

## Aboriginal Focus Macdonald Elementary

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Dear Students, Parents and Staff

Welcome to a new school year at the Aboriginal Focus School! We hope that you've had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families. We look forward to getting to know you in the coming months. To our seasoned families - welcome back!

Our school team are committed to teaching about Indigenous ways of knowing and learning throughout the entire school. Teaching about self-identity and pride in our cultures and communities is central to what we do and who we are. We also continue to learn from our Elders. We're excited to continue working with you and highly value your participation in different school activities throughout the year.

This year, we are pleased to have a few new staff joining us. Please welcome:

Robin Roberts	Grade One (Room 105)
David Delorme	Grades 2/3 (Room 204)
Marjorie Dumont	Resource Support
Sheila Langmann	Student Support Worker
Tom Pickett	Counsellor

We're also excited to welcome back many of our staff who you've built positive relationships with your families over the years. Also, welcome back to Cayla Miller and Elizabeth Hardie who are both returning from maternity leaves. You'll also see some changes in the coming months as new people bring their energy, excitement and passion to this community. We're thrilled to work with all parents and families as we move forward together!

**Included in this package you will find pertinent information including our bell schedule, summarized calendar and a variety of school forms. You'll notice that most of these forms need to be returned to the classroom teacher or the office by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**For the first few days, students return to their old classrooms. We anticipate that all students will be in their new classrooms by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

The staff and I are looking forward to working with you. It's going to be an amazing year!

Sincerely,

James Chamberlain  
Principal