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Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! Bienvenue à l'année scolaire 2016-2017!

September 13th, 2016

A word from your Principal

Last week was a wonderful start to a brilliant school year! Thank you for working with your children to help them navigate the uncertainties of the first week back. We had significant growth in student registration, and just when we thought we were finishing classroom organization, we gained a new division in the English strand! We will be hiring the new teacher later this week.

FRIM classes are largely set, although as teachers and students settle in, we may find it beneficial for children's learning to have some movement. English classes will have another day or two of movement as Monday marks the first day in our new divisions.

You will notice that almost all of our classes are combined grades, and this is very intentional. Not only does research support combined grades as being the equivalent or even more advantageous than straight grades, these groupings allow us to balance gender, learning, independence and behavioural needs of students. Combined grades also align with the organization of our new curriculum. Teachers have increased flexibility with how to plan and deliver learning experiences for students. The curriculum embraces big ideas in each curricular area, but also allows for student interest and inquiry in different areas. In this sense, the student's grade dictates less about what a student learns, and the teacher has more freedom to use the curriculum as a guide to engage greater independence and in-depth exploration of ideas. It's going to be an exciting year!



Teachers and Divisions for 2016-2017

Div. 1	M. Mountali 6/7 FRIM
Div. 2	Mme Sauder 6/7 FRIM
Div. 3	Ms. Loh 6/7
Div. 4	Mr. Loosemore and Ms. Riley 6/7
Div. 5	Mme Jablouné 4/5 FRIM
Div. 6	Mme Carvajal 4/5 FRIM
Div. 7	Mr. Speak 4/5
Div. 8	Ms. Wozney 4/5
Div. 9	Mme Légaré 3/4 FRIM
Div. 10	Mme Kibbe 2/3 FRIM
Div. 11	Mme Shah 2/3 FRIM
Div. 12	Ms. Horobec 2/3
Div. 13	New teacher 2/3
Div. 14	Ms. Byron 1/2
Div. 15	Mme Treanor 1/2 FRIM
Div. 16	Mme Renaud 1 FRIM
Div. 17	Ms. Base K/1
Div. 18	Ms. MacGregor K/1
Div. 19	Mme Neuman K FRIM
Div. 20	Mme Riel K FRIM

School Planners - \$5.00 each

All students in grades 1-7 are requested to purchase a planner in early September. The cost is \$5.00 and money is being collected by your student's teacher this week.

Bell Schedule and After School Pick Up

We appreciate your efforts to have children here at the first bell. The parking lot is less crowded when students are dropped off in the "Drop Off" lane and line up at their door prior to 8.30am.

The regular bell schedule is in place as follows:

8.30am	First Bell
8.35am	Classes in session
10.15am	Recess
10.30am	Classes in session
11.43am	Lunch bell rings – student go outside to play **Please send appropriate outer wear as we need as much outside time as possible and will go outside in light rain.

12.08pm Students come in to eat

12.28pm Afternoon class in session

2.28pm Dismissal **

****There is after school supervision until 2.43pm (15 minutes after the bell).** Please ensure you have collected your child by this time, or call the school if you are going to be later. We do not have adequate supervision at the office following 2.43pm. Thank you for your cooperation.



PAC CORNER

Lice Checks - Call for any parents willing to help out with universal lice checks. Please leave your name at the office and a member of PAC will contact you. Thank you to all those who have done this over the years. The team needs new members!

Sept. 21st at 6pm – PAC AGM

Please come out to support your PAC and consider what role you would like to serve this year. Every minute of your time makes a BIG difference for our community!

Sept. 29th Open House and PAC BBQ!

Our wonderful PAC will be serving delicious burgers beginning at 4pm. Afterwards, join your child(ren) to see their classroom, meet the teacher if you've not yet had a chance, shoot some hoops and tour the school, including our fantastic new Learning Commons!



Lunch Program

The district lunch program begins Monday, Sept. 12th. It takes two days to process requests. **Given increasing concerns with food allergies, the school is unable to serve your child lunch unless you have returned a signed form each month.** Please ensure you return payment with your signed form each month. Thank you!

Nut Aware School

We have a number of students in the school with severe and life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts (such as almonds) and nut products. In order to make our classrooms a positive and safe environment for all children **we ask that you do not bring any foods that have nuts, peanut butter or nut products. We cannot, however, guarantee that we are a "nut free" environment as many prepared products (e.g. granola bars) are not processed in nut-free facilities.** We will do our best to secure the safety and well-being of all students, and appreciate your cooperation and the effort to ensure we have as safe an environment as possible.

Of Interest...

Please see the attached flyer for more information about an evening with Dr. Vanessa Lapointe on the topic of **"Discipline That Nurtures Children."** Includes a free dinner and childminding on Sept. 20th at Hjorth Road Elementary.

School Safety

In order to ensure your child is safe at school, it is district policy that parents first check in at the office before going anywhere else in the school. We will then call down to your child's classroom to inform the teacher of your arrival. We appreciate your cooperation.

Looking Ahead...

- Sept. 12th – Lunch program begins
- Sept. 14th – Kindergarten starts full days
- Sept. 16th – 9am Welcome Assembly!
- Sept. 21st - 6pm PAC AGM – All are welcome!
- Sept. 26th – Non Instructional Day
- Sept. 28th – Individual Student Photo Day
- Sept. 29th – Grade 6 Immunizations
- Sept 29th – Open House and PAC Family BBQ!

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together, we SOAR to success!***