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"We don't just go to school, we go to Maple Creek"

September 2, 2021

Dear Maple Creek Parents and Students,

Welcome back and welcome to the 2021-22 school year. We all hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to begin the new school year.

We have been planning and preparing for the new school year for the past few weeks and are excited to welcome all our students back to school with less restrictions for grouping our students and slowly resuming our regular middle school routines. At this time, we don't anticipate any significant changes to our enrollment projections for this school year, but there is always the possibility of having to re-organize based on the number of new registrations versus the number of students who have moved. The first few days of school will determine our actual numbers and we will be able to go forward from there with confirming our classroom placements. We hope to have students in their homeroom classes by Friday, September 10th but may need to move this plan to the following Monday if needed. Accurate attendance is key to getting things in motion and we are counting on our families to let us know if your child will be absent during the first days of school. We thank you in advance as for your patience and cooperation.

DAY 1 – Tuesday, September 7th.....a shortened day.

PLEASE NOTE: students do not need to bring a lunch or school supplies on Tuesday.

Grade 6 students- arrive at 8:45 am and meet at the sport courts at the back of the school. The grade 6 students will do meaningful orientation activities with our grade 8 WEB leaders.

Grade 6 students will be dismissed at 11:20 am from the gym.

Grade 7 students- arrive between 11:15 and 11:30 am. Meet on the Grass field at the back of the school. Students will be placed in a learning group on this day. Some staff have changed therefore the students may not necessarily be with last year's teacher.

Grade 7 students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm

Grade 8 students- arrive between 11:15 and 11:30. Grade 8 students meet at the sport courts at the back of the school at 11:30 am.

Grade 8 students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to have parents congregate in the school building and on school grounds. For those that need to stay we ask that you stay at the front of the school where we have many picnic tables.

Keep going. More info for Day 2 on next page →

DAY 2 – Wednesday, September 8th. A regular day. Start time 8:40 am

Please note:

Grade 6 students will meet in the gym

Grade 7 students will meet on the grass field

Grade 8 students will meet on the sport courts

This day and the rest of the school year are full days. Classes begin at 8:40 am and end at 2:54 pm. There are no staggered starts and end times this school year.

Students are expected to arrive at school no later than 8:30 am (warning bell) each day so that they are ready for instruction by 8:40 am. Students will need to bring a lunch on this day and any other materials the teachers have requested (they will definitely need a pen and pencil). On Wednesday, grade 6 students will be meeting in the gym at 8:40 am, and then will be assigned to a team for the remainder of the week. All students will have a daily designated meeting location that they must go to as soon as they arrive at school to ensure that they are not gathering in large groups. Teachers will provide this information to the students.

Most students will know their classes and classroom teachers by Friday if our numbers work out well. Exploration classes will begin on the week of September 13th.

Please review the email sent yesterday (Wednesday) with specific COVID-19 protocols for a safe return to school.

Also, you are all welcome to attend our first **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting** on Monday September 13th at 7 pm on Zoom. The link with an agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Wishing you a wonderful Labor Day weekend and we look forward to working with you this coming school year.

Warm regards,

A. Graham

Andrew Graham – Principal`

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