



Dr. J. Edgar Davey Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer, and we are excited to welcome you back to school! As your new Principal I am thrilled to be at Dr Davey and looking forward to supporting the school community. We may not always agree, but I promise you that I will always have the students' best interest as my priority. Respect, positive communication, patience and seeking to understand is the most effective way for us to all work together to support the students at Dr. Davey.

Here are some **Important Dates** for you:

Tuesday Sept 5 PA -Day - no school for students

Wednesday Sept 6 - New to Kindergarten Visits as scheduled, First Day for Gr 1-8

Thursday Sept 7 all Kindergarten students attend, Meet the Staff 4-5pm

Meet the Staff

Please come and introduce yourself to your child's teacher and see their classroom! We are excited to meet you and begin a productive and positive working partnership between home and school.

Bell Times

8:50-3:10

We have two 40-minute nutrition breaks, please send snacks and drinks. Due to anaphylaxis allergies, peanuts and anything containing peanuts is prohibited.

Change of Clothes and Shoes

Please send students with a change of clothes and shoes that can be left at school for accidents, spills and puddles.

Cell Phones

Though cell phones have their purpose, we discourage them being brought to school. Cell phones are a distraction from learning at best, and a tool used to harm at worst. If your student must bring a cell phone to school for safety, they are to be out of sight. Students are solely responsible for the security of their devices. In all cases cell phones are only to be used for medical purposes or with explicit teacher permission and supervision during instructional time. If you need to communicate with your child through the day, please call the school and we will facilitate this through the office. Violating this policy will result in the phone being



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confiscated until the end of the school day. Should this become a repetitive problem, the family will need to come to the school to retrieve the phone and discuss the issue.

Class Assignments

You can find out your child's teacher by login onto the Parent Portal beginning August 28. Many factors go into student placements. All placements are considered temporary until reorganization at the end of September. To balance enrolment often minor changes are required. This happens at all schools across the district.

Parent Portal

It is critically important that we have current contact information (address and phone number) for every student.

In the portal, you can complete:

- Media consent
- Human and Sexual Development exemption
- Emergency Closure Information
- Remote Learning
- Nutrition Break Information

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal please call the school for assistance.

Nutrition Break – Grade 7-8

If you would like to give your child permission to leave the school at second Nutrition Break (12:50-1:30pm) you will need to complete the permission form in the Parent Portal. This is generally a privilege extended to Intermediate (Gr 7-8) students only. We ask that students do not leave at first Nutrition Break because attendance is NOT taken after first Nutrition Break. It is a safety concern because we are unable to account for attendance until after second Nutrition Break. Students are required to sign out at the office and sign back in upon their return. Students are responsible for returning to school on time for period 5 at 1:30pm. Food is not to be brought back to the playground or into the school.

Looking forward to an exciting year of learning,

Ms. T. Trimble
Principal