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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Hello Elm Street Families -

The school year has begun and it is still so hot!! We are looking forward to cooler temperatures next week and the start of the fall colors!

Every weekend, Ms J and Mrs Doyle will send you an email with updates, reminders and important information for families to read. Please look for the emails each weekend!

Here are some updates for you:

Lost and found - We have a lost and found in a bin in the main entrance of the school. You are welcome to have a look anytime you visit for your child's items. At certain times of the year, we will remove the items that aren't claimed as the pile grows quite large. Before doing so, we will always notify parents so you can have a last look!

Milk - Kindergarten students will be provided with free milk for 3 weeks in September starting Tuesday this week (we think!). Teachers will ask kids if they want milk or not, and it will be provided. If you don't want your child to have milk or they have a good sensitivity, please let your teacher know. Milk for ALL students will begin later in September and we will share details soon!

School Food Program - Starting Monday, the school food program is up and running! Food orders are delivered to the school and the school delivers to classrooms. Here are some important things to remember:

- Cutlery is not provided with the food and the school doesn't have any to provide: cutlery **MUST** be provided from home.
- Please talk to your children about what lunches they like and what ones they don't - when a student has a lunch that they don't like, it makes lunch time hard.

Parking lot - A huge thank you to families for making the parking lot transition easy! We have had much less stress this week during drop off and pick up!

Morning Drop Offs of our Students - Our staff are on duty from 8:10am to 8:30am, so please do not drop your child off before 8:10am each morning. Due to safety concerns, we ask that all parents, guardians and family members dropping off their children do not come on the playground or walk them to their outside doors. We have staff (all wearing orange vests) that are on duty that will help support your child to know where to go and help them feel safe.

Attendance - Attending and arriving on time to school are huge indicators of success for students. We understand that every now and again, life throws us curveballs and we may be late, but the usual routine should be to arrive on time.

School Dog - For our new families, we are excited to let you know about our two school dogs, Kannon and Fever. Kannon has been with us for several years but will be retiring soon! So her sister Fever joined us as a puppy in May last year to start learning the ropes! Both are owned by one of our teachers who is an experienced and certified dog handler. Kannon and Fever are working dogs in our school with very important jobs! They help students with lots of challenges throughout the day including co-regulation, reinforcement strategies, leadership learning and so much more! We train a select group of grade 5 and 6 students to tend to Kannon's and Fever's needs through the day and they will attend one of the upper grade classes! If you have questions or concerns about Kannon and Fever, please reach out to Ms J!

Forms - Students were sent home with a variety of forms for parents to complete and send back. Please complete those as soon as possible:

- Early Dismissal Form - In case of an early closure (eg. due to weather), we need to know where your child should go.
- Low-Risk Activities Consent Form - This includes things like Phys Ed class, a walk off school grounds, etc...
- Student Media Release Consent Form - Often we like to take photos of students for a variety of reasons, one of the reasons being on our school Facebook page.
- Technology Responsible Use Agreement Form - Students will not be permitted to use a chromebook until this form is completed and returned.
- Reg Info Form - It is important that we have accurate information about your child in our system. Sometimes we need to get a hold of families through the day and it can be challenging and frustrating when we don't have the correct info. Please ensure their info is accurate.

Save the Date - On Thursday September 18 at 5pm, we'd like to invite everyone to our Back to School BBQ! This is an opportunity for your child to show you around, introduce their teacher and show off their classroom! We will serve hotdogs for everyone!

Fire Drills - Throughout the next few weeks, we will practice fire drills with everyone! We have this down to a science and students are very familiar with these drills! The new Kindergarten students will find the alarm loud (and maybe scary) this first time, but by the end of the month, it will hopefully become easier for them.

Home and School - Joining the Home and School is a great way for parents to have a voice and support parent-led initiatives at Elm Street! The first meeting will be Thursday, September 25 at 6:00pm in the library!

Concerns or Questions - Anytime you have concerns, questions or suggestions, we'd encourage you to reach out to the staff member who can most easily address your question! For example, if you would like to know about a classroom issue, you should reach out to your child's teacher. We are all human and sometimes make mistakes, but if we don't know there is a concern, we can't work to solve the problem! Suggestions or concerns that are handled differently (eg. posted on Facebook), are much more difficult to resolve and can often create hard feelings, which none of us want! And of course, Ms J and Mrs Doyle will always try their best to resolve your concerns, questions or suggestions!

Changing End of Day plans - If you need to call the school to let us know of a change to the end of day plans for your children, please call BEFORE 2:00pm. The last half hour of the school day is very busy and we don't want to make a mistake!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

September 8 - Hot lunch program starts

September 18th - Back to School Barbeque at 5:00 pm

September 25 - Home and School Meeting, 6:00 pm in the library

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

September 30 - NO SCHOOL - Truth and Reconciliation Day

Looking forward to the week ahead.

Ms. J and Mrs. Doyle