

HOT off the Press

Important information about

The first week of school September 7th to 10th

Remember to send a snack and lunch with your child on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please do not send school supplies until permanent classes have been set, probably Monday. All parents are welcome to participate during opening week events. Kindergarten interviews will be scheduled during first week.

During the first week of school the staff has organized meaningful and purposeful activities for all students in Grades 1 through 5 – *it is very important that all children attend, as this is a time of “learning the ropes”, getting to know and beginning to learn with each other.*

The theme for the first week of school will be *Bucket-Filling @ James Park*. Students in grades 1 to 5 will be assigned to multi-age groups, to participate in camp-like activities centered around community building, fitness and FUN. Literacy, Numeracy, Social Responsibility and Healthy Living will be woven into each day. During this first week our goal is to connect students to each other, to the staff and to the school in fun and meaningful ways. Kindergarten students are welcome to join a group, if they have an adult supervisor. K interviews will take place at this time.

Tuesday September 7th – All students, Kindergarten to grade 5, attend school from 8:50 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to confirm registration – this is a **very important 40 minutes** for both students and the school. *If, for any reason, your child cannot be here please contact the school to let us know they will be absent and if/when they will be back.* Students will report for attendance, as follows:

- ✓ Students **new to the school** report to the library
- ✓ **Kindergarten** students – families will be directed on arrival
- ✓ **Grade 1** students meet in the Gym
- ✓ **Grades 2 to 5** students return to the room they attended in June

Wednesday September 8th – Kindergarten students do not attend until next week. All other students return to the same place as the day before (unless a notice is posted to say otherwise). After attendance, the whole school will assemble in the gym for introductions, instructions and to move into multi-age groups. **Students will be dismissed from their multi-age class at the end of the day – those class lists will be posted so parents know where to go.**

Thursday and Friday, September 9th & 10th – Students go directly to their multi-age classroom where all the activities, the attendance and the dismissal will occur.

Friday, September 10. The whole school will go on a walking field trip to Lions Park in the late morning! Please make sure permission slips have been submitted to the teacher by Thursday, so we know everyone is going. Of course, parents are welcome to attend. Multi-age groups will follow different routes so they can do litter patrol, demonstrating a sense of responsibility for the wider community. On Friday, **please send a picnic type lunch with your child, and ensure back packs are light weight with only that lunch inside, plus a hat and sunscreen if necessary.**