



Strathcona Elementary School

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Greetings!

We are excited to welcome students back to class for the 2022-23 school year. We know that the past two years have been challenging, and we are thrilled to see students, staff and families again. Each new year is a great new opportunity.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to the Strathcona team this year:

Ms. S. Harper – JSD

Ms. J. Rogers – 3/4

Ms. L. Crickmore – 4/5A (on Day 3)

Mr. C. Sunnucks – Primary Drama (Day 4 pm)

A friendly reminder that the first day of school for **grades 1 to 5** students is **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**. All children new to kindergarten have been invited for a short visit with a caregiver on Tuesday. **The first day for all kindergarten classes is Wednesday, September 7.**

Students in grades 1 to 5 arrive and depart from school through the back playground, using the walkway located between the school and the parking lot to access the playground. Students will enter the playground and line up each morning at their class line where they will also be dismissed from at the end of the day. Pylons will provide a visual for the first few weeks of school. Parents are not permitted on the playground before or after school. Supervision begins at 8:35 am and no students should arrive prior to this time. For everyone's safety, we ask that families promptly exit the parking lot area after school and do not allow their children to play around the dumpsters.

We know that many families remain concerned about safety, and we are too. We continue to take COVID-19 precautions, such as doing daily COVID-19 school and childcare screening and staying home when sick or instructed within the screening tool. As we move through the pandemic, we will continue to update families on important developments. We know that families may have a lot of questions.

We also invite families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by subscribing to email updates or following HWDSB on social media. You can also subscribe to the Strathcona website www.hwdsb.on.ca/strathcona to receive updates in your e-mail. Please reach out to the school office if you have any questions.

We know the return to school, especially for those who had been learning remotely or have changed schools, can be stressful for some students. We are here to support every student. If your family requires additional support, please let us know.

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

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