

September 10, 2022

Dear Eagle Mountain Families,

We hope that the start of the school year has been smooth for you and your children. September is the month where we all get very busy after a long summer break, and it is fun to be back working for your children. We have really enjoyed welcoming our new students and seeing the smiling faces of our returning students.

Here are a few "short and sweet" pieces of info for you to keep you up to speed with upcoming events:

- **Students in Classes:** Students are now in their core classes and explorations classes have just started. Thanks for your patience. This year has been a bit more challenging as we have had to juggle our organization to accommodate new registrations and keep the class size and composition regulations in balance. Creating classes is a very complex process and there are many factors and countless hours of work that go into this process. Please note that once classes are adjusted and balanced, we are less able to accommodate placement requests once the school year begins as the class building process began last June. We appreciate your understanding. Please contact your child's core teacher if you would like to discuss any unique needs that your child has that will help us working together with you to support their learning and social/emotional development.
- **Forms and Fees:** Look out in your emails for detailed information regarding completing important forms and details on how to pay for school fees.
- **Photo Day Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>.** Yes, that's right! On Monday we are having individual photos taken. There is a retake day on October 20<sup>th</sup> for those students who are absent on Monday.
- **Open House/Meet the Teacher Night: (Date to be determined)** please join us this the third week of September for our Open House/Meet the teacher night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We will confirm the exact date early this week.
- **Band, Clubs and Athletics:** We are very excited to be starting all our offerings for students this school year. We will regularly keep you up to date with what is being offered at EMM.  
\*Band and Choir.  
Please see your emails sent earlier this week for the details on joining the band and choir. Band is an extra graded course that is optional. Choir is extracurricular.  
\*Athletics:  
Mr. Nordby, our Athletic Director along with several staff members, will soon be starting up the athletic season. Athletics is an extra-curricular activity that is run voluntarily by the staff. We anticipate having the following activities for students this fall: Cross-Country Running, Competitive Swimming, Volleyball and Field Hockey. Very soon announcements will be made to sign up for these.  
\*Clubs:  
Clubs vary from year to year based on the interest of the staff and students. Announcements will be made to sign up for clubs.
- **Pro- D Day:** The first Pro-D Day is Friday, **September 23rd**. There is no school for students. The staff will be involved in workshops, setting goals for the coming school year and preparing for school-wide assessments for students.
- **Truth and Reconciliation National Holiday: September 30<sup>th</sup>:** A reminder that this new holiday is next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Schools are closed for the observance of those impacted by the residential school system.

Please be on the lookout on our school website and through e-mail for newsletters and occasional updates.

We wish you all a wonderful September. Thanks in advance for your support of our efforts to provide a safe and caring learning environment for your children. A positive and mutually respectful partnership between home and school goes a long way towards our students' success.

Warm Regards,

Andrew Graham -Principal

Kirsten Paterson – Vice Principal