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Our Code of Conduct

Watson Wildcats **R.O.A.R. to Success** – **R**espect, **O**utstanding Attitude, **A**chieve Goals, **R**each Out

Our Goals

1. In what ways can a school community systematically respond to the learning needs of students, staff and parents? (How do we meet the needs of all of our learners?)
2. Watson Elementary student, staff and community are responsible school citizens. (Teaching expectations and strategies to help develop responsible behaviour?)

Principal's Message

Springtime is a time to celebrate new growth. At Watson, we are excited and proud of our student accomplishments as we continue to work towards our goals. We are also hoping that with spring arriving we will continue to have the sunshine we had over Spring Break!

Benefits of daily attendance and being on time: By attending class regularly and being on time, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments.

Achievement: Students who are on time and attend school regularly are more likely to do well in reading and math. These are not missing important instruction and understand classroom routines.

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school and on time, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that school is a priority for your family, going to school every day and on time is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school and being on time.

Thank you for your support.

Reminder: We are asking families to please respect our request to keep their dogs off the school property. This request is for the health and safety of all our students.

Also with the warmer weather, we would like to encourage families to walk or bike to school. When families decide to lace up their sneakers or strap on their bike helmets to get to school instead of riding in a car, they help reduce the amount of air pollutants. Walking and biking to school will help reduce the pressure of our parking lot traffic on Watson Road.

Terry Bateman.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year is well under way. Please register online at www.sd33.bc.ca . Please provide his/her birth certificate or passport, and proof of residence.

Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards went home just before Spring Break. Our students are showing improvement in all areas of the curriculum. Most are working hard and really trying to do their best. Please continue to read with your child(ren) and set aside a regular homework time. Even if they don't have homework it's always great to read or play games together.

School Activities

Basketball Teams

Our Boys and Girls are starting their basketball season. What an exciting season it has been so far. They are learning many new skills and each game shows more and more passing, more baskets being scored and more students jumping for the rebounds. Thanks to the coaches and all are helping out this year. Mrs. Zurowski and Ms. Vriend.

PAC News

Our annual Carnival will be on Friday June 14 from 5:00-8:00.
We are going to need a lot of volunteers for this incredible event.
Also some strong helpers to help set up tents etc!! All help greatly appreciated! **Email watsonpac33@gmail.com to sign up!**

Parents/Caregivers:

We have had a number of vehicles blocking our gates during evenings and weekends. This is the only access for emergency vehicles and must be kept clear at all times. There are 'No Parking' signs on the gate. AJ Towing is authorized, and will tow vehicles found parked in front of the gates. Thank you!



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, April 5 School Garden Program application deadline
- Tuesday, April 9 Ms.Jackson, Stradling & Thiessen to Longhouse
- Wed, April 10 Mr.Monchalin to Longhouse
Girls basketball game at Watson vs. Promontory
- Monday, April 15 **Class Photo and School Panorama photo**
- Tuesday, April 16 Grade 5’s swim at Cheam
Boys basketball game at Unsworth
- Wed, April 17 Grade 4 classes to Science World
Girls basketball at Watson starting at 3pm
- Friday April 19 GOOD FRIDAY, schools closed**
- Monday, April 22 EASTER MONDAY, schools closed**
- Tuesday, April 23 Boys basketball at Watson
PAC meeting, 7pm
- Wed, April 24 **Volunteer Luncheon**
Girls basketball game at Sardis, starts at 2:45pm
- Friday, April 26 Kindergarten classes to Blue Heron
- Tuesday, April 30 Mrs.Burke & Mrs.Zurowski to Stillwood Camp

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Friday, May 3 PRO DAY, No school for students**
- Monday, May 13 Kindergarten classes to White Rock
- Tuesday, May 14 Grade 5 swim at Cheam
- Thursday, May 16 **Primary Fun Day**
- Friday, May 17 PRO DAY, No school for students**
- Monday, May 20 VICTORIA DAY, Schools closed**
- Thursday, May 23 Kinderfair 8:45-11:00am
- Friday, May 24 Kindergarten students to Longhouse
- Monday, May 27 Grade 5 students to Stillwood Camp
- Tuesday May 28 Mrs.Moreh to SFU
Scholastic Book fair begins
- Friday, May 31 Ms.Weber, Ms.Delisle & Mrs.Moreh to Abbotsford Fish Hatchery

School Parking Lot Safety, message from Mr. Bateman

I would like to focus on our School Parking lot, which gives me much concern. The safety of our students and community members is very important.

When everyone practices proper parking lot safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. Our school parking lot can be an incredibly busy place in the morning when children arrive, and in the afternoon when it's dismissal time. Ensuring that no one gets hurt is a primary concern of the school staff, and it requires everyone's participation, including parents.

Mornings of any school day can be incredibly busy. Parents may walk or drive their children to school. There are some procedures that need to be followed to ensure that everyone is following the rules to make the mornings smooth and trouble-free. Our parking lot has lanes, where designated areas are set aside specifically for parents to drop their children off. If parents walk their children inside, we ask that you use the parking spaces in the main parking lot (not the staff parking area). There is also plenty of room for parents and their children to walk without worrying about being in the way of traffic.

At Dismissal Time the focus is on getting children into cars or to their parents or guardians safely. As you enter our parking lot we have a Drop Off/Pick Up lane that runs along the curb close to the sidewalk. This is a No Parking Area. Drivers should only be stopping for a couple of minutes for your children to get in the car. If your child is not there, drivers can continue to circle out onto Watson Road or park in the main lot. This area needs to be kept clear for the Safe Pick up of Children. If parents need to get out and walk their children, they should park the car in the main parking lot. This keeps the car line moving smoothly and efficiently.

While Driving

These safety tips can help make navigating the often crowded, confusing school parking lots easier and safer.

- Only use designated pick up areas. Other areas such as the Staff parking lot are not as safe. We have a number of people who ignore this request and put our students' safety at risk.
- The area right in front of the school is a No Parking Area and is well marked on the ground.
- Yield to pedestrians, crossing guards, and buses, and be aware that children who are walking home may not look both ways before venturing across a parking lot or pick up lane.
- Be sure to drive the proper direction through the parking lot.
- Obey all local speed limits in school zones. 10 kilometers per hour in the parking lot and pick-up drop off zones.
- Always pick up students at the nearest curb and do not encourage them to cross parking lots to reach the car.
- Use turn signals when entering and leaving the pick-up areas and check blind spots carefully.
- Once children are in the car, make sure their seatbelts are fastened immediately. Injuries can occur even from slow moving crashes and fender benders, particularly for young children. Do not dally once students have been picked up, other parents are eager to pick up their children, and moving quickly and efficiently can help keep the traffic flow more consistent.