

## Rousseau Elementary School

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Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

We are excited to inform you that Rousseau will be able to participate in the inter-school basketball program again this year. This year the basketball team will be open to Grade 5 and 6 students. We will be inviting up to 8 boys and 8 girls to participate on the team from our school. Grade 5 and 6 students will be given two opportunities to demonstrate their basketball skills. Players are encouraged to attend both sessions. Games will be held after school either at Rousseau or an away school (usually 3:30 to 5:00p.m. and dates are still to be determined).

Opportunities to demonstrate basketball skills are as follows.

## Girls Grade 5 and 6 sessions will be held:

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:00a.m. Wednesday, January 23st from 8:00-9:00a.m.

## Boys Grade 5 and 6 sessions will be held:

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:00a.m. Monday, January 21st from 3:30 to 5:00p.m.

Students will need to come prepared with running shoes, shorts, T-shirts, and a water bottle.

On our school website, (under Student Activities - Basketball) you will soon find the criteria that will be used to help with the difficult process of deciding upon which players to invite. This criteria is based on the Long Term Player Development model used across many sports.

We are looking to make this a positive experience for students. We are grateful to all who demonstrate the courage to try with the realization that not making the team is a possibility. In this way we reinforce the importance of risk-taking and the acceptance that true learning often occurs when we are not successful.

Many thanks to Mrs. Steinberg who is taking the lead on coaching the team.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

J. Gris Principal