



November 1, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Lynn Fripps Elementary School, located at 21020 83rd Avenue, is under construction and is planned to open for September 2012. The boundaries for the new school have already been established and can be found on our website at www.sd35.bc.ca.


The rate of enrolment growth of students living in the Willoughby school communities and the ongoing pressure to accommodate all of our students continues to increase. As a district, we must manage this enrolment. We have outlined below the plans to enroll Lynn Fripps Elementary School catchment that will also make it possible for the other schools to continue to operate successfully on their sites while the enrolment growth continues.

In preparation for September 2012 and the opening of Lynn Fripps Elementary:

1. Lynn Fripps will open as a K-5 school, as the District did with R.C. Garnett, and will develop into a K-7 school. All current K-4 students living within the newly developed Lynn Fripps Elementary catchment will be expected to enroll and attend Lynn Fripps Elementary School. Lynn Fripps families will receive, at the end of November, an enrolment form and are asked to return it to their School Secretary by early January 2012.
2. We are not, at this point, planning for grades 6 and 7 at Lynn Fripps Elementary. We recognize that students in their last two years of elementary school may very much wish to finish off at their existing school before heading off to secondary school. We can accommodate that, for those two grades alone, and manage enrolment in the area. We do realize, however, that in preparation for the middle school, and until it is complete, there will be an accommodation of grade 6 and 7 students at Lynn Fripps for a time. Should there be sufficient interest for a grade 6/7 class, we will start that right away this coming fall.
3. Students who live in the Lynn Fripps catchment but who attend schools outside of the Willoughby Elementary boundary are welcome to attend Lynn Fripps as well and a registration procedure will be made available to them. We are not in a position to entertain cross-boundary applications at this point.
4. In early January there will be a separate registration process for Kindergarten students. Students entering Kindergarten at Lynn Fripps Elementary will sign-up for Kindergarten at Willoughby Elementary.
5. The Principal of Lynn Fripps Elementary will be identified in November and will begin communicating with the new school community at that time.

We look forward to the opening of the new school. We recognize there will continue to be changes and growth in this part of the district as we develop new schools and we appreciate working with our school community to achieve that.

Sincerely,


Cheryle Beaumont
Superintendent of Schools