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It has been a busy year at Walton. It's hard to believe that the end of the year is almost here.

We've accomplished a lot at Walton! As I reflect back, I'm impressed with the work we've done on behalf of our students.

The new curriculum is coming and I'd like to thank the teachers for hosting our first information session for parents. A big unknown for us is reporting. The Ministry of Education has not released the reporting order. You'll note that we haven't booked our early dismissal times for 2016-2017 because of this unknown.

Our staff is moving forward with our learning of the curricular and core competencies along with the First People's Perspectives.

Our Social Emotional Learning Goal is finishing our second year. You can read a brief summary of our Action Plan for Learning on Page 2.

In terms of extracurricular, we again hosted volleyball and basketball for our Grade 5 students and sponsored Track and Field for the Grade 3, 4 and 5s.

We've also invited parents to participate in a Social Emotional Learning survey and to sign up for school on-line payments.

The Walton PAC have done so much for the students of the school. There is a clear focus on supporting our students. Thanks to Megan Risk and the Walton PAC Executive for all of their work!

We've opened a new playground and also planted a garden!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

Summertime

The last day for students is Wednesday, June 29th. We will dismiss at 11:55am. School will be closed for the summer.

The school office will re-open Monday, August 29th.

If you need to contact the office, you can email Walton@sd43.bc.ca.

This email address will be checked periodically over the summer.

Please contact us if you are moving during the summer.

Action Plan for Learning 2016-2017

Our Goal:

To improve student learning through social emotional learning, self-regulation and problem solving skills.

Community and Student Involvement

Walton innovated two new practices this year. In April 2016, the community was invited to complete an on-line Parent Survey of Social Emotional Learning Index, April 2016. We hope to use the same survey in April 2017 to create comparative data to track student progress and also parent understanding of our goal.

Walton also hosted its first Social Emotional Learning Celebration on April 27 and 28th, 2016. Students brought their parents through our Class Charter gallery and watched our 11 minute video.

Students were involved in the creation of their Class Charter. A Class Charter outlines the expectations and norms that the children need in order to maintain a safe learning environment.

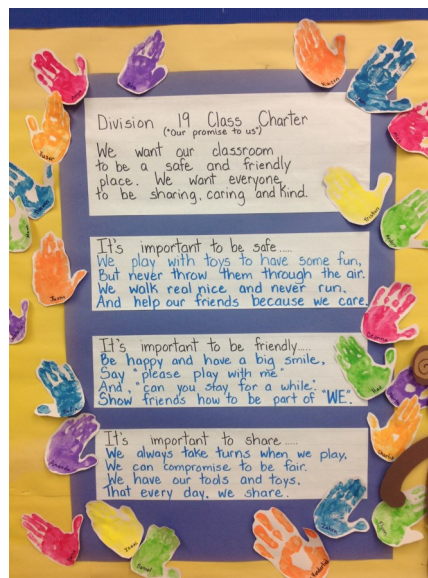
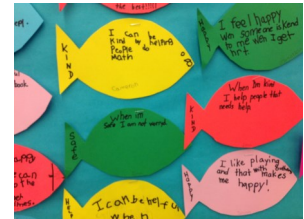
You can read our entire Action Plan for Learning at www.sd43.bc.ca/walton

Planned Actions for 2016-2017

- Implement a Daily SEL practice in all classrooms. Currently the staff have received training in the Mood Meter.
- Establish Class Charters by October 31, 2016
- Establish a School-Wide Charter that has common elements from all 24 Class Charters.
- Continue with professional development focused on Social Emotional Learning.
- Continue with a Learning Celebration in April 2017.

Conclusion

- Overall, there is very positive growth for our school.
- Our focus on Social Emotional Learning with Class Charters, Mood Meters and continual reinforcement in class may account for the significant improvement this year. Teachers, through professional development and collaboration, may also have stronger idea of SEL concepts.
- We need to develop a more consistent definition of what a child looks like in the three categories (Not Yet Meeting; Approaching/Satisfactory; and Meeting/Consistently)



Farewell

We wish these staff members a fond farewell. They have been wonderful contributors to the Walton community. We hope to see them return to Walton in the future!

- Ms. Sedlacek, Gr. 3/4
- Ms. Bentley, Student Services, Gr. 1 & 5
- Ms. Martz, Gr. 4
- Ms. Dittrick, Kindergarten
- Mrs. Chen, Kindergarten Mandarin
- Ms. Zhang, Gr. 3 Mandarin
- Ms. Hussein, Gr. 3
- Mrs. Nicholls, Education Assistant
- Mrs. Spring, Education Assistant



We will be saying farewell to these fantastic staff members at our Farewell Assembly on Wednesday, June 29th at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend!

Mandarin Bilingual Update

40 students completed the Youth Chinese Test on May 21st. The results will be released over the summer. This provides us with a chance to compare our data to last year, but also to reference our program to the Edmonton School District.

A new addition to our school is a 65" TV courtesy of the Confucius Institute. Thanks to the Confucius Institute for supplying books and technology to our program.



The Confucius Institute has been very supportive of the Mandarin Program. Just recently, we received over a dozen boxes of Chinese language books.

Walton Gardens



The program will continue next year with commitments from Ms. Howells, Mrs. Dupuis and Mrs. Dane!

Our Walton gardens will be maintained over the summer by seven families who have volunteered to come by the school to water the gardens.

Very special thanks to these families for volunteering their time:

- The Ruggier
- The Norenas
- The Pauluzzis
- The Jessons
- The Jensens
- The Teglas
- The Reeds

The Last Week

The last day of school for students is Wednesday, June 29th. We will dismiss at 11:55am. Please notify your daycare providers.

Many families are leaving early on vacation. Report Cards will be available on June 29th. If your family is not going to be here, you can ask a friend to pick up the report card. Please write a note to the teacher giving permission for the other family to pick up your child's report card. If you cannot pick it up, the report card will be waiting for you in September.

Several families have indicated they are going on extended vacations and may not be back at school in September. It

is very important that we know your whereabouts in September. Please note that we may not be able to hold your child's spot if you are not in school in September. Walton Elementary is projected to be full in September and we may need to accommodate families that move into our neighbourhood.

Please notify us immediately if your family vacation prevents you from being at school in the first week of September.



First Week in September

All students will report back to their former classrooms on September 6, 8:50-9:20am.

It is critical to be in touch with the office if your family will not be attending school the first week of September.

Walton Elementary is expected to be at capacity in September and there is the possibility that we may need to de-enroll non-attending

students to make room for new families.

The first full day of school for Grades 1 to 5 is Wednesday, September 7th.

Parents will drop off and pick up their child from their former classroom during the first week!

We will be trying something new in the first week. Students will spend a mix of time with their former teachers but also get a sneak peek at their upcoming grade.

More information about opening week will be communicated in August!

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| Sept. 5 <i>School Closed</i> | Sept. 6 <i>School Opens 8:50-9:20am</i> | Sept. 7 <i>Full Day begins for Gr. 1-Gr. 5 8:50-2:45pm</i> | Sept. 8 <i>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</i> | Sept. 9 <i>Kindergarten Gradual Entry</i> |
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CODE OF CONDUCT

Walton's Code of Conduct is being revised. This is an annual process whereby we review our Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct outlines

our expectations for student conduct at school. This year, we are aligning our Code of

Conduct with the work that we are doing in Social Emotional Learning. The draft of our 2016 Code of Conduct can be found on our school [website!](#)

Western Sports Day



SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

School begins 8:50 a.m. for students ***entering*** Grades 1-5.

Dismissal at 9:20 a.m.

New kindergarten students meet in the gym at 10:00am.

*The Walton PAC will host a coffee reception for parents in the morning while your children are in class.
Come join us and reconnect!*

Attendance on this day is very important as we confirm our enrolment numbers for the district. If your child will not be present on this day please call the school so that we include them in our class organization.

- ✦ All students ***returning*** to Walton Elementary should report to ***last year's*** classes. Please line up at your usual door.
- ✦ ***Newly*** registered students in Grades 1-5 will report to the Library.
New kindergarten families will sign up for their "Welcoming Conversation" in the gymnasium at 10:00am.
- ✦ Wednesday, September 7, will be a full day of classes for Grades 1-5 (8:50 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) Students will again return to their former classrooms.
- ✦ Your child will need a recess snack and lunch. Students need also need to bring a pencil box of colouring supplies and running shoes for Wednesday.
- ✦ Haven't purchased school supplies yet? You can find the list on our school website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton>

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