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September 2, 2020

Re: Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Dear Parent/Guardians;

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year 😊 We are excited to meet you and your child. We are fortunate to have you and your child as part of our Georges Vanier family. Please ensure that you have entered your email address (located at the bottom of our school website) in order to receive the Vanier News.

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If you are interested in joining our school's PAC, please call Mrs. McBride at 604-596-1030. We know that these are uncertain times but we want to provide you with as much information as we have with regards to our Kindergarten students' first days and the gradual entry schedule. Thank you for your patience as we are doing our best to provide updates to all families in a timely manner.

Please note that our Kindergarten students do not attend on September 8th or 9th.

During the week of September 8th, our Kindergarten students will come to school in two separate groups:

Group A: Attends Thursday, September 10th, 12:30-1:30pm

- Students with the last names beginning from A-M

Group B: Attends Friday, September 11th, 12:30-1:30pm

- Students with the last name beginning from N-Z

On each of these days, in order to maintain physical distancing, our kindergarten students will be broken into small groups of 7-8 and go into individual classrooms for orientation.

These groups are NOT your gradual entry groups. Gradual Entry will begin on Monday, September 14th, **and more information on those groups will follow**. We can share the schedule for gradual entry, however, in terms of how it will unfold over the two weeks. (All cohorts that include Kindergarten students will follow the same schedule over the two-week period).

- 1 day - 1 hour, 12:30-1:30pm
 - September 10 (Group A) and September 11 (Group B)
- 3 days - 2 hours/day, 8:45-10:45am **or** 12:15-2:15
 - September 14, 15 and 16
- 3 days - 3 hours/day, 8:45-11:45am
 - September 17, 18 and 21
- 3 days - 4 hours/day, 8:45-12:45pm
 - September 22, 24 and 25

Kindergarten students will not be in session on September 23rd. (Child-focused conversations with parents on-line).

September 28th is a Pro-D day (students do not attend) and on September 29th, students will be moved into their permanent classes for full day instruction.

We will send out more specific information with regards to which groups your children are in for gradual entry when we have that information available. We thank you for your patience as we work through the finer details.

We look forward to spending time with our newest Georges Vanier Learners 😊

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. McBride (Principal) and
Mrs. C. Porcellato (Vice-Principal)