

Parent Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back all of our students, staff and families to the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the office if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach the office by calling 780-352-4594 or text us at 780-335-0851.

Our school is currently under going renovations at the front of the school. The office has been moved to the door on the south side of the school, just past the playground, near the tether ball pole. Please call the office for an appointment.

The students will be having a staggered school entry this year to start.

- Wednesday, September 2nd - grade 3 and 6 students will be attending.
- Thursday, September 3rd - grades 2,5 and 8 students will be attending.
- Friday, September 4th - grades 1,4 and 7 students will be attending.
- Tuesday, September 8th - all students will attend school.
- ECS parents will be contacted by the school to set up meetings and entry dates will be given at this time.

If your child becomes sick at school we will contact you and ask you to come and get your child. We will ask you to come to the school as soon as possible. We can not send a sick child home on the bus. We will need to have your updated contact information at all times.

Re-Entry Plan

Important Parkdale Information

Parkdale staff has been working on a school specific re-entry plan that works in conjunction with the WRPS Re-Entry Plan. The following is some specific information about what will be happening at Parkdale School.

Arrival to school in the morning - We are asking all parents to use the AHS checklist and ensure that children are not showing any signs of illness, before you send them. We will be sending a checklist home for you.

- There is no supervision on the playground until 8:30 am. At this time the supervisors will start lining the students up at grade specific pylons so the cohort groups can enter the building at the same time. We will be maintaining social distancing in the boot rooms. Students in grades 4 to 8

will be expected to wear a mask before they enter the building. As soon as the students enter the building they will be expected to sanitize their hands.

- Students in grades ECS to Grade 4 will use the doors on the south side of the school and 5 to 8 will use the doors on the north side of the school.
- Student cohort groups will have designated areas on the playground.
- ECS to grade 4 will use the doors on the south side of the building.
- Grade 5 to 8 students will use the doors on the north side of the building.

Late Students - they will come to the south door of the school and a staff member will let them in.

Lockers - we are minimizing use of the lockers. Students will store their outside jackets in them, and all personal belongings will be in the classroom. Teachers will monitor social distancing at the lockers.

Recess breaks - students will be required to use hand sanitizer before they go outside to play.

- Grades K to 3 - their recesses will be split into 2 different groups in order to minimize the number of people outside at one time.
- Grades 4 to 8 - the cohort groups will be rotated to specific areas of the playground in order to maintain social distancing - students will be expected to wear their masks.
- Junior High Students - will remain in the school and will use this time to catch up on homework, go to the bathroom, read, or work on projects.

Lunch Time - students will be taking home with them all of the recycling and garbage from their lunch, this is in an effort to minimize movement in the classroom.

- Students will be expected to remain in their seats.
- Once grades 4 to 8 students are done eating they will be expected to put their masks back on.
- Lunch time and lunch recess times will be staggered in order to minimize the number of people on the playground. Cohort groups will be assigned areas on the playground.
- **THERE WILL BE NO MICROWAVES IN THE CLASSES**
- Emergency lunches will be available and they will be distributed in a safe handling method with the students remaining in their desks, and handed out by a staff member wearing personal protective equipment. The students will be handed a brown paper bag and will not have a choice of what they get.
- Parents will not be able to bring a lunch to the school in order to minimize the number of people in the building.

Library - the school library will be closed until further notice.

- Students will have access to their classroom libraries.
- Teachers will hand out books while wearing personal protective equipment.
- Books are intended for individual student use and will not be shared during this time.
- When the teacher collects the books they will be placed in a bin, the lid will be put on and they will be sealed for 72 hours.

Traffic Flow In The Hall - we have put up directional arrows and are asking everyone to walk down the right side of the hallway.

Bathrooms - we will be trying to maintain a situation where there are only three students at a time in the bathroom. This may not always be able to happen, depending on the younger students and the bathroom need.

This plan may change as the situation changes.

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