

Hello Jewett Families,

I do hope you have had a wonderful summer!

I have a few important notes and a request (right at the end!) for you as we dive into preparing for the year.

- As I shared earlier, Kendrick Lawless will be back up at Jewett on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- He will be sharing the job with Rielle Oswald, who will be there Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Unfortunately, Rielle injured her heel, making full and energetic mobility a bit hard right now. She will have a gradual return to work, as she builds up strength. I will let you know who her replacement will be as soon as I can.
- **Daily schedule**
 - 7:45 Bus arrives
 - School starts at 7:55AM
 - 7:55 - 10:00 Morning session
 - 10:00 – 10:25 Recess
 - 10:25-11:50 Mid-morning Session
 - 11:50-12:30 Lunch
 - 12:30-2:01 Afternoon Session
 - 2:05 Parents pick children up
- **Bus-** please remember that if your child rides the bus, they must register every year. <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/student-bus-registration-west>
- **Travel assistance** – if you require travel assistance, please fill in the attached form <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/A.4%20Transportation%20Assistance%20Application%20%282019.09.11%29.pdf> and send it to **Ms. Wiens** at clerical.jvh@sd8.bc.ca
- **Report absences** – It is important that you let us know when your child will be away. Please either call 250-353-2227, email our secretary Marlene at clerical.jvh@sd8.bc.ca or use the “report absence” tool on the JVH website: <https://jvh.sd8.bc.ca/absence-late>
- **Fees and school supplies:** We will be requesting **\$40 for each child** to cover school supplies for the year. We didn't request this last year, as we were able to use existing supplies. If your family is not in a position at this time to pay the \$40 fee to cover supplies, please reach out to me to arrange assistance. As in every year, please ensure that your child has:
 - a comfortable backpack,
 - change of clothes,
 - water bottle and
 - indoor running shoes.

- **Registration:** If things have changed in your lives, and you are not planning to have your child attend Jewett this year, please do advise us as soon as possible. At the same time, if you know someone who hasn't registered their child, please ask them to call our office in Kaslo to register.

- **Covid rules** - as you may have read, we are still required to follow Covid Protocols for the fall. The short version is:
 - Mask are required for adults and students in grades 4 and up. If your child in grades 4 and up cannot wear a mask, please contact me to discuss and make a plan to ensure everyone's safety.
 - We can have visitors again! Visitors need to let us know ahead of time if they need to come into the school. Once it is cleared with me, and I have let staff know when to expect any visitors, you must sign in, check that you don't have any symptoms of illness, sanitize your hands and wear a mask.
 - We can have parents help with field trips or school events again! We have a protocol for parents to volunteer, so please reach out for a bit of paperwork on that and the form for a criminal record check if you would like to help out.
 - We will have our custodian Cheyenne in during the afternoons again, so that we have those high touch surfaces cleaned during the day.
 - And of course, we ask that if your child is feeling sick at all, that they stay home until better.

For full details, see here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>

And finally – my request:

I would like to hear from you about your dreams for Jewett and for your child/children. I ask that you spend a few minutes filling out a survey I made so that when I meet with Kendrick, Rielle and the person filling in, I can bring your voice as we plan for the year.

Here is the **survey**: <https://forms.gle/k5AYAwHgGjpr6sj66>

I know it is clunky to have a principal who primarily works from another location. Though it is not ideal, and I will endeavor to spend as much time at Jewett as I can, I do hold this special school close to my heart and want to serve this community in a good way. Please do stay in touch and feel free to ask questions or share your wonders any time.

I will reach out in a bit to have a parent meeting (maybe we can link it to a PAC meeting?) at Jewett after school once things get going.

Thanks very much for reading right to the end!

Looking forward to a great year ahead,

Victoria McAllister