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Alexander Robinson Start Up Newsletter 2025

Welcome Back!

Dear families,

Welcome back to our ARE students and parents. We are in the process of getting things ready again for the school year and looking forward to reconnecting with the community again. I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to school ☺. September is always an exciting part of the year where we all anticipate new beginnings.

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 2 – 7 students:

Students return to their previous teachers to share stories and to reconnect with their teachers and friends for the first week of school.

New Kindergarten Students:

New kindergarten parents have already been emailed the Gradual Entry schedule for September. For intake meetings, please wait at the main entrance to the school where the Kindergarten teachers will greet you.

Last year's Kindergarten students (this year's grade 1 students and all of Mrs. Hicks' students from last year)

Students will go to their last year's classrooms for attendance and then will be temporarily placed in groups with one of our grade 6/7 teachers for the week to allow the new Kindergarten students to complete their gradual entry.

At the end of the day on Tuesday, students will be dismissed by the basketball court at the back of the school. For the rest of the week, in the morning and after-school, the basketball court will be the place for drop-off and pick-up. Please proceed to the gym back-doors labelled with the last year's teachers' names.

All New Students (Grade 1-7):

For the first week of school (Tuesday-Friday), all new students who are registered will go to **the front of the school** to meet **Mrs. Neufeld** and will be taken to the Drama room. Any new students who are not yet registered will be processed in the office and then taken to the Drama room. Please meet in front of the school (signs will be posted)

Tuesday, September 2nd – Half day for students

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

Wednesday, September 3rd – 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 Drama room and then will be integrated into age-appropriate classes once the orientation has been completed.

Thursday, September 4th – In session 8:30am to 2:20pm

Regular daily attendance for all Grade 1 to Grade 7 students. New students will return to the classes they joined the previous day.

Friday, September 5th, 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.

Cell Phone Policy:

Just a reminder about our school's continued no device policy. In September of 2022, the school decided to implement our no device policy as a way to help students engage for more fully with their work and with other students.

Therefore, as per our usual practice, students are reminded to put their phones away (and refrain from using their smart watches) while in school and use the devices provided by the school.

Of course, if students need to contact parents during class, they can go to the office to call home. Conversely, if parents need to contact students when school is in session, they can do so by calling the office.

Staffing Update:

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

Mr. Allera - Custodian
Mrs. Banning - Support teacher
Ms. Dunn - Cafeteria/Lunch worker
Ms. Ford - Drama teacher
Ms. Kahlert - Kindergarten teacher
Ms. McBride - Counsellor
Mrs. McNutt - CCW
Mr. Myers - Indigenous Education Helping Teacher
Mr. Panchoo - Custodian
Mrs. Pion - Support teacher
Mr. Sheridan- Vice Principal
Mr. Ulriksen - Custodian
Mrs. Walsh - Grade 2/3 (returning from maternity leave)