



Alexander Robinson Start Up Newsletter 2023

Welcome Back!

Dear families,

We are looking forward to welcoming back our students to ARE next week. We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with lots of time with family and friends. Personally, I'm excited to get going with another school year now that I've had a year of experience at ARE. Having had the opportunity to get to know some members of our community, my goal will be to connect with more of our parents this year.

Please see below for a schedule of events for the first week of school. Although there may be last-minute changes, here's how the first week will shape up.

The Shape of the Week:

Grade 1 – 7 students:

Students return to their previous teachers to share stories and to reconnect with their teachers and friends.

New Kindergarten Students:

See the Gradual Entry Notes at the end of this document please for the new Kindergarten Gradual Entry Plan. For intake meetings, please wait at the south entrance to the school where the Kindergarten teachers will greet you.

Last year's Kindergarten students & Mrs. Baron's Gr 1s:

Students will go to their last year's classrooms and will then be temporarily placed in a different class for the week to allow the new Kindergarten students to complete their gradual entry. Students will be dismissed by the basketball court at the back of the school. For the rest of the week, this will be where they will be picked up for classes in the morning and dismissed after school.

All New Students:

On September 5th all new students who are registered will go to **the library** to meet **Mrs. Neufeld, Mr. Oleksyn, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Diamond**. Any new students who are not yet registered will be processed in the office and then taken to the library.

Tuesday, September 5th – Half day for students

12:30 – 2:20 Students attend school in the afternoon

Wednesday, September 6th – In session 8:30am to 2:20pm

Regular daily attendance begins for all Grade 1 to Grade 7 students. New students will again report to the library and then be rotated throughout the day in library, P.E., and drama classes.

Thursday, September 7th – In session 8:30am to 2:20pm

Regular Daily Attendance for all Grade 1 to Grade 7 students. New students will again report to the library and will either be rotated throughout the day in library, P.E., and drama classes or will be integrated into age-appropriate classes.

Friday, September 8th, 2016 – In session 8:30am to 2:20pm

Our plan is to have all students in their classes sometime during the day on Friday, unless otherwise directed by the school district.

Staffing Update:

A big welcome to the following staff for the new school year:

Penny Ahmadi – Education Assistant

Kristiana Arcand – Grade 4/5 Teacher

Olivia Berry – Vice Principal

Brandy Bryson – Education Assistant

Luzmarie Cadelina – Education Assistant

Sharon Chan – ELL

Jen Corcoran – K/1 Teacher

Alissa Davies – Education Assistant

Leah Fordham – Secretary

Christine Gamache – Education Assistant

Jenna Gordon – Education Assistant

Andrea Haywood – Grade 1/2 Teacher (job share with Mrs. Murphy)

Ron Lawrance – Counsellor (Thursdays)

Sarah Lemire – Grade 5/6 Teacher

Nisha Lowther – Grade 6/7 Teacher

Ashley Lozada – Kindergarten Teacher

Mackenzie Hartmann – Education Assistant

Steph Rickaby – CCW

Sarah McCarthy – Grade 2 Teacher

Megan Markowski – Education Assistant

Rany Mork – Education Assistant

Harman Sidhu – Education Assistant

Julia Watson – Counsellor (W/F)

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Info:

	Mon. Sept 4	Tues. Sept 5	Wed. Sept 6
8:30 – 12:00	Labour Day	Delayed Start	Intake meetings
12:00-12:40		Lunch	Lunch
12:40 – 2:20		Intake meetings	Intake meetings

	Thur. Sept 7	Fri. Sept 8	Mon. Sept 11	Tues. Sept 12
8:30 – 1:30	1/2 class (Group A)	1/2 class (Group B)	1/2 class (Group A)	1/2 class (Group B)

	Wed. Sept 13	Thurs Sept 14	Fri. Sept 15
8:30 – 1:30	Both Groups	Both Groups	Both Groups

	Mon Sept 18	Tues Sept 19	Wed. Sept 20	Thurs Sept 21	Fri Sept 22
8:30 – 2:20	Regular Hours Begin	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	Regular Hours