



James Park Elementary School
 Together we can

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The first week of school
September 22 to 26, 2014

Well, this has been quite a year for all of us. We continue to be saddened by the sudden and tragic passing of Mr. Dave Charles in July. Please do not hesitate to contact our school counselor, Ms Jan McLellan, if your child expresses any concerns or needs to talk about Mr. Charles.

We lost several staff members to lay-offs at the end of June, and this has resulted in a number of new staff members coming to the school. We had two retirements: Roger Ford and Debra Eisel and will be losing Ms Weiseman as she prepares for the birth of her first child. These many changes will definitely affect us as we move forward.

We will be taking things easy, getting to know each other, making sure the students feel comfortable and helping those who don't. We all look forward to getting our school year underway.

In a normal time frame, classrooms might look a little more organized. We will all pitch in to help set things right for Monday. So, with that background information for you, I will lay out how the year is to begin.

During the first week of school the staff has planned **meaningful and purposeful curriculum activities** for all students in Grades 1 through 5 – ***it is very important that all children attend, as this is a time of "learning the ropes", getting to know and beginning to learn with each other.***

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

Students will bring home a field trip permission form to allow them to go on community walks with their classes throughout the year. In fact, they **may** go on such a walk **the first week**. Please be sure you sign the form right away and send it back to us on Wednesday.

September 22 to 26	Schedule
Monday	<p>All students, Kindergarten to grade 5, attend school from 8:50 to 9:20 a.m. to confirm registration (be at designated spot for 9 am start) – this is a very important 20 minutes for both students and the school. <i>If, for any reason, your child cannot be here please contact the school to let us know they will be absent and if/when they will be back.</i> You can submit an absence on line. Students will report for attendance, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students new to the school report to the library, upstairs ✓ Kindergarten students – families report to the gym, find child's name on the posted lists, sign in for welcoming conversation at the table with teacher's name by it, take hand-outs, chat with others, meet some staff ✓ Grades 1 to 5 students return to the classroom they attended in June (teacher may not be the same), except: ✓ Grade 4 students from Mr. Ford's class (room 111) report to Ms Singh and Ms Pollock in room 112 (Ms Eisel's old room); students from Mr. Charles' class report to Ms Primavera in room 111.

Tuesday (first full day for Grades 1-5)	Kindergarten students do not attend . Parents will have signed for a welcoming conversation and attend at that time only, with the Kindergarten student. Grades 1 to 5 students return to the same place they were Monday. After attendance, the whole school will assemble in the gym for introductions, instructions and to move into family groups. Students will be dismissed from their family group at the end of the day – please arrange with your child to meet them either in the learning commons inside, or outside somewhere, rather than at a classroom.
Wednesday Thursday	Kindergarten students do not attend . Parents have signed for a welcoming conversation and attend at that time only, with the Kindergarten student. Students go directly to their family group classroom where all the activities, attendance and dismissal will occur.
Friday	Kindergarten students begin gradual entry in the afternoon. You will receive instructions during the welcoming conversation, and a memo will also go out by email. If possible, students will be placed into their regular grade classroom.

Welcome to the staff at James Park

Please note, some of these grade assignments could change, based on registrations during the first week.

Teachers

	Assignment	Room
Marissa Abram	½*/St. Support	204E (Tue to Fri)
Oliva Alcazar	K/1	104
Amanda Andrews*	1/2	204L (Mon to Wed)
Kelly Bigioli	2/3	207
Cathy Bilechuk	Library/St. Support	Library
Carmen Cahill	K/1	105
Dario Demetlika*	3/4/5	110
Margaret Dushenko	2/3	206
Michele Gardner-Everton	St. Support	205
Petra Kintzinger	Principal	
Dominique Knittel	Resource	108
Kelly Kolbe*	3/4/5	209
Greta Lajeunesse	music	102 (Tue/Th)
Cathy Lloyd	1/2	204W
Janet MacLellan	counselor	109
Roxanne McIntyre*	K/1	106
Angelia Moulard	1/2	208
Krista Peterson	3/4	210
Wendy Pollock	4/5	112 (T/Th)
Maria Primavera	4/5	111
Punam Singh	4/5	112 (M/W/F)
Anne Marie Steele	Resource	103
Erika Weiseman	K/1	107

* Montessori teachers

** If numbers dictate a reorganization of the school, some of the grade levels will change.

Support Staff

Barb Bellarose	Afternoon Caretaker	Debrah Martin	Education Assistant
Virginia Connolly	Education Assistant	Sue Montie	Noon Hour Supervisor
Cynthia Dalgarno	School Secretary	Lara Pinard	Noon Hour Supervisor
Cindy Frilund	Youth Worker	Debbie Ponsart	Education Assistant
Christine Glowa	Noon Hour Supervisor	Julia Punzo	Strong Start
Debbie Johnson	Education Assistant	Darrell Warhurst	Day Caretaker
Andria Kapatais	Education Assistant	Barb Watmough	Noon Hour Supervisor
Coreen Knudson	Education Assistant		