



Davie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Davie Jones Elementary Families:

We are very excited to welcome everyone back to Davie Jones Elementary for the 2021/2022 school year! This email provides an outline for what to expect during the first couple of weeks of school.

On Tuesday, September 7th, all returning students will meet their *previous year's teachers* at the exterior door of their previous year's classroom and students will stay with this class until Friday morning.

Items of note:

- **Ms. Taheri's** last year's class (Division 12) will be met at their outside door by **Ms. Stanley**.
- **Mr. Prince's** last year's Gr. 6s (Division 3) will meet at the northern exterior doors.
- **All NEW students**, please meet at the front entrance of the school and you will be taken to the library to meet Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Choo. Our new students will then be **placed with grade level peers for the remainder of the opening week**. This process is the same throughout *all* SD42 Elementary Schools to ensure that we thoughtfully register and place all students.
- **Tuesday, September 7th** is a half-day, **12:30 - 2:25 p.m.** The start time for students on the first day of school was adjusted to accommodate training/orientation for staff on the updated Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines for K-12 Schools. ** Note: no school supplies are needed this day.
- **Wednesday, September 8th** and **Thursday, September 9th** are regularly scheduled days 8:30 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. (8:25 a.m. entry). Student's will be with their *previous year's class*. ** Your teachers will let you know **WHEN** to bring in the full complement of your school supplies.
- **Friday, September 10th** - regular daily attendance (8:30 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.). Students return to their previous year's classrooms. We will then be transitioning them to their new classrooms. For end of day dismissal, students will still be picked up at the entrance they used during this first week to reduce potential confusion.
- **Week 2 (Sept. 13 to 17)** - students should enter and dismiss through their *new* classroom entrances. Younger students will receive a map on Friday (Sept. 10th) with information about

their new classroom and teacher. We will have multiple staff outside to assist students with finding their new classroom if needed.

- **For families with children entering kindergarten...our gradual entry kindergarten plan remains the same as it was in June.** The altered week one start for children in grades 1-7 does not impact our kindergarten gradual entry plan. ** Kindergarten students do not have a 'school supply list' per se. The DJE Kindergarten teachers order their supplies in bulk. Information on that will be shared with those families in the coming weeks.
- A reminder that **the end of the day is now 5 minutes longer** to accommodate a change to our District Calendar and is now 2:25 p.m.

Sincerely,



Cathryn Blanco

Principal - Davie Jones Elementary