

Dr. Martha Cohen School

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Parents and Guardians of future Dr. Martha Cohen students:

I am pleased to announce our temporary office is now open. Also, I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Marie Bakker is our Administrative Secretary. Mrs. Bakker joins our school from Louis Riel School, and brings with her many years of experience. I am also pleased to announce that Mr. Darcy George has accepted the Assistant Principal position at Dr. Martha Cohen School. Mr. George is an experienced Assistant Principal, and talented teacher, with a wide range of experiences. Mr. George will join Dr. Martha Cohen on May 2nd. We hope the FAQ Sheets will help with immediate information needs and we will continue to send them out on a regular basis.

How can I contact Dr. Martha Cohen School?

The temporary office for Dr. Martha Cohen School is located at the Area V office of the CBE, located in Haysboro School. Our telephone number is 777-8780 ext 2600, and our fax number is 403-777-8789. Email continues to be the best way to contact us: drmarthacohen@cbe.ab.ca. In the next few weeks we will have regular office hours by appointment only.

How do I register for Dr. Martha Cohen School?

If your child currently attends grades 4 – 7 at Acadia, Maple Ridge, RT Alderman or David Thompson School, no action is required, as your child will automatically be registered in Dr. Martha Cohen School. If you reside in our catchment area, and your child is currently attending another CBE school, please complete a CBE Transfer form at your child's current school and fax or email the form to our temporary office. If you reside in our catchment area, and your child attends a non-CBE school, please complete a CBE registration form, and return to your designated CBE school. CBE forms can be found on the CBE website – www.cbe.ab.ca.

What will the hours be at the new school?

Grade 5 students will attend at the New Brighton School location from 8:10AM-3:10PM Monday-Thursday. Lunch will be from 11:45AM-12:40PM. **Grade 5** students will attend 8:10AM-11:45PM on Fridays.

Grade 6, 7 & 8 students will attend Dr. Martha Cohen School at the Wilma Hansen School location from 9:05AM-3:40PM Monday-Thursday. Lunch will be from 12:00PM-12:45PM. **Grade 6, 7 & 8** students will attend from 9:05AM-1:10PM on Fridays.

A detailed calendar will be made available when it is finalized later in May.



Will the school offer the same programs as other schools? Will the school have enough resources?

Dr. Martha Cohen School will be well resourced and staffed to offer a full range of programming. We will work closely with the staff at our feeder schools, and with parents, to understand the learning needs of students and the supports that are needed. A CBE Commissioning Team is acquiring resources and furniture for each new school. We will also have a commissioning budget for school specific resources. We will also work closely with parents around important enhancements to the learning environment that may be supported by fundraising efforts.

Will there be an opportunity to meet the staff and see inside the school before the first day of school?

Transition Planning is very important to us. Over the next few weeks I will visit with all future students to introduce myself and begin answering their questions about their new community school. A parent information evening is being planned for June. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff of Dr. Martha Cohen School. At this time, we are unable to confirm school tours.

What do I do if I have other questions or need information?

The best way to contact us is by email: drmarthacohen@cbe.ab.ca. We will continue to create FAQ Sheets on a regular basis and communicate with you with the help of our feeder school's websites. We will inform you when the Dr. Martha Cohen School website is ready.

Jason Hartl – Principal
Darcy George – Assistant Principal
Marie Bakker – Administrative Assistant



