



Adelaide Hoodless Elementary School

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Dear FDK Families,

Congratulations! We have successfully completed the first, and probably the most difficult, month of the school year. I have been so impressed with how quickly our students have fallen into the routine of school. I marvel at how engaged and happy the students are when I visit the classrooms daily.

As you are all aware, our FDK classes were bursting at the seams. We were so fortunate to have been awarded a full FDK class at reorganization. This means we will now have 6 FDK classes with an average class size of 25 students, down from 30 in our current organization. Additionally, we have added one Ontario Certified Teacher and one Designated Early Childhood Educator to our amazing FDK team.

Reorganization required us to create a new class based on our current population. The decision to move students is always difficult. Our FDK team spent a full day reviewing class lists to create a new class. We are very excited to announce the educators who will be leading the learning and development of our brand new FDK 9F.

Ms. Dina Nardi is joining our team as our new permanent FDK teacher. Although Ms. Nardi is new to FDK, she is not new to Adelaide! Ms. Nardi was a student teacher at Adelaide over five years ago. She has since been a regular occasional teacher at Adelaide. Ms. Nardi has also completed numerous Long Term Occasional (LTO) assignments at Adelaide teaching a variety of grades including grade 1. Ms. Nardi completed a full year LTO last year as our Primary Learning Resource Teacher. She worked very closely with the FDK team and with our Reading Specialist Teacher. We are also very excited to welcome Ms. Dana Malcew as our Designated Early Childhood Educator. Ms. Malcew is an experienced DECE. She is excited to join our team and be part of the amazing Adelaide community. The new FDK class will be moving into the space currently occupied by class 1A. Class 1A is moving into a newly renovated space in Room 118.

Although change is difficult, it also gives us the opportunity to grow. I thank all parents and caregivers for their growth mindset in supporting our reorganization and supporting our decisions. All our students are in the capable hands of experienced and caring educators.

Student achievement and well-being is our priority at Adelaide. We have spent a great deal of time reflecting on our entry and dismissal procedures to ensure our students are safe. Please see



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the attachment to this letter for details regarding entry and dismissal procedure. A few highlights you need to be aware of beginning Monday, September 30 are:

- There will now be four educators in the FDK pen area beginning at 8:35 am each day;
- Parents are to walk their child through the long gate area and then leave their child at the second gate. Parents will not enter the main FDK pen area. There will be an educator posted at the gate;
- FDK students will be supervised by FDK staff until 8:50 when the entry procedure will begin;
- FDK classes will line up and be greeted by an educator team member at 8:50
- Before and aftercare students will be supervised by 3 FDK staff during the entry process; and
- All parents/caregivers will say goodbye from the main playground area.

We recognize it may be difficult for some parents/caregivers to leave their child in the FDK pen area, but it allows us to maintain careful supervision and substantially decrease the number of bodies in the FDK area. Thank you in advance for supporting our plan to keep your children safe.

The entry and dismissal procedures outlined on the reverse side of this letter are for your child's safety. Please understand all our educators care about your child and your child's safety. If any staff is hesitant to release your child it is for their safety. We may ask individuals for identification if we are not familiar with them. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during entry and dismissal.

Thank you again for an amazing first month of school. Your children are amazing. Thank you for trusting us to educate them.

Respectfully,

Nanci Simpson – Principal

FDK 9A	Mrs. Obradovic and Mrs. Ritchie
FDK 9B	Mrs. Tweedle and Mrs. Theroux
FDK 9C	Mrs. Fennell and Ms. McGibbon
FDK 9D	Mrs. Husslage and Mrs. O'Brien
FDK 9E	Ms. Rocznik and Ms. Cryderman
FDK 9F	Ms. Nardi and Ms. Malcew

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