



Principally Speaking

Is the Cart in Front of the Horse?



I hope while you are reading this you are enjoying the warm, sunny weather that defines summer vacation! Hopefully the summer months give you the opportunity to **enjoy more time with your family** and community members. One of the benefits of summer is the time it provides to set aside from the daily demands of work, school and our weekly routines and spend time together. I find throughout the year it's easy to get so caught up with work, school, home demands, sports practice, music lessons ... that I forget the **relationships** I do it all for in the first place. Vacations hopefully give us the opportunity to step back from it all and try and **get the horse back in front of the cart.**

Our staff has decided to change our school start up week routine to try and make sure we start the year off with the horse in front of the cart. We have decided to spend the first week trying to **get to know each other** better and strengthen our school **community connections**. To do that we will be spending the first 3 days of school organized into "**Community Groups**" made up of students from Gr. 1-5 from both the French and English programs. In those groups students will rotate through activity stations run by staff to help build relationships and strengthen our community. Students will have a chance to spend time with each staff member and students from different grades and programs. The week will culminate with a "**Community Picnic**" at lunch on the playground which you are welcome to attend.

Below is a breakdown of what to expect during the first week as well as information about school supplies, report cards, summer office hours and how to keep in touch over the summer. Please read it all thoroughly and I look forward to see you for our second annual

WELCOME BACK ICE CREAM SOCIAL



on

Thursday, August 29th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

here at the school.



Have a great summer,

Perry Muxworthy
Principal

**What to expect on the FIRST DAY back to school Tuesday, Sept. 3rd:
All students**

- 8:55 am: All students (Gr. K – 5) report to a designated area of the school based on their grade. Designated areas will be posted.
- 9:00 – 9:30 am: Students receive information and forms needed for start of school year. Parents are invited to wait in the gym and enjoy coffee / tea sponsored by the PAC. Kindergarten students/parents will be asked to sign up for an interview time with a teacher.
- 9:30 am: Students will be dismissed in the courtyard.

**What to expect for the FIRST WEEK of school Wed, Sept. 4 – Fri, Sept 6th.:
Kindergarten**

Wednesday, Sept 4th & Thursday, Sept 5th	8:55 to 10:30 am. All kindergarten children attend. Report to designated classroom. Students will be dismissed from courtyard
Friday, Sept 6th	8:55 to 12:00 am. All students attend. Report to designated classroom. Students will be dismissed from courtyard.

**What to expect for the FIRST WEEK of school Wed, Sept 4th – Fri, Sept. 6th.:
Grades 1-5**

Wednesday, Sept. 4th

- 8:55 am All students (Gr. 1-5) return to designated area of the school based on their grade. Designated areas will be posted.
- Students (Gr. 1-5) will then be assigned to a “Community Group” and teacher that will be their homeroom for the remainder of the week. “Community Groups” will be made up of students in grades 1-5 from both the French and English programs. Students will be participating in community building activity stations with their “Community Groups” throughout the day. Students will need a recess snack and lunch.
- 3:00 pm All students will be dismissed from the courtyard. Students will have information for parents regarding their homeroom teacher and location.

Thursday, Sept. 5th

- 8:55 am Students (Gr. 1-5) report to their homeroom location.
- Students (Gr. 1-5) will participate in community building activity stations throughout the day. Students will need a recess snack and lunch.
- 3:00 pm Students will be dismissed from the courtyard.

Friday, Sept. 6th

- 8:55 Students (Gr. 1-5) report to their homeroom location.
Students (Gr. 1-5) will participate in community building activity stations from 9:00 – 12:00 pm. Students will need a recess snack and lunch.
 - 12:00 pm Community Lunch (weather permitting) – students, staff and parents are invited to have a picnic lunch on the playground. We will be serving ice cream / yogurt tubes to celebrate the start of the year.
 - 1:00 pm Students will be assigned to their classroom teacher for the year and spend the afternoon with their teacher and classmates.
 - 3:00 pm Students will be dismissed from the courtyard.
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School Hours

The school office will be officially closed from July 8th to August 23rd. It will re-open on Monday August 26th. Office hours in the summer will be 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

School Supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies will be delivered and available during the first week of September. If you haven't ordered school supplies, you can view the supply list for your child's grade and ordering information on our [website](#) under *Publications*.

Report Cards

Students who were in attendance on Thursday June 27th were given their report cards by their teacher. Report cards for students who were not in attendance on the 27th were held for pick up at the school office until Friday July 5th and then mailed to the home address.

Communication

To make sure you are up to date with all the latest school news, be sure to regularly check your email and our school website for announcements and newsletters.