



LORD NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to Nelson School!

What a beautiful summer we have had, with any luck we will have a similar weather as we move into autumn. I certainly hope that you had an opportunity to spend some time relaxing with family and friends! Over the summer the construction of the new building has progressed at a steady pace with the addition of the structural steel for the roof and windows. It is certainly looking more and more like a building every day. In the next week, we can expect to see the steel roof-decking going on followed by the torch on membrane to complete the roof. Once the window installation is complete, the work on the exterior will begin with the addition of insulation and the exterior cladding. When the building is watertight, the focus will move to the interior of the building.

In addition, our grass field was not closed to the public this past summer and despite remaining open, has had an opportunity to rebound somewhat from the increased pressure of student use over the course of last year. It certainly looks better than at the beginning of the summer break. I would like to ask those families who exercise their dogs on the field to respect the signage posted in that area and that if you do make the decision to exercise your dog on our grounds please be diligent about picking your dog's waste and placing it in the appropriate container. Also, please do not let your dog dig in the grass as it creates large holes that make it unsafe for our students when they are using the field.

We are very pleased to see all our returning students and welcome our new students and their families. We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Nelson School:

Ms. Wendy Wong - Grade 1 Job Share
Ms. Lori Fraser - Grade 4 Job Share
Ms. Amandeep Kang - Grade 4 Job Share/Resource
Ms. Eva Ng - Grade 1
Mr. Gavin Landreth - Grade 6/7
Ms. Becky Cook – Grade 5/6 (Temp)

Meet the Teacher will be held Thursday, September 20 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new classroom teacher. More information to follow for this event.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 5 – Is a regular school day for students in Grades 1-7 (9-3pm). Students will be returning to their last year's classroom until we transition to our new classrooms.

Kindergarten students, with their parents will meet in the Activity Room (Lunch Room) for approximately one hour, 9:15-10:15am. Kindergarten students will be assigned into their gradual entry groups.

We plan to transition students to their new classrooms as soon as we are clear to do so, Wednesday afternoon, barring anything unforeseen. **Pick-up** on that day for all primary students

will take place in the gym at 3:00 pm, where they will be waiting in their new grade grouping with their teacher. Intermediate students will be dismissed from their classes and students should arrange a meeting place outside with parents picking them up. Student information packages regarding school fees, supplies and important consent forms will be sent home with students on Friday.

Thursday and Friday, September 6 and 7 - Regular school day in new classrooms for Grades 1-7. During the first and second weeks of school, all classroom teachers focus on our school Code of Conduct and expectations for both the classroom and school wide settings.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGES

All students will receive a Student Information Package. Where there are siblings, it will be sent home with the eldest child.

Each family will receive a Nelson Handbook with all relevant information. **Please ensure that you take the time to review the school information and may want to keep it for reference in the future.** We hope this booklet provides easy and convenient access to Nelson information throughout the year. The student package will also include a copy of the Nelson Code of Conduct, ROAR, Respect Others, Act Responsibly, and a commitment contract for each child and for you to read and discuss with your child. Please complete and return the “school copy” of the commitment contract for each child. Our assemblies, announcements and school wide events focus on social responsibility with an emphasis on the guidelines in the pamphlet. Please read, sign and return all pertinent information to the office on or before Friday, September 14.

VERIFICATION, MEDIA and CASL CONSENT FORMS – Must be reviewed, necessary changes made, completed, signed and returned to the office on or before Friday, September 14. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

CLASS PLACEMENT

This year we are hoping to have students placed in their 2018/19 classes as soon as possible. As stated in the June newsletter, careful thought and consideration of many factors by the staff has gone into all class placements. Please help support your child for a smooth transition to their new classroom.

NELSON PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Please join our Pac in the gym on the first day back to school (September 4th), from 9-10:00 am for coffee, conversation and a chance to reconnect after the summer break.

Our PAC would like to invite all interested parents to their first PAC meeting of the year on **Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in the Library.** Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thank you for your ROARing support. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Yours truly,
Dan Knibbs
Principal