEAR, SHOES & TOTE BAGS:

All Edelweiss students wear uniforms. All uniforms for students are to be purchased from Top Marks, our official uniform supplier and **not any other stores**. You can order online at www.topmarks.ca or phone 1-800-667-7105. Each child has their own labeled cubbie for their coat and tote bag to be hung up in as well as where their snack bag will be kept until snack time. Children are asked to wear **non-marking, non-skid shoes in school at all times**. You may leave a pair of shoes with your child's name on them at the school for when the wet weather comes. Please ensure everything - all clothing, footwear and snack containers and water bottles are labeled with your Mabel's labels we have given you. Teachers will be helping children with their items so please help by having everything labelled. **Children will be going outside daily so please ensure they have all the outerwear and appropriate footwear they need based on the weather of the day.** Please take the time to label everything that comes to school. Edelweiss is not responsible for lost and missing items.

SNACK TIME:

Snack bags need to have a nutritious snack and a drink and a spare clean mask (in a baggie) inside the snack bag to change to after snack. Snacks that can be eaten with utensils you provide are best so there is less contact with fingers to mouths. Currently, there are no students with any allergies to nuts registered so snacks do not have to be nut free. Please just send in one or two nutritious items that your child can eat independently and try to keep it from being a messy one that can spill. We do not accept snacks on birthdays for the other students in the class. Prior to snack time, children will use the washroom as needed, everyone will wash

hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds and then they will get their snack bags from their cubbies and go to their classroom. Once the snack bags are opened up, children will be administered hand sanitizer prior to eating. After they are finished their snack, they will be administered hand sanitizer prior to putting on their clean mask and will then take their snack bag back to their cubby. Hand sanitizer will again be administered prior to playtime.

MASKS:

We require students to come to school and present themselves for a temperature check at the door while wearing a mask. Teachers will give students mask breaks for outdoor gym time, snack time and when they are at their own tables doing art, workbooks, when the teacher is teaching a group lesson or reading a story. Masks will be worn in the classroom during centre time and times when children are not physically distanced. Masks will be put onto a fresh napkin and disposed of afterwards. Hand sanitizer will be administered when masks are being put on/off.

PARKING:

Our school is so fortunate to have a nice large parking lot to use! Bylaw does patrol the laneway for parking and remember the laneway speed is 15km. We ask that no one park in front of or beside the garbage or recycling bin in the parking lot. The trucks need access to them. Please do not park in the NO Parking space or in the loading zone area beside it. **Never leave any children in your vehicle without adult supervision.**

OBSERVATION WINDOWS:

Currently, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation we will not be allowing visitors to observe the classes. Once we see how things are going with Covid-19 in the general community, we may eventually approve a booked time to come and observe through the observation glass windows. We will advise when this is an option.

VOLUNTEERING:

Alberta Health had mandated no volunteers in schools due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

MAIL, CALENDAR AND SPECIAL HELPER:

School newsletters/calendars are emailed monthly. You will receive an email of a monthly class calendar that will notify you of themes, special days, birthdays and Special Helper turns.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY:

Frank from Kid's School Photography will be doing outdoor photos (weather permitting) individually and as a class on Wednesday, September 23rd. More details to follow.

CLASS LISTS:

Class lists show the child's name, parents name and home phone number, address and email if they have given permission to do so. They are only distributed to your child's class and are not to be

used for any purpose other than parent to parent contact. Although they have been sent already to everyone, updated ones may be sent as updates occur. Please check that all the information on the class list is correct.

SCHOOL TUITION FEES:

We deduct school tuition fees from your bank account on the first banking day of each month. There is an NSF charge of \$25 for returned fees from the bank.

CLASSES:

8:20 5 day K - Foxes

8:35 5 day JrK-Owls

12:25 MWF JrK Hedgehogs

Science - all classes

Online programs

TEACHERS:

Miss Rebecca

Miss Katie

Miss Katie

Captain Science

Miss Rebecca, Mrs. Aleksandra (Music), Ms. Erika (Spanish)

Mrs. Dodi (Drama)

ADMINISTRATION:

Please feel free to contact us anytime at (403)282-4220 or email us at epschool@telus.net. We welcome your feedback any time. We will be emailing you a copy of the Parent Handbook shortly so you can read it all before school starts. You will need to sign that you have read and agree to the policies in the Handbook. We would love for you to follow us, share and comment on:

Instagram: [Edelweiss_Prep_School](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/epschool/>

Twitter at [@EdelweissPrepa1](#)

We welcome you and trust that this school year will be a safe and wonderful experience for your child! See you soon!!

Walter & Margaret Reid
School Owners/Directors