

École Belmont  
Elementary School



Student Handbook 2011-12

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear students:

Welcome to a new school year! Believe it or not, although teachers certainly enjoy their summer break, schools are very lonely places without students. We are very happy to have you back and are looking forward to another exciting year of learning at Ecole Belmont Elementary School.

Your teachers have the classrooms and materials ready. Your parents have purchased your school supplies and other needed items. Now, it's up to you!

You will find that at Belmont, students gain respect from both their teachers and their classmates when they do their best and follow the expectations set out for them. Remember that it is the small things we do and say that form us as human beings. Practise the behaviours described in our code of conduct and be a Belmont "STAR"... this will guarantee you a fabulous school year.

All the best for a year of new experiences and meaningful learning!

*~Ms Tuck*

**This Student Handbook belongs to:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



## BELL SCHEDULE

8:31	Warning bell
8:36	Morning classes begin
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Recess</b>

LUNCH IS “SPLIT” TO ALLOW FOR SAFE PLAY TIME:

11:45-12:15	Grade 4-7's play (includes 3/4 split)
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Eating time - all students</b>
12:30-1:00	K-3's play

12:30	Afternoon classes begin for Grade 4-7
1:00	Afternoon classes begin for Grade 1-3
2:30	School dismissed
2:45	End of supervision / “off campus” bell *

*\* after this bell rings, you must be with your parent or caregiver. Come to the office at 2:45 if your parent is not here.*

Please arrive at school **by the warning bell**. If you arrive after the second bell, at 8:36, please pick up a late slip from the office.

Do your best to be at school on time. When you arrive late, you disrupt important lessons that have already started.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Belmont offers a bilingual and multicultural learning environment providing strategies for lifelong success in a caring and trusting community.*

**SCHOOL MOTTO:** “*At Belmont We Are One*”

## SCHOOL GOAL 2011-12

*To improve our students' ability to read and understand in the area of math.*

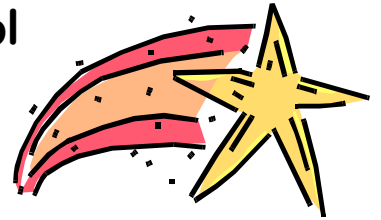
## Community Resources for Students

Suicide prevention (SPEAC)	604-584-5811
South Fraser Crisis Line (24 hrs)	604-951-8855
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868
Langley Hospice (grief counselling)	604-530-1155



# Ecole Belmont Elementary School

## How to be a "STAR" citizen



At Belmont we help students develop STAR qualities:

Safety:

Teamwork:

Attitude:

Respect:

*Belmont students will act safely toward self and others*

*Belmont students will work well with others in a spirit of inclusion and acceptance*

*Belmont students will maintain a positive attitude toward learning and be positive role models*

*Belmont students will show respect for self, fellow students, staff, the school building and belongings*

### Safety guidelines:



- "hands off" is our main playground and school rule.
- walk and use "inside" voices everywhere in the school building
  - use your words to solve problems peacefully
- play with children in your own age group on the playground

### Teamwork guidelines:

- no put downs
- take care of a friend or classmate who is hurt
  - listen to the other person's point of view
- be helpful and cooperative in your group or classroom



### Attitude guidelines:



- do your best
- come to school on time and prepared to learn
  - be honest
- "own" your mistakes

### Respect guidelines:

- treat others as you want to be treated
- look at the person speaking to you
- speak with a polite tone of voice, and use good language.
- follow school rules even when adults are not directly supervising you

# RESPECT

Every Belmont student can be a **Belmont STAR**



# Ecole Belmont Elementary School

## *Student Dress Code*

School is your place of learning. Please demonstrate through your dress that you are here to learn and ready to be respectful of yourself and others.



### OUTDOOR WEAR

**You will go outside for recess and lunch play times unless it is pouring or stormy.** You must have outdoor clothing to wear all year long. This means having a waterproof jacket with a hood and waterproof shoes or boots. Note that cotton hoodies are not waterproof!! Rubber boots are ideal for primary students. If you have rubber boots you will be allowed to play in the puddles :) *Come to school dressed for outdoor play from September to June.* Note - if your parents cannot afford outdoor clothing (jackets, boots), we always have extra outdoor clothing on hand in the office. Please let us know if this is the case and we will help you out.

No flip flops at school. Please keep them at home. They lead to injury and do not allow you to run freely.

### INDOOR SHOES

You need both outdoor and indoor shoes. Indoor shoes can be used for gym class. If you are downstairs, you take your outdoor shoes off as you come in. If you are upstairs, knock dirt and wipe grass off your shoes outside, but wear them up the stairs for safety reasons. Change into your indoor shoes once you are in your classroom upstairs.

### CLOTHING GUIDELINES

You need to wear “modest” dress at school: this means that clothing must not be revealing, must not have bad language, or pictures of alcohol (including brand names) or drugs. No put down phrases, either! Remember that we have 4 and 5 year-olds in the building. What you may find “cool” a younger child may find upsetting. We ask that, in this as in all other areas, you use common sense and show respect for others. When in doubt, teachers will make the decision about whether what you are wearing is appropriate for school.

*For boys:* no “muscle shirts” : please wear t-shirt length sleeves in the warm weather. Your underwear must not show.

*For girls:*

*tops* - Your underwear must not show and stomachs must be fully covered. Tops must have sleeves that are at least of generous “lasagne” width. (Lasagne is wider than spaghetti, so sleeves should be at least 3 adult finger widths wide.) *skirts/shorts* - of reasonable length, please (mid-thigh or longer)

If you are not dressed according to the rules above, you will be asked to “cover up” or to go home to change. Thank you to all students for cooperating with our dress code.