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2023-2024 - #1 - Back to School
August 2023



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:



At Lord Tennyson we value the development of the cognitive, academic, creative, emotional, and physical competencies needed in order to succeed as citizens of the global community.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our 2023-2024 new school year.! We hope that you had a chance to rest, relax and rejuvenate during the summer as we get ready to start the exciting new year ahead.

Welcome back to our returning families and we extend a warm welcome, as well, to our new families in Kindergarten and Grades 1-7 who are attending Tennyson for the first time! We look forward to working with you to support your child in becoming a successful, responsible learner(s) who enjoys all facets of school life. I am looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 school year and continuing to get to know and work with our students and families at Tennyson.



This is the first of a weekly newsletter that I will be sending out **every Monday** which will include upcoming events/dates, information from the school and the VSB District, as well as examples of the great work that our students have produced. Occasionally, additional information from the District will either come to you directly from the District office or from the school. Please make sure that you take the time to read the newsletter and other information as they contain information pertinent to your child. As well, we will update the school website with calendar dates and information from the school.

Due to changing enrollment throughout the District, elementary schools will not be moving students into their new classes until the second week of school. Students will be returning to their last year's classes for the first week, and new students to the school (Grades 1-7) will be placed in age-appropriate classes so that they get an opportunity to meet their peers before we change classes, as a school. Students will meet their classroom teachers at 9:00 am at their usual assigned meeting places on the first day (Tues. Sept. 5th) - new students are to report to the office and they will be directed to their classroom for the first week.

We are all looking forward to the start of an exciting new year!
See you next week,
Diane

SHAPE OF THE WEEK Tues. Sept. 5th to Fri. Sept. 8th

Tues. Sept. 5th - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Students in Grades 1-7 report to last year's outside meeting spot - they will return to this spot for pick-up
- Students who are new to the school report to the office - pick-up at 10:00 will be in the Activity Room by the office unless you have pre-arranged a spot

Wed. Sept 6th to Fri. Sept. 8th

- Grades 1-7 will be last year's classes - 9:00 a.m. to 3:03 p.m. If a teacher's classroom space has changed, they will be keeping the same pick-up spot as last year's for the first days
- Please remember lunches and snacks, starting on Wednesday.

2023-2024 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

There has been a minor change to the lunch and recess schedules for this year - see below.

9:00 a.m. - School start time

10:40-11:00 a.m. - Recess

12:10-12:57 p.m. - Lunch

3:03 - End of day dismissal



There will be a comprehensive information package sent home with students once they have changed classes, regarding school fees etc. Stay tuned!



SCHOOL PARKING LOT REMINDER

Please remember, for the safety of our children, that the VSB parking lot is for staff parking only, not for drop-off and pick-up. As well, for the same reasons, we ask that children not be walked through the parking lot, accompanied or otherwise, before and after school. Thank you, again, for your cooperation.

GRASS FIELD!!

Our grass field at the rear of the school will be officially open from the first day of school! So that we can maintain the condition of the field in its early stages, the field will be for school use only, opening up at 8:30 in the morning and closing up at 3:30, until further notice. Thanks to the grounds team who took great care of it for us over the summer so that it would be ready for us at school start-up!



PAC CORNER

More information to come in next week's newsletter (Tues)

