



Walnut Road Elementary School

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Dear Walnut Road Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

As we prepare to begin a new school year, I want to take a moment to share how grateful and excited I am to be joining the Walnut Road school community. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as your new principal, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know our students, families, and staff in the weeks and months ahead. Starting at a new school brings a wonderful sense of possibility, and I am excited to learn about the traditions and people that make Walnut Road such a special community. I look forward to welcoming everyone back, meeting many of you in person, and working together to make the 2026–2027 school year a positive and memorable one for our students.

On behalf of everyone at Walnut Road Elementary, we hope you and your families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As September approaches, we are excited to welcome students back and begin another year together, one filled with new friendships, new teachers, new experiences, and many opportunities for learning and growth.

Over the next few weeks, families will continue to receive important school information through the Walnut Road app and by school email. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to download the Walnut Road app, available for both Apple and Android devices. The app will notify you whenever new information is posted. An important newsletter will also be sent home with all students on **Wednesday, September 9th**, providing further details about the days ahead.

Walnut Road continues to grow, and because of our increasing enrolment, students will begin the year in temporary classes for the first 5–7 school days. During this time, our staff will work carefully and thoughtfully to establish classes for the year. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we complete this important process during the opening weeks of school.

On Tuesday, September 8th, all students in Grades 1–7 will return to their classrooms from last year from 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. All new students will meet in the gym. Students will not need any school supplies on this day.

Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule that was mailed to families in early August. If you have not received this package, please contact the school office. **On Tuesday, September 8, Kindergarten students will attend from 9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. in the gym.**

Starting on Wednesday, September 9th, all Grades 1–7 students will be attending full-day sessions from 8:35 a.m.–2:35 p.m. Information about where students should meet with their temporary grade groups will be shared with students and families on the first day of school.

Whenever possible, we strongly encourage families to walk to school. Parking in the immediate area is limited. Please remember that parking is not permitted along the street in front of the school during school hours. Additional parking is available near Walnut Park at the back of the school and to the east of the building. For families driving at dismissal, if your child(ren) are able to wait a few minutes after the bell, the drop-off/pick-up zone tends to be less congested at 2:40 p.m. Please also note that playground supervision is provided for 15 minutes before and after school (morning 8:20–8:35 a.m. and afternoon 2:35–2:50 p.m.).

For everyone's safety, we ask students and families to use the marked crosswalks whenever crossing the road. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe while travelling to and from Walnut Road, particularly while construction continues in the neighbourhood.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students next week and beginning an exciting new school year together. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for a year filled with learning, friendship, growth, and fun!

Sincerely,
Ms. Helland and Mr. Armer