



## PLEASANTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We want to extend a warm welcome to all our students and their families. We are sincerely looking forward to working with the terrific teachers and the wonderful families in the PleasantSide community. Below are a few important items to help you and your child get off to a positive start this school year. For new families this will be helpful news and for returning families it may be review:

On Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, school will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will finish at 9:15 a.m.

- Grade 1 – 5 students will report to their last year's classroom.
- Kindergarten students will report to the Library.
- New students will meet with Mr. Watkins in the foyer.

Full day classes for students in grades 1 – 5 will begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., and students will report to the following TEMPORARY CLASSES until final placements are made later in the week:

Grade 5s	Rm. 11	Mr. McKay, Ms. Coutino, Mr. Cusanelli
Grade 4s	Rm. 10	Ms. Perko, Ms. Coutino
Grade 3s	Rm 8	Ms. Skidmore, Ms. Ho
Grade 2s	Rm 2	Ms. Karod
Grade 1s	Rm 7	Ms. Bojic, Ms. Stody, Ms. Tam

Kindergarten students will have received a two week gradual schedule that is unique to each child. Students new to PleasantSide will report to the office.

Please know that the placement of children into classes is a thoughtful process that involves hours of planning and input from all members of staff. Once we assign students to permanent class placements later in the first week we hope you will talk with your child about the positive aspects of their classroom placement and let them know that there will be opportunities for friendships old and new to flourish both in and out of the classroom setting throughout the year. We have an amazing staff that will ensure all students have a great place to learn throughout the upcoming year.

If you live close by we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to walk to school. This is a great way to connect with your child and help them get off to a good start to the school day. The recommended drop off is in the drive-thru off Barber Street. Please drop your children off and they are welcome to walk up the ramp and wait in the foyer 15 minutes before school. Please drive with caution through our school zone, especially during the first month of start-up. For pick-up please follow the same procedures to ensure safe exiting for all of our children at the end of the day. The upper parking lot is for staff parking, day care workers and handicapped parking only. Please do not enter the staff parking lot during drop off or pick up.

This year at Pleasantside we are happy to welcome back most of our teaching staff from last year! We are excited to welcome Mr. Cusanelli to our school teaching K/1 and Music. As well at this time I would like to welcome all of our new families to Pleasantside, we look forward to getting to know you and your children. The entire Pleasantside staff is excited about the wonderful possibilities and exciting opportunities the year ahead holds for each and every student.

### DAILY BELL SCHEDULE



8:45– 10:10 am Morning Bell & Instructional Time  
10:10– 10:25 am Recess  
5-minute transition  
10:30 – 12:00 pm Instructional Time resumes  
12:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch Outdoor Play Time  
12:30 – 12:47 pm Lunch Eating Time  
5-minute transition  
12:52 – 2:50 pm Instructional Time resumes  
2:50 pm Dismissal

### DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be going outside every day for recess and lunch. (Occasionally, we do keep the students inside under **extreme** weather conditions). We ask that ALL students come to school with coats, appropriate outdoor shoes or boots, hats, umbrellas, gloves, etc. as needed. It is strongly **recommended** that students keep a change of clothes and underwear in their gym bags (older students) or in their indoor shoe bag (younger students).



### PICTURE DAY

**Individual student photos** will be taken on **Friday, September 13, 2019**. Each student will have a picture taken and the proofs will be sent home, with a variety of package options to choose from. There will be a day for **retakes** (if your child is away on September 13th) – **Monday, October 21, 2019**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you next week. Warmest wishes for a terrific school year!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Watkins, Principal