



Shannen Koostachin Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Kindergarten Students;

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in the coming days. Tuesday, September 3rd is reserved for small blocks of time to allow families to come in to the school with any of our **new to school** students. We know that coming to school for the first time can be a stressful time for many families. Providing this time on September 3rd for any of our **new to school** students and families will allow them to get to the know the educator team, see the new classroom space and provide important information to the school. Wednesday, September 4th will be the start to the school year for **all JK/SK students**.

On September 4th our kindergarten playground will open at 9:15am to accept all JK/SK students. Our kindergarten educators will be out on the playground to support students. The kindergarten playground is located at the front of the school with doors that lead directly into classroom spaces. For kindergarten student drop off we ask that parents/guardians DO NOT enter the gated in area. Please pass your kindergarten student off to an educator in the gated area and remain outside of the gate. There may be a few parents that we will give special permission to enter based on special needs of students. This permission will only be granted through the educators in collaboration with Mrs. Anderson- the Principal of the school. All bussed kindergarten students will be brought directly into the gated area by kindergarten educators when the bus arrives. All students will enter into their classrooms when the bell rings at 9:30am. Educators will support developing a routine of lining up and moving safely into the classrooms each morning.

We will continue this routine at dismissal. All JK/SK students can be picked up through the gated area at dismissal at 3:50pm. Please note that until our kindergarten educators get to know faces of parents or guardians, you will be asked to show identification at pick up. Any bussed students will be brought to buses by a kindergarten educator at the end of the day. Any after school program students will be picked up by the Umbrella Family after school program at the end of the day from classrooms.

On September 4th you will notice that the gated area is incomplete. In order to support student use, there will be an orange fence around the area until the permanent fence is complete. There will be an entrance into the fenced area close to the main school entrance. Kindergarten educators will be there to support allowing students in and out of the area at drop off and pick up.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this matter. The process of entry and dismissal will take some patience at the beginning, but please understand that our number one priority is the safety of our youngest students.

Mrs. J. Anderson
Principal