

questions & answers

FAQ Sheet #5
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Parents and Guardians of Dr. Martha Cohen students:

We are committed to you of school information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact us at drmarthacohen@cbe.ab.ca with any questions you have.

Will there be a school council or parent society at DMCS?

There are plans to organize both a school council and a parent society. If you are interested in becoming a part of either parent group, please email dmcohenschoolcouncil@gmail.com, or on Facebook – DM Cohen Council.

The Alberta Education Act mandates that all schools have a School Council. In order for DMCS to be in a position to have a council, we will need to have an Establishment meeting in June or within the first 40 days of the new school year. We will send out an invitation to all families once we have a confirmed date.

What will the school teams be named and what colour will the uniforms be?

We are currently surveying our students, and will let everyone know the top names and colours at our informational evening on May 11th. If you have an idea for a school name and colour, please complete the survey at the following link - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_PF9_kowAyE6GXfGvf2EBCNaATBNsFxWjWeHEA4Kog8/edit?usp=drive_web

What will the bell times be for Grade 5 at New Brighton School?

An email survey was sent to our grade 5 parents requesting a preference for following New Brighton or Dr. Martha Cohen hours for September – December. At this time, our grade 5 students will follow the New Brighton School hours as follows:

- Monday – Thursday – 8:10am – 3:10pm
- Lunch Monday – Thursday – 11:45am – 12:40pm
- Friday – 8:10am – 11:45pm

This decision was based on a narrow margin of surveys we received back from parents. Additionally, in discussions with New Brighton School, we determined that for the four months our grade 5's will be with them, this will provide the students with the best opportunities. We will be able to share space, resources, and in some cases teachers, to ensure a quality learning program more effectively with our hours aligned with New Brighton School.



What will the bell times be for Grade 6-8 at Wilma Hansen School?

These times are similar to the times we will follow when we move to our new building in January. The finalized times will be communicated before the end of June.

- Monday – Thursday – 9:03am – 3:40pm
- Lunch Monday – Thursday – 12:00pm – 12:40pm
- Friday – 9:03am – 1:10pm

How do I become a cleared volunteer for DMCS?

If you have a valid clearance at any CBE school, please contact Mrs. Bakker – mrbakker@cbe.ab.ca – with your legal name & birthdate, and she will add you to the Dr. Cohen database. If you do not have a valid security clearance with the CBE, please contact Mrs. Bakker to begin the process.

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 to communicate with families. Please visit our website - <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/new-brighton-copperfield-middle-school.aspx> - for current school information.

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