



H. T. THRIFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of H.T. Thrift Elementary,

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

Important Dates for September/October

Monday Sept. 27 – Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
Wednesday Sept. 29 – Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters
Thursday Sept. 30 – New Statutory Day for Truth and Reconciliation –
School Closed
Fri. Oct. 1 – Terry Fox Run
Wed. Oct. 6 – Individual Student Photos
Monday Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving – School closed
Thursday Oct. 21 – Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM
Friday Oct. 22 – Non-Instructional Day – School closed



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 “favorite teacher”. Please understand this is not possible as one move often necessitates many moves (domino effect). 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.

Welcome to our new staff!

Ms. Joanna MacNamara – Gr. 4/5
Ms. Sarah Wells – Gr. 1
Ms. Hahney – Counselor
Ms. Manraj Heir – LST
Ms. Kathleen Hounsell – French
Ms. Nicky Deurksen – EA
Ms. Olga Palylyk – EA
Mr. Geoff Leader -Music



<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 whose 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..... 8:25 am Classes Begin..... 8:30 am Recess.....10:10 – 10:25 am Lunch / Play Time.....11:45 – 12:30 pm Dismissal.....2:30 pm</p>
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Parking/Drive Through Area



One of our primary goals is to keep your children safe. Due to congestion, please consider picking up your child a bit later (2:40-2:45). The drive-through is considered a fire-lane therefore drivers **MUST NOT** leave their vehicles. Also, PLEASE, PLEASE refrain from double parking in the drive-through area as this creates a challenge to keep the cars moving through as well as it creates a dangerous situation for students crossing the road to get into cars. Thank you for your cooperation!

PAC

We have a small but mighty PAC! They are always eager to have new parents join; your participation can be small or large, whatever works for you! What better way to become part of the school community and work toward supporting the students with extra opportunities. If you are interested please contact our PAC Chairperson Kirsten Kohler at Kirsten48@hotmail.com

A Few Extra Notes

- As we are still in a pandemic, many COVID protocols are still in place:
Masks for all Gr. 4-7 are mandatory and masks for K-3 are highly recommended.
- Parents are encouraged to make appointments should they want to come into the school for a meeting with teachers or administration.
- We are still unable to have assemblies at this time. We will update you as the landscape changes.
- We are able to have fieldtrips this year with protocols in place 😊
- We are still unfortunately, UNABLE to have a BBQ/Meet and Greet to start off the year.



“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the person who’ll decide where to go.”

Dr. Seuss