



R.A. Riddell Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Class Reorganization

This school year has presented unique challenges to Ontario schools, as well as new options for students to learn in-person or remotely.

Each fall HWDSB reviews elementary student enrolment in schools and reorganizes staffing if actual enrolment differs from spring projections. It is normal for student enrolment numbers to fluctuate.

This year, the fall reorganization is more extreme due to the in-person/remote options for students, as well as the ongoing need to meet provincial class size requirements.

Specifically, at Riddell, the reorganization will mean:

- To balance class numbers, moving students in/out of their existing classrooms may be required. This will be done involving the child's present teacher to help ensure that the placement will work for each child.
- The removal of the following classes: 1 Kindergarten classroom (Mrs. Bird/Mrs. Newman); and 1 grade 5 classroom (Ms. Croke);
- As a result of the reorganization, and in addition to the educators we said goodbye to in the fall, we will be saying goodbye to the following educators: Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Newman (DECE), Ms. Jansen, Ms. Legault, and Ms. Boyter (still here 4 days out of 5).
- As a result of classes being closed, and teachers leaving, there will be the following changes in teaching assignments:
 - o Ms. Croke will now be teaching math & science to classes 7A, 8H, 78, while the grade 5 students from her class will be distributed into the grade 4/5, grade 5 or grade 5/6 class
 - o Mrs. Mackrory will now have a grade 5/6 class, thirteen of the grade 6 students from Mrs. Mackrory's class will join the other grade 6 class or the grade 6/7 class
 - o Ms. Bird's Kindergarten students will be joining one of the other four Kindergarten classes
 - o Mrs. Christie will be teaching classes 6G and 7G math & science one day per cycle, she will also be teaching French to classes 5/6 and 6, as well as continuing to with PE for grade 3 classes
 - o Ms. Deans will now be teaching French to classes 4, 4/5 and 5
 - o Ms. Macky will now be teaching class 3/4 math, science, music and art as well as continuing Kindergarten prep
 - o Ms. Kelly will change from having mostly grade 4s in her 4/5 class, to mostly grade 5 students

We apologize for the disruption this causes and appreciate your understanding. As always, our team of dedicated educators will work with you to ensure your child is well cared for and experiences educational success. Students will be notified of their new classes on Friday, October 30, 2020.

The new school organization and class placements will begin on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Thanks for your ongoing support as we go through this extremely challenging time together.

Take care and be safe!

Mr. D. Trimble
Principal

Mr. E. Robertson
Vice Principal

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