**Student Numbers 2018/2019 Enrolment**

In the 18/19 school year CM Finch, will be down in size. A lower than anticipated enrolment in Kindergarten, more students moving out of the catchment area or district, and the opening of MMCS are all factors in this. We will be opening with 11 classrooms. Numbers in given grades will dictate classroom grade configurations as well as contractual class sizes. There a number of homes up for sale, and new home construction continues in our area. Students that have applied to attend Finch on a variance will not get definitive answers on their placement until the end of the first week of school in September. If you get new neighbors over the summer, please encourage them to register their children during the last week of August. If the enrolment situation for your child changes please email Mr. Lang (tlang@prn.bc.ca).

**PAC Thanks**

Our parent advisory group has continued their outstanding support of our school. Many volunteer hours were put in to run school events and support school activities. Each classroom received funds to support field trips and items for classroom activities. Our school sports teams travel and registration costs were covered by PAC. The hot lunch program and special lunches were also appreciated. The importance of PAC’s efforts with the hot lunch program was evident by the loud applause at our awards ceremony. PAC also helped with our grade six celebration and the very popular Sand Northrup One Woman Circus Residency. The school carnival was the final family event for the school year.

A group from PAC met to look at freshening up the front flower beds and then the work began. A special thanks to Mrs. Fochuk for her work as PAC Chair and continuing the planting and watering efforts into the summer.

PAC has also ordered some new playground equipment and has been working with School District 60 Maintenance to enlarge the big blue sandbox in preparation for the installation of these pieces. Thanks to Mrs. De Klein for her work on this project.

The **next PAC meeting** will be on the third Wednesday of September, September 19th, 2018 @ 7pm in the school library (babysitting is provided). Come out and give your thoughts about what PAC should be doing in 2018/19. All parents of CM Finch students are members of PAC and encouraged to attend. Participating in PAC is a way of supporting your child’s education.

**Staffing Changes 2018/19**

There will be significant staffing changes to our school in the fall. After many years of service to our school and the School District Mrs. Gilbert will be retiring. Mr. Morrison, Mr. DePottie, Mrs. Dilly, and Ms. Vally will be leaving our staff to pursue other teaching opportunities. Miss Pellow is on leave from the district for the 18/19 school year.

Ms. Mervyn will be returning from her maternity leave, and will be sharing a classroom with Mrs. Shuffler. We will also be welcoming Mrs. Vasarhelyi to our school as our new Vice Principal, and Ms. Flynn to our teaching staff in September.

**Educational Requests**

Parents may make a written educational request for next year. An educational request is based on your child’s needs not the selection of a specific teacher. If you feel that there are things that need to be considered in your child’s placement, please send a detailed note to Mr. Lang. The numbers of students that are in each grade level and the balancing of needs within the school will determine the final grade configuration and teacher assignment.

**Opening Week 2018/19**

School opens on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 for students in grade one to six. The students are only with us for two hours. Dismissal time will be at 10:50. On September 4th students will be returning to their 17/18 classroom groupings. The home base for these classroom groupings will be posted on the school door before opening day. Students that are new to the school community will be placed in a grade appropriate classroom for the morning. On September 5th and 6th students will be in multi age primary or intermediate groups and they will be participating in a variety of activities and working with a number of teachers. Some of the opening week activities will be based on Peter Reynold’s book *The Word Collector*. The first week is designed to build school community, help students make connections with each other and staff as well as to set up a common purpose for the year. Students will get to think about the words they want collected and connected to their 18/19 school year.

We hope to structure into classes on Friday, September 7th **if we have a clear picture** of numbers and configuration of classes. There are a number of things that will add to the complexity of startup this September.

**Return of School Items**

If you discover that your child has things at home like textbooks, school uniforms, muddy buddy clothes, home reading books, library books or other materials please drop them off after August 28th.

**Primary School Supplies**

Primary students in kindergarten to grade three are able to get their supplies through the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase supplies through the school as this ensures the supplies match those needed for the overall class plan. This optional participation allows parents to take advantage of the convenience of having others get the correct materials at school pricing. Students are given materials, as they need them throughout the year.

**Grade 6 Students Move On**

Our best wishes go out to our grade six students that will be moving onto Bert Bowes, Dr. Kearney and other school districts. We look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments. Remember once a Falcon always a Falcon!

Maverick Arnold Rihanna Arnold Ethan Baerg Hailey Baker

Ashlyn Baxter Lucas Benko Tianna Black Kayden Bolin

Ella Brooks Destiny Buburuz Peyton Caza Haidynn Clarke

Mayson Collington Daan De Klein Grayson Ekkel Hailey Finch

Jack Fochuk Evan Gardner Andie Grunewald Malayna Jackle

Mason Kainer Molly Koponyas Kaiya Kube Ethan Laychuk

Rennie Laychuk Grayson Louie Nyah Mason-Bennett Stepan McLean

Maddox Modrall Kielan Nicoll Femi Oyedeji Ava Phelan

Nora Redford Katelynn Robbins Carisa Rogers-Bell Alexander Rugina

Madison Stregger Darryl Urich Tyler Wilkinson

**CM Finch 2018-2019 Bell Schedule**

8:30 Supervision starts, **students may arrive.**

8:45 Warning Bell

8:50 Classes Start

10:30-10:45 Recess

10:45-10:50 Snack

10:50-12:00 Class time

12:00-12:20 Lunch Play

12:20-12:40 Eating time

12:40-2:43 Class time - Dismissal

2:57 Supervision ends

**Once a Falcon Always a Falcon! Finch Falcons Change to MMCS Firebirds**

At our school Talent Show on June 18th, Mrs. Scheck and Mr. Mackay the principal and vice principal of Margaret Murray Community School were introduced to the CM Finch Community. Some of our Falcons presented trees to their Firebird friends. Mrs. Scheck promised to use her green thumb to keep the trees alive until they could be planted on site at the new school. CM Finch also presented a Dunvegan Garden gift card for the purchase of a large tree for the new school site. It is hoped that when this tree is planted that some of our current Falcons and former Falcons will be able to be involved with the planting.

In July Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Scheck and Mr. Mackay met to talk about the transition for the Firebirds. MMCS will be CM Finch’s sister school so having some shared activities and ways for continuing friendships is important.

**Thanks So Much**

I would like to say thanks for the thoughtful send off from CM Finch.

The chairs that were signed by the students, the pictures, notes cards, good wishes and thoughtful gestures are all things that were much appreciated. I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many students, a strong committed staff and the caring parents that make up our CM Finch Community.

Every day at school was an adventure. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family in my “repurposing” and focusing on spending more time doing things that I like.

Finch has always had a strong sense of community and I know that it will continue with Mr. Lang as principal. There will be changes but the importance of doing what is right for kids will continue to be the focus.

Helen Gilbert

**Have a wonderful and safe summer. Stay connected!**

**The school web site at http://** [**www.cmfinch.prn.bc.ca**](http://www.cmfinch.prn.bc.ca) **will have updated information through the summer.**

**School Fees 2018/19**

Fees will be collected after students are assigned classes **but not before Sept. 10th, 2017.**

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| Kindergarten | $25.00 supplies | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $35.00 | |
| Grades 1-3 | $35.00 supplies  $7.00 agenda | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $52.00 | |
| Grades 4-5 | $7.00 agenda | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $17.00 | |
| Grade 6 | $7.00agenda + $30.00 iPad Insurance | $10.00 cultural fee | | *Total:* $47.00 |

**CM Finch Elementary Intermediate Supply List**

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| √ | **Supply** | **Requirements** |
|  | Duotangs | black 1; red 1; green 1; grey 1; yellow 1; light blue 1; dark blue 1; white 1; purple 1; white 1; orange 1 |
|  | Note/ Exercise Books | 4 Key Tabs Notebooks (with lined paper; not coil bound) |
|  | Quad Rule Notebooks (4 sq to 1") 200 pages | *If unable to get notebooks, get (4 sq-1" grid/ graph paper = to 200 pages and a special math duotang.* |
|  | Pencil Crayons | 36 pack |
|  | Felt Pens/ Markers | Washable, broad Tip - 16 pack |
|  | Glue Sticks | 3- 40 g. |
|  | HB Pencils w/ erasers | 24+ |
|  | Pencil sharpener | 1 w/ shavings collector |
|  | Ball Point Pens | 2 blue/ black |
|  | Ball Point Pens | 2 – red |
|  | Large white erasers | 4+ |
|  | Pencil case | 1 |
|  | Pencil box w/ lid | Opt. for storing felts, etc. |
|  | Scissors | 1 pair |
|  | Ruler | 1 – 30 cm w/ both cm & mm markings - NO metal edges |
|  | Calculator *(practical, basic)* | w/ basic functions **DO NOT** purchase Scientific style |
|  | Highlighters | (1) yellow, (1) blue, (1) pink, (1) green |
|  | Gym strip w/ bag | Needs to be washed weekly |
|  | Sketch/drawing book | 1 - no larger than 9x12 inches |
|  | Facial tissue | 2 boxes |
|  | Inside Athletic Shoes | 1 pair (non-marking soles) |

* Please do your best to ensure that your child has their school supplies by **Monday, September 10th**.
* Please label all of your child’s school supplies**, except for the duo tangs as we have a special labeling process in place.**
* *Note:* These quantities are averages; some children require more materials than others. If your child often needs extra supplies, you may want to purchase additional quantities (e.g., pencils). If additional materials are required later in the year, the student will jot a note in their agenda.
* Sometimes all duo-tang colours can be hard to come by. The school will have some

duo-tangs available in this instance for the odd colour that you need.

**Please do not** supply your child with ***permanent* markers**, except as noted – thank you.

**Intermediate Students will not need to have their supplies with them for a few days.**

**School District 60 Adopted Calendar 18/19**

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|  | **2018-19** |
| **School Calendar Information &**  **Non-Instructional Days** | **Adopted District Dates** |
| **Days in Session** | **188** |
| **Number of Days of Instruction** | **179** |
| **Schools Open** | **Tuesday**  **September 4, 2018** |
| **Non-Instructional Day**  *(School Planning Day)* | **Friday**  **September 21, 2018** |
| **Non-Instructional Day**  *(Curriculum Day)* | **Monday**  **September 24, 2018** |
| **Thanksgiving Day** | **Monday**  **October 8, 2018** |
| ***Non-Instructional Day***  *(Pro-D – Provincial)* | **Friday**  **October 19, 2018** |
| **Remembrance Day** | **Monday**  **November 12, 2018** |
| ***Early Dismissal Day*** | **Wednesday**  **November 28, 2018** |
| ***Early Dismissal Day*** | **Thursday**  **November 29, 2018** |
| ***Non-Instructional Day***  *(Parent-Teacher Interviews****)*** | **Friday**  **November 30, 2018** |
| **Christmas Vacation Period** | **Monday, December 24 to Friday, January 4, 2019** |
| **Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation** | **Monday,**  **January 7, 2019** |
| ***Non-Instructional Day***  *Pro-D (District)/Semester Turnaround* | **Friday**  **January 25, 2019** |
| ***Family Day*** | **Monday**  **February 18, 2019** |
| ***Non-Instructional Day***  *(Report Writing)* | **Monday**  **February 25, 2019** |
| ***Early Dismissal Day*** | **Wednesday**  **March 13, 2019** |
| ***Early Dismissal Day*** | **Thursday**  **March 14, 2019** |
| **Spring Vacation Period/District**  **Closure Days** | **Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 29, 2019** |
| **Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days** | **Monday**  **April 1, 2019** |
| **Good Friday** | **Friday**  **April 19, 2019** |
| **Easter Monday** | **Monday**  **April 22, 2019** |
| ***Non-Instructional Day***  *(Pro-D Day)* | **Friday**  **May 10, 2019** |
| **Victoria Day** | **Monday**  **May 20, 2019** |
| **Last day for Students** | **Thursday**  **June 27, 2019** |
| **Administrative Day – Schools Close** | **Friday**  **June 28, 2019** |