



WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE FESTIVAL - TEACHER SCHEDULE

This teacher schedule goes through what teachers can expect leading up to and during your Festival visit. We've included specific timings of activities, tips and important information at each stage of the experience so that you are fully prepared for your class trip.


BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

In Early May

- You will receive your school ticket package with Festival information, activity village wristbands and show ticket vouchers. This will arrive in the mail unless you requested pick at the festival, then your ticket package will be available to pick up on the day of your show from 8:30am onwards, at the Teacher Kiosk when you first arrive.
- If you've placed a bus order through the Festival, you will receive your School Bus Order information such as, Bus Company, number of buses and pick-up times.
- If available, you will receive a link to a Show specific Study Guide with pre and post show activities for your class.
- If you requested a [Host](#), your assigned Host's name and information will also be shared with you at this time.
- You will also receive an **email** containing updates about the Festival.
- Now's the time to send parent permission forms, volunteer and if applicable, payment requests.

Teacher Tip

“Make sure you have enough parent volunteers. Try to have 4-5 students per adult, that way you can travel through the Activity Village a little easier.”



2 weeks before


Check List

- Review [Planning Your Day at the Festival, Location & Parking](#)
- Email parents with meeting times and a list of what students should bring:
 - Small backpack
 - Water bottle
 - Lunch and snack
 - Hat and sunscreen
 - Jacket
 - Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Review the [show venue & site map](#) and [schedule](#)



Teacher Tip

“A fun and practical way to identify your school group is to ask them to wear the same coloured T-shirt or something visual to identify them as part of the group such as colourful identity badges, lanyards, etc.”



1 week before

In the Classroom

- Prepare your class for the Festival Field Trip
- If your Show has an accompanying Study Guide, incorporate some of the pre-show activities into your classroom.
- As our Shows take place in real theatre venues, please use this opportunity to teach your students about **theatre etiquette**.
- Medical needs: Talk to the office and procure any medications that your students usually take during the day and make note of students with allergies or medical conditions.

Teacher Tip

“We put the Activity Village wristbands on in class the day before the Festival which helps build anticipation and remind parents about the field trip.”

Festival Day!

A TYPICAL DAY - IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

9:00am - LOAD THE BUS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Bus Trip

Tips

- Do a head count before you leave to ensure all your group is on the bus.
- Assign each child a buddy to be with during the trip.



9:45am - ARRIVE AT BUS DROP OFF AREA ON GRANVILLE ISLAND

Welcome

- Students offload from the bus and wait off to the side with parents
- Your Host, if you have requested one, will greet you and give you a quick orientation. They will be holding a sign with your school's name.
- Check in with our School Services Team at the Teacher Kiosk and pick-up your tickets if you requested pick up at the Festival.
- Need **extra tickets**? Ask at the Teacher Kiosk when you arrive.
- School discount available day of: \$14 (cash and credit card only) for all shows depending on availability (taxes included)
- Not coming by school bus? Arrange to meet your group here, [Lot 73 1250 Cartwright Street](#).

Tips

- Ask your students if anyone needs to use the washroom before you start your day. Portable toilets are located near the Teacher Kiosk.
- Do a head count before you leave for the venue to ensure all your group is off the bus.

10:10am - GETTING TO YOUR THEATRE VENUE

Getting There

- Your Host is your personal guide to Granville Island.
- Using safe walkways on sidewalks and through park areas away from cars, your Host will safely deliver your class to the theatre venue. In the event that you need to cross a street we use crosswalks to ensure your group's safety.



10:20am - ARRIVE AT THE VENUE

At the Theatre

- Give your ticket voucher to the Festival staff at the front of the venue.
- Your group will enter the venue and be seated together in a group.

Tips

- Before the performance, ask your students if anyone needs to use the washroom. Toilets are located in the theatre venue.
- Count heads to ensure that the entire group is now at the theatre.

10:30am - THE SHOW IS ABOUT TO START

It's Show Time

- Please take a moment to turn off your phone. No photography or video is allowed during the performance as it may distract the performer and other audience members.
- Enjoy the Show!

11:30am - AFTER THE SHOW

Meeting Place

- Your host will be waiting for you to escort you to the next stage of the Festival.

Tips

- After the performance, ask your students if anyone needs to use the washroom. Toilets are located in the theatre venue.
- Do a head count to confirm that your group is all together before leaving the theatre

11:30am to 12 noon - LUNCHTIME

Let's Eat

- Your Host will help you find a nice spot for lunch.
- In case of rain, we have access to space in several indoor spaces where students can eat their lunch including at several of our performance venues, all just a short walk from our Activity Village. On the morning of a rainy day we will email you the location and time reserved for your class to have lunch.
- Food trucks and extra portable toilets are located near the Waterfront Theatre. Ask your Host or anyone in a VICF staff shirt to show you the nearest washrooms.

Tip

- Do a head count after arriving at your lunch place.
- Ask your Host to help you hand out and put on wristbands before heading to the Activity Village.

12:00pm - ACTIVITY VILLAGE

Let's Play!

- Your Host will lead you to the Activity Village
- Relax and have fun in our [Activity Village](#) with over 10–12 different hands-on arts activities.
- Enter the Activity Village by showing your wristbands
- The outdoor activities take place in individual tents within a fully fenced-in area to ensure your group's safety. There is only one entrance/exit that is secured by Festival Staff.

Tips



- Ask your students if anyone needs to use the washroom. Portable toilets are located in the Activity Village.
- Fill up water bottles at our Water Station by the food vendors
- Arrange a time with your group to meet back at the Activity Village entrance
- Face painting is located at the Picnic Pavilion. We suggest going there before or after the Activity Village.
- Count heads to make sure the entire group is at the Activity Village

1:20 Approx. - RETURN TO SCHOOL BUS AREA

Getting Back



- Return to the School Bus area 10 minutes before your scheduled bus pick-up time. Your host will escort your group back to the Bus area.
- Once your entire group has arrived at the pick-up area, your bus will be called onto Granville Island for your pick-up
- Wait with your group to board your bus

Tips



- Ask your students if anyone needs to use the washroom. Portable toilets are located near the Teacher Kiosk.
- Count the number of students when you arrive at the Bus area and while loading onto the bus.
- If one of your students has lost an item. All lost and found items will be handed into the information tent between Waterfront Theatre and The Nest.

2:30pm ARRIVE BACK AT YOUR SCHOOL

Return Bus



- Thank you for coming to the Festival, we hope you had fun!

After the Festival

Classroom



LET'S CREATE LASTING FESTIVAL MEMORIES...

- We recommend you discuss the class's trip to the Festival (shows & activities) and get students to create a short story or picture book based on their experience. Suggest they bring any crafts or artwork they made in the Activity Village to show to the class.
- If your Show has an accompanying Study Guide, incorporate some of the post-show activities into your classroom.
- An online survey will be emailed to you. Please send us your feedback so that we can improve your experience at future Festivals.
- Start planning next year's field trip!



"I think everyone came out of the theatre with much to think about. For most in my class this was the first time they had ever seen live theatre. It is so much better than a movie. Thank you so much." BC Educator

Questions? Feel free to email our School Services Team at info@childrensfestival.ca or phone 604-708-5655.