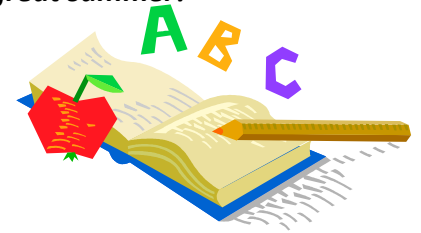


Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a great summer!

Important dates to remember for September

Thursday Sept. 20	Meet the Teacher and BBQ
Friday Sept 21	Terry Fox Run
Monday Sept.24	Non-instructional day
Friday Sept 28	Orange Shirt Day



The first week of school is extremely busy. Teachers have put in considerable effort to organize classes to support student needs. A few students each year want to switch classes so they can be with friends, to avoid other students they may not get along with or to be with their “favourite teacher”. Please understand this is not possible as one move often necessitates many moves (domino affect). If there is an extenuating circumstance, please contact the office. Depending on enrolment, classroom shifts may be necessary.

We will do our best to have students in their permanent classes by the end of the first week of school.



As noted above, we have our annual Meet & Greet BBQ scheduled for Thursday September 20. Please mark your calendars for that date and look for ordering information later in the week.

For our new families, you will find newsletters on our website the last week of every month. Additionally, we do “blasts-outs” of important information as necessary. Please be sure to provide your current email address to the office so you will receive the updates.



<p>Routines are very important to children. Please have conversations with your children about the importance of being on time. Not only do late arrivals have an impact on the teacher, but also on the other students when lessons are interrupted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please call the office if your child is going to be away for any reason. ➤ Students MUST check in at the office if they are late. 	<p>Bell Schedule</p> <p>First Bell..... 8:30 am</p> <p>Classes Begin..... 8:35 am</p> <p>Recess.....10-10:15 Primary 10:15-10:30 Intermediates</p> <p>Lunch / Play Time.....11:42 – 12:32 pm</p> <p>Dismissal.....2:32 pm</p>
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Parking Lot



One of our primary goals is to keep your children safe. We have additional staff this year and therefore will need most of the parking stalls (yes, even the visitor spots!). PLEASE, if at all possible, walk your children to school. If you must drive, please drop your children off without leaving/parking your car; a staff member will be there to ensure your child gets out safely. After school, there is supervision until 2:47 PM so I would highly suggest you consider waiting until 2:45 to pick up to avoid frustration and safety issues with so many cars and children around.

Front Door

The front doors will be locked at 3:30 PM sharp for safety reasons (no access back in to school to use washroom, water etc). All students are to be outside the school by 2:35 where there are supervising teachers until 2:47. Our secretaries cannot be responsible for students waiting in the front entrance.

Mornings are our busiest time so ensure you are leaving yourself enough time so your children will not be late. If you are arriving late, please have your child check in for a late slip at the office and the child can proceed to their class on their own.

- Kindergarten families excluded

Speed Reader Boards

Please note as part of the City's Safe and Active Schools Program, Latimer Road Elementary School has been selected for inclusion in Phase 2 of our School Zone Awareness Program. The City has been piloting a variety of engineering safety measures at a number of schools across Surrey located on arterial roads.

At Latimer Road Elementary, the City will be installing, before the start of the school year, fluorescent yellow-green School symbol adjacent to the School Zone signs for both directions of traffic on 192 Street and 60 Avenue. This is similar to the pavement markings installed at Port Kells, Martha Currie and Don Christian Elementary School last year, in Phase 1 of the program. At those locations, we obtained positive results in slowing down traffic speeds.

Manner

Please help us help your children develop manners. We will continue to demonstrate and expect politeness at all times. Some general expectations are as follows:

- A hello/good morning or a simple smile when passing an adult
- Holding doors open for adults
- Find alternative responses to "What?" such as "Could you please repeat that", "I am sorry I didn't hear you." etc.
- Thank you/please/I appreciate that/you are welcome, are phrases that will serve them well throughout life
- Refrain from swearing or words such as "frig"
- When announcements are on, students should be listening attentively
- Hands and feet to self at all times