

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Happy September!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We hope you and your children had a wonderful summer break and are ready to embark on a new journey of learning and growth.

We're excited for our students to reconnect with old friends while also making space for new friendships. This balance of nurturing existing relationships and welcoming new ones is an important part of personal growth and community building within our school.

This year, we will begin focusing more on the Seven Sacred Teachings, with a special emphasis on humility. As you know, our school mascot is the wolf, which symbolizes humility in many Indigenous cultures. In our school context, humility means recognizing that everyone has something to learn and something to teach. It involves acknowledging our own strengths and weaknesses, being open to feedback, and respecting the diverse experiences and perspectives of others. We'll be exploring how we can embody this important virtue in our daily lives, both in and out of the classroom.

Outdoor education will play a significant role in our learning this year. We believe that connecting with nature enhances learning, promotes physical activity, and fosters a sense of environmental stewardship. Your children can look forward to more hands-on, experiential learning opportunities in our local natural environments. One of the changes this year will be daily outdoor walks – rain & winter gear will make this much more enjoyable for everyone!

Important Changes

Personal Digital Device Policy: To minimize distractions and promote face-to-face interactions, we've updated our cell phone/personal device policy. We recognize that limiting personal device use while at school helps promote a focused learning environment and increases online safety. *Our general expectation is to please leave all electronics at home.* If families decide to send cell phones or other devices with their children, the following rules apply:

- As they enter the classroom after the first bell, students that have cell phones will place them in a storage container provided by the teacher and kept in a safe location for the duration of the day, to be collected at the dismissal bell. Should parents need to contact students, or students need to contact home, we will continue to do this through the main office.

- If an infraction of the school or classroom rules occur, the teacher or principal will confiscate the device and the parent/guardian will be asked to come to the school to pick up the device.

- Please see the *Code of Conduct* for further details.



Leaving School Grounds: There have been adjustments to our rules regarding students leaving school grounds during the day. Students are not to leave school property on their own. We believe that the safety and supervision of our students is essential for their well-being and our school now has a closed-campus policy, meaning that students may not leave the property on their own. Parents wishing to pick their children up for lunch will sign them out at the office in the same manner as other absences. Students will not be permitted to travel into town on their own. Should your child forget their lunch, we will happily provide them with one.

We believe these changes will create a more focused and safe learning environment for all our students.

We're excited about the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you to support your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Crystal Dawn Langton
Principal/Directrice



First Day:

9:00 meet on the field
10:45 recess
12:10 dismissal

Thursday/Friday:

Students stay with
TEMPORARY teachers

Monday:

Students begin with
permanent teachers



Parents will receive an email
from their child's classroom
teacher on Friday afternoon.
This will be your child's
teacher for the year.

Breakfast

Breakfast program begins
September 9th.

