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Principal's Message

Welcome to the new school year! I hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer filled with fun and adventure. The students have returned to school taller, more mature, and excited about the year to come. It is wonderful to see them again.

This year you will see several changes to our routines and organization. Firstly, we are delighted to announce that our students will be receiving significantly more art and music this year, as we have scheduled art and music classes twice each week. We know the students will benefit immensely from the increased time with our talented Fine Arts specialists, Mrs. Cathy and Mr. McLaren.

You will likely be aware that our expanded enrollment has meant the creation of five classes of combined grades. Our learning groups, however, will continue to be formed on the basis on students' strengths and needs. We have adjusted Mrs. Jacobs's schedule to allow more time for her to teach in her area of specialty, literacy support. We have created a Learning Resource Team of Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Malinowska, Ms King and Mrs. Harker which will be providing learning support to individual students. Our French specialist will again be Ms Walli. Mr. Thomas is planning leadership and mentorship programs for the senior students, and Mr. Sargeant will continue to offer his PE expertise. Choice students are very fortunate to have this exceptional team of teachers!

We have adjusted our morning routine slightly. Students who arrive at school early will gather in the Flex Room from 8:00 to 8:10 for quiet activities such as reading, drawing or jigsaw puzzles. At 8:10, they will be asked to go to their classrooms where they are expected to prepare quietly for the day. Music in the Morning, organized by Class E, will play until 8:30 at which time classes will begin.

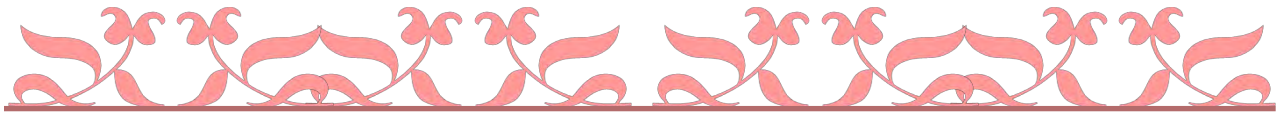
Students will eat lunch at their desks between 12:15 and 12:30. As a staff we have decided that students will be dismissed at 12:30, and any unfinished lunches will be either returned to their backpacks or finished during a snack break at 2:00. This will help parents judge the amount of food to send for lunch. We find that the children can be hungry during the afternoon, and are asking that in addition to a morning recess snack, parents include a nutritious snack for the afternoon.

Rainy days will soon be here, and yesterday we held an assembly to inform students of rainy day routines and remind them of our expectations and their responsibilities. At the beginning of an "inside" recess or lunch, students will choose one of three locations: the flex room for board games, dress up or building activities, the library for silent reading, or the gym for organized games.

We look forward to seeing you at the Curriculum Night next Thursday, September 15 between 5:00 and 7:00. Child care will be provided to allow both parents to attend. We also encourage parents to join us for the first meeting of the Parent Advisory Committee, on Friday morning at 8:30 in the PAC lounge above the gym.

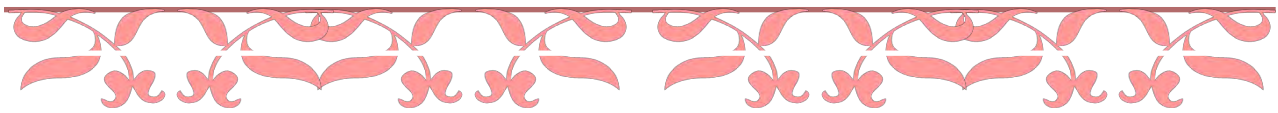
Have a wonderful weekend in the glorious late summer sunshine!

Lynn



Reminders

Sept. 15, 2016	Curriculum Night (5:00-7:00 PM)
Sept. 16, 2016	PAC Meeting (8:30 AM)
Sept. 19, 2016	Pro-D Day (school not in session)
Sept. 22, 2016	Welcome Back BBQ (4:00-6:00 PM)
Sept. 23, 2016	Terry Fox Run



September Birthdays

This month, we wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Matheson (Sept. 4)
Aaron Y (Sept. 13)
Wyatt (Sept. 13)
Joaquin (Sept. 21)




Important Reminders to Parents

Hello Everyone,

Here are a few important reminders for the 2016-2017 school year:

- ◇ Please make sure to send a water bottle to school with your child each day
- ◇ Bring in a pair of inside shoes that stay at the school for the year
- ◇ Please send nutritious snacks for morning and afternoon
- ◇ Earthquake kits are due at school by Friday September 16th.
- ◇ Make sure to label your child's clothing (especially uniforms!)
- ◇ Bring in all forms from the Welcome Pack to Shaheen at the office by Wednesday September 14th.
- ◇ Alert Shaheen of any allergies or medical conditions right away.

Thank you all for your cooperation.



Back Together Again

