



**Week at a Glance: Sept. 12 – 16th**

**Monday-** Gradual Entry for Kindergarten students and Welcoming Conversations

**Tuesday-**

**Wednesday-**

**Thursday-** First full day of Kindergarten

**Friday-** Rosh Hashana (Sept. 15-17)



*Welcome back! If you are new, we welcome you to this lovely community. We have 16 divisions with 376 students and a wonderful staff to support your children.*

**Welcome to New and Returning Staff**

Judith Chang	Division 5- Grade 4/5
Kaitlyn Chiu	Division 3- Grade 6/7
Kristy Cheung	Support Teacher (Mon.-Wed.)
Chantel Grabi	Educational Assistant
Kate Hudson	Division 14- K/1
Heather McClaren	Division 2- Grade 6/7 (Tue-Thu)
Karishma Poonawala	Division 6- Grade 4/5
Emily Ratcliffe	Division 8- Grade $\frac{3}{4}$
Vlad Rymar	Support Teacher and Division 2- Grade 6/7 (Mon/Fri)
Michelle Yu	Administrative Assistant (Tue-Thu)

For a full list of Debeck staff, please [click here](#)

## 2023-2024 School Hours

8:40am	Welcome Bell - Students welcomed into their classrooms
8:45am	Learning begins
9:55am - 10:10	Recess
10:10am	Learning resumes
11:50pm - 12:42	Lunch (Eat 11:50-12:10) (Play 12:10-12:42)
12:42pm - 2:45 pm	Learning Resumes
2:45pm	Dismissal

**Student Absences-** If your student is absent or late for school please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as possible at 604.668.6272.

### West Coast Recess-

As the weather begins to change, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather. As Fall approaches, we suggest boots and raincoats. Students are expected to be outside even if it's raining. For younger students, we encourage them to bring an extra set of clothes, pants, a shirt and socks in case they get wet during school hours.

### Parking Lot Safety-

Thank-you parents/guardians for remembering to not get out of your car when pulling up to our drop off lane. Safety is of most importance, so we ask that you stay in your car if you choose to have your child dropped off in our drop off lane. We have parking available should you wish to get out of your car. Choosing to walk or bike to school with your child is very much welcomed.

### Electronic Communication-

Please ensure that we have your current email address so that we can keep you updated with our week ahead emails. Ms. Schwartz sends out a weekly memo each Friday (sometimes on Saturday) digitally. Please take the time to read it. You can also check out our school website, <https://debeck.sd38.bc.ca> for up-to-date calendar information and school news later in the month! Should you have any questions, please call the school office at 604-668-6281. Office hours are from 8:00am – 3:45pm.

**Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year, is one of Judaism's two High Holidays that arrive each fall. It is a time to reflect on the past year, sing, pray, gather with loved ones over traditional foods such as apples dipped in honey and challah. *I'shana tova* to our Debeck families and staff who celebrate this holiday.

## SEPTEMBER

- 21 Meet the Staff 6:00-6:45 PM
- 22 Professional Learning Day- Students do not attend
- TBD Terry Fox Run
- 24-25 Yom Kippur
- 29 Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## OCTOBER

- 2 No School- Day in Lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation