

September 2019

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

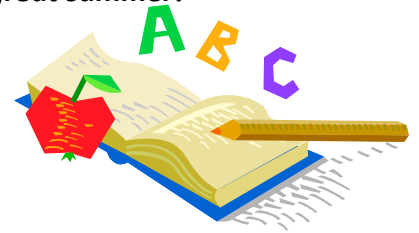
Important dates to remember

Thursday Sept. 19 Meet the Teacher and BBQ (4-6PM)

Friday Sept. 20 Terry Fox Run

Monday Sept. 30 Non-instructional day

Tuesday Oct. 30 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 Monday September 9th.



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 parent newsletters on our website; October, December, February April and June. 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.....10-15 to 10:30 Primary 10:30 to 10:45 Intermediate</p> <p>Lunch / Play Time.....11:42 – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Dismissal.....2:30 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 all of the parking stalls. Even if you see empty stalls, they are required for staff who have different start times.

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 2:45 PM so I would highly suggest you consider waiting until 2:40 to pick up to avoid frustration and safety issues with so many cars and children around.

Please do not stop/pick-up/drop-off where the cones have been placed.

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

Manners

At Latimer Road we place a high importance on manners. It is a skill that will serve all students well throughout their lives. 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 others
- Find alternative responses for “What?”- such as “Could you please repeat that”, “I am sorry I didn’t hear you”, “pardon me?”etc.
- Thank you/please/I appreciate that/you are welcome
- 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

Cell Phones

Cell phones are NOT required at school. We strongly encourage parents to set the expectation/routine of leaving cell phones at home. Should your child come with a phone, all teachers have been asked to collect them (students are not to leave them in backpacks) and lock cell phones in a cabinet until the end of the school day. “Disconnecting” is healthy for students and allows for face to face social interactions.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office. If your child needs to call home, there is a phone at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.