

September 18th, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for helping us to make the start to this unusual year as smooth as it could be. We are so happy to have our students back in our building - we missed them so much! Please review the information below, and thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Teacher Communication

Teachers in the building are using Class Tag or Class Dojo to communicate with their families. If you are not yet connected, or unable to communicate via technology, please let your child's teacher know.

Masks

Thank you for your support in helping your child wear a mask at school. Most students are able to independently put their mask on. We have disposable masks at school that we are able to provide, if students lose or forget theirs.

Picture Day

At this time, we are unable to have a Picture Day. This may be possible at a later time, but we are taking our direction from the regional centre.

Dressing for the Weather

As we increase our focus on outdoor learning opportunities, we would like to remind you to have your child dress for the weather. Having an extra set of socks is always a good idea, as students may be outside in light rain. Layers during these days that start out cool, but become warm, are a good idea, and rain coats and waterproof boots on those rainy days. It is a good idea to label your child's clothing, if possible.

Packed Lunches

When packing your child's lunch, please keep in mind that they should be able to open things independently. It is a good idea to practice this at home. Students do not have access to a microwave, so please keep this in mind as well.

Lunch Orders

When possible, please place orders monthly, and please ensure your child knows when they've ordered or when a lunch has been packed. If placing daily orders, please write down your child's order, with name and classroom, and place it and the money in a baggie. This has always been the practice we've asked for, however, this year it is particularly important as we minimize unnecessary contact due to Covid-19.

Water Bottles

Water bottles are recommended as water fountains are not accessible, except as fill stations. Please remember to send your child to school with a full water bottle in the morning.

Allergies

We are a peanut smart school. We have students and staff with nut allergies. Please keep this in mind when packing your child's lunch.

Breakfast Program

All students will continue to access healthy options through our 'grab and go' Breakfast Program. Options currently include, Nutrigrain bars and yogurt tubes.

Hand Sanitizer

In a Covid-19 environment, we understand that some parents/guardians may wish to send hand sanitizer with their child. This is not necessary, as we do have hand sanitizer at school. If you do choose to send it, please ensure it is unscented, as we have students and staff with scent sensitivities. Thank you for your understanding!

Essential Visitors Only

Only essential visitors are able to enter the building at this time, due to Covid restrictions. Those visitors who enter the building, must self-screen upon arrival, and sign-in at the main office.

Drop-off Loop

In the morning, please have your child exit your car independently on the curbside. If your child is unable to exit the car independently, please park in the parking lot, and walk them to the sidewalk. Thank you for helping the drop-off loop work efficiently, and for keeping our students safe!



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We are a school family. We take care of each other.



Social Distancing

Please talk to your child about social distancing. Please remind them to keep their distance from others, even when wearing a mask. Any type of play that involves tagging or physical contact is not allowed. We teach and redirect as we need to, but your support at home would assist in making this new normal possible.

Thank you again for your support and understanding - it is so appreciated! Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dawn Langille
Principal