



Walnut Road Elementary School

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Dear Walnut Road Families,

On behalf of the staff at Walnut Road Elementary, welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer. With September's upcoming arrival, we look forward to many exciting new beginnings: new classmates, new teachers, opportunities to learn new skills, and four additional classrooms in our Annex projected for later this fall. At this time, we do not have a confirmed timeline to move some intermediate students from the portables into the new building. We will keep families updated as we get closer to the completion date.

In the coming weeks, families will continue to receive information from the school via the Walnut Road app, as well as through our school email. If you have not already done so, please download the Walnut Road app (available on Apple and Android). This will alert you whenever we have new information to share. An important newsletter will be given to all students on Tuesday, September 2nd, outlining specifics about the days to come.

We anticipate continued growth at Walnut Road, and as a result, students will be in temporary classes for the first 5-7 school days. During this time, teachers will be thoughtfully building classes. We appreciate your patience during the first weeks of school.

On Tuesday, September 2nd, all students in Grades 1–7 will return to their classrooms from last year from 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. All new students will meet in the gym. Students will not need any school supplies on this day.

Kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule that was mailed out in early August. If you have not yet received this package, please contact the office. **On Tuesday, September 2, Kindergarten students will attend from 9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. in the gym.**

Starting on Wednesday, September 3rd, all Grades 1–7 students will be attending full-day sessions from 8:35 a.m.–2:28 p.m. Details of where to meet in temporary grade groups will be shared with students and families on the first day of school.

Walking to school is highly recommended. Due to construction at Walnut Road Elementary and Fleetwood International Church, there is limited parking around the school. A friendly reminder that parking is not permitted along the street in front of the school during school hours. Parking is available near Walnut Park, at the back of the school, and to the east of the building. If you are driving to school at pick-up time and your child(ren) are able to wait for a few minutes after the bell, the drop-off/pick-up zone is not as busy at 2:40 p.m. Supervision on the playground takes place 15 minutes before and after school (morning 8:20–8:35 a.m. and afternoon 2:28–2:43 p.m.).

To ensure student safety, please use the marked crosswalks to cross the road. Thank you for helping keep our community safe while traveling to and from school, especially during construction in the neighbourhood.

Please see the attached calendars for the 2025-2026 school year.

We look forward to welcoming students back next week for an exciting year filled with learning and fun!

Sincerely,

Ms. Anderson and Mr. Armer