

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of 6C Students:

Welcome to Clayburn Middle and to our pod. We're looking forward to getting to know your child and working with your families this year. We have been teaching partners since 2013 and continue to challenge ourselves to create meaningful and fun learning experiences for our students.

About us

Mr. Rob Kemp will be teaching Language Arts, Social Studies, and Careers Education. Mrs. Jas Piché will be teaching Math, Science and French. PE will be co-taught. However, we see all students as belonging to Pod 6C, not to homerooms or to specific teachers. Students can expect that class lists will be shuffled throughout the year for a variety of reasons but they will always belong to Pod 6C. As many of you are aware, we often co-teach and plan activities for a group of 60. Your child's ability to work with others, collaborate, communicate and be flexible will be important to their success this year.

Transitioning to middle school is an exciting and sometimes overwhelming experience. There is a lot of new information and many new routines to learn. We are intentional about building expectations and helping students feel successful. As such, we will slowly introduce new procedures as the group is ready for them.

Communication

Planners

We will review school expectations and the Fair Notice from the Blue booklet and ask you to do the same. Use of planners as a means of communication between teachers and parents for both homework and other concerns is a school-wide expectation and fosters independence. The most efficient means of contacting us is through email (we share all communication with each other as teaching partners).

Remind App

Another form of communication we use regularly is an app called Remind. Remind allows us to send pictures and messages to your cell phone. Cell phone numbers are not exchanged, and you can unsubscribe at any time. Students with wifi access on iPads, tablets, etc. can also join. We encourage this in Grade 6 to help students become increasingly independent in managing their time and work. We have each created a Remind account and attached the instructions to join. Please do so as soon as possible - we will begin sending out information as early as Monday. This service sometimes provides an opportunity to message teachers within the app. Please do not use this function as it is not monitored.

Abbotsford School District App

We highly recommend that you download the Abbotsford School District App and subscribe to the Clayburn Middle School feed. The Clayburn Middle School Website is a great resource for important dates and upcoming opportunities for students. Please check it regularly.

Contact information

We are asking that each family send us an email with parents' names, phone numbers and child's name. The office will be sending home Emergency Contact forms for verification but it helps us to have this information handy for anything that comes up in the meantime. As always, please email both teachers.

Supplies

School supply list

Please use the school supply list attached for Grade 6s to gather the materials needed for the year. We have also attached a Binder organization handout. Please use this to organize and set up your child's binder as well as supplies. We refer to the ziplock bags throughout the year and ask students to bring art supplies on certain days. It will be easier for them to manage this if they use the labels and system we have put in place. Please send all labelled and organized supplies (except technology) to school for Thursday.

PE/Fitness

For the month of September, please have your child come to school in athletic clothes and a light jacket as students will be participating in fitness or PE each day. We value the physical and mental break that PE and fitness bring to our wellbeing and plan to go outside as much as possible throughout the school year. Also, our gym floor was recently refinished and we are asking each student to have a pair of indoor shoes specifically for indoor PE. In October, we will ask students to bring a gym bag with a clean shirt, shorts or sweats, and deodorant. If you are interested, there are blue gym shirts available for purchase through SchoolCashOnline. If your child is unsure of the sizing, they are welcome to go to the office and try on a sample.

Technology

Clayburn Middle is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school. If your child has a device for use at school, we will facilitate getting it onto our network and encourage you to purchase insurance. If your child is missing any forms, the school will get in touch with you. If your child does not have a personal device at this time, we will have extras available in our classrooms.

Absences

If your child displays any symptoms of being ill, please keep them home and call the office. We understand this can cause students stress and will work to help alleviate any concerns. If a student misses a day or two, we'll have a quick conversation when they get back. If a student misses a more significant period of time, please contact us by email so we can make arrangements that best fit your situation.

School community

Hallways

Our school is divided into four hallway communities: Eagle, Bear, Orca and Raven. Our pod is located in the Eagle Hallway. Throughout the year, we will be participating in challenges and spirit days where we will encourage your child to wear orange (ie bandana, headbands, shorts, socks, etc). Some of these events are purely for fun, others are for points which go toward winning a trophy and other prizes.

Involvement

Staff at Clayburn offer a variety of athletic and leadership opportunities for students to join throughout the year. Please encourage your child to participate, explore new interests and engage with our school community as much as possible. Information is often relayed through the Clayburn Middle School website and daily announcements in the building. We know it can be overwhelming for students to keep track of all of the information so we record sign up information on our whiteboard and help students get to where they need to be. If your child has questions about signing up for something, please have them see us and we are happy to help.

Summary of time sensitive requests:

___ Sign up for **Remind** for both Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Piche by Wednesday, September 13th

___ Share your **email** addresses and phone numbers with both of us by emailing us Robert.Kemp@abbyschools.ca and Jas.Piche@Abbyschools.ca as soon as possible

___ **Supplies** list attached (please label everything and bring supplies as well as indoor PE shoes for Thursday, September 14th)

___ **Review and sign** various permission forms online using SchoolCashOnline (this includes a walking form for our pod, permission for your child to join intramurals at lunchtime, and the fruits/veggies program) by Thursday, September 14th

___ Pay school fees via School CashOnline by October 15th

___ Plan to attend **Meet the Teacher Night** on Thursday, September 28th

We look forward to working with your families,

Jas Piche and Rob Kemp



Sign up for important updates from Mrs. Piche.

Get information for Clayburn Middle School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for 6C Piche 23/24:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/6cpiche23

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @6cpiche23 to the number (778) 402-6346.

** Standard text message rates apply.*

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/6cpiche23 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Sign up for important updates from Mr. Kemp.

Get information for Clayburn Middle School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for 6ckemp23/24:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/6ckemp23

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @6ckemp23 to the number (438) 800-2319.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



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2023-24 School Supply List

Do not bring supplies on the first day of school, wait until instructed by your teacher.

Items	Grade 6
Headphones	1
2" Binder - Zipper Style	1
Duo-tangs - unlabeled	3 duotangs
Loose Leaf Paper, Lined	2 Pkg
Loose Leaf Paper, plain	0
Graph Paper - Standard	0
Dividers with Tabs	2 Pkgs
Calculator	1 - Basic
Glue Sticks	2 Large
Pencils - HB	4 Pkgs
Pencil Crayons	1 Pkg
Pencil Sharpener (self-contained)	1
Erasers	3 White
Ruler (30 cm)	1
Cloth Pencil Case (to fit in binder)	1
Pens (Red, Blue)	2 red
Geometry Set	Compass & protractor only
Highlighters (Four Colours)	1
Scissors	1
Index Cards - Lined - 5 x 3	1 Pkg
Kleenex Box	1
Gym Strip - Blue shirt, black shorts/ leggings, deodorant <i>in cloth bag</i>	1
Sharpie (Fine, black)	3
Sharpie (Extra Fine, black)	3
Coloured markers/felts	1
Whiteboard Marker	3
Large Ziploc bags	2

Please reuse from previous years when possible.

Organizing School Supplies for Piche/Kemp

Please bring your supplies organized as described below. As a school, we do not go to our lockers during class time so this system helps you have what you need without carrying extra supplies around. We will use everything at some point during the year and will assume you have what you need in your locker.

BINDER

Planner (provided by the school), then some lined paper, then dividers (in this order)

1. Math 1: unit
2. Math 2: other
3. Science
4. French
5. LA
6. Socials
7. Cross-curricular
8. Explos

EVERYDAY PENCIL CASE

Stays with your binder

- 3 pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- 1 coloured pen (blue or black)
- 1 highlighter
- extra fine tip sharpie
- calculator
- 1 whiteboard marker
- ruler

ZIPLOCK 1: ART

- Pencil crayons
- Fine tip sharpies (use a lot)
- 1 Glue stick
- Scissors (use a lot)
- Cheap headphones

ZIPLOCK 2: EXTRAS

Everything leftover from supply list

- ie Cue cards
- Extra pens, pencils, sharpies
- Extra erasers
- Extra whiteboard markers
- Extra pencils and highlighters
- Extra glue sticks
- Geometry set, if you have it

PLANNER

supplied by school

On the front cover, in the top RIGHT hand corner, use a sharpie to write your first name, last initial and "Pod 6C"

3 DUOTANGS

WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM