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Dear Rochester Parents and Guardians:

As detailed in our first week newsletter and emails last week, we were required by the District to reorganize our French Immersion classes. Just a few children in the French Immersion primary grades who moved over the summer made all the difference between what was planned and submitted in June to our current organization. We did not learn of some of these moves until the first week when the expected children simply did not come to school.

While most of the moves were in the primary grades any reorganization at one level has a “ripple” effect in others. This was indeed the case as we had to collapse a grade 3/4 class entirely and shift our two grade 1 and two grade 2 classes into just three grade 1/2 blended classes. We received the final directive to reorganize on Thursday morning and had kids moving to their new classes on Friday afternoon.

Our new organization is as follows:

English Program	French Immersion Program
Grade 4/5	Grade 4/5
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Grade 3/4	Grade 4/5
Grade 3	Grade 3
Grade 1/2	Grade 2/3
Grade K/1	Grade 1/2
Grade K/1	Grade 1/2
	Grade 1/2
	Grade K
	Grade K

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The District started a process last year to streamline elementary school schedules. Our schedule adjusted slightly by two minutes and is now as follows:

8:55	Welcome to School Bell
9:00	Classes in Session
10:40	Recess
10:55	End of Recess
12:10	Lunch – Students Go Outside to Play
12:35	Students Come Back Inside to Eat Lunch
12:55	Eat Up Bell
1:00	Classes in Session
2:58	School Day Ends

Your Email

Our email was down for critical periods last week; no email in or out. As a result, last week's newsletter was sent home on paper but, moving forward, newsletters and updates will be transmitted electronically to your email. If you think we may not have your current email or wonder why newsletters are not coming home please contact our office to ensure we have your current electronic information.

Lunch Program:

Our District lunch program resumes this week. To those who have registered already please know that your child's lunch will arrive daily from now on.

Breakfast Buddies Program

Our Breakfast Buddies program is open on Tuesday and Thursday for this week only. We are in the process of developing a new schedule but anticipate our regular days will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday