
A.J. McLellan Elementary School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we look to September parents often have questions about the placement of their children in classes for the upcoming school year. As you can imagine, the process of organizing classes is very complex and requires much thought and deliberation.

This year we are projecting several combined classes at the primary and intermediate level. In June, teachers collaboratively develop class lists for the next school year. After new registrations are confirmed in September, class organizations are finalized and communicated to parents.

Educational considerations used to develop student placement include:

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| - Individual learning strengths and needs of students | - Student history (teachers, classes) |
| - Students' personalities and social interactions with other students | - Ministry rules on class size and composition |
| - Intellectual development | - Changes in enrolment numbers |
| | - Parent input when possible |

Please note that parental input isn't necessary. For those that choose to, parental input can be helpful in determining an appropriate placement for a student. This year we will consider parent input highlighting any information you wish to bring to our attention as it relates to your child's learning.

Please note that requests for a specific teacher, or not being in a combined class, are neither appropriate nor are they possible to fulfill. Please use the link below to make have input. Your child's current teacher isn't able to take requests.

Information from parents which may be helpful to the placement process includes:

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| - Past school experiences | - Special medical needs |
| - Social strengths/needs | - Emotional needs/concerns |
| - Curricular/extra-curricular strengths | |

If you wish to provide input into the decision-making process, please complete [this form](#) by June 14th at 4pm.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vervaet
Principal

We are dedicated to fostering a safe, respectful, and caring community, rooted in relationship, to empower everyone to thrive.