



August 2011

Dear Elementary Parents,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and that you are enjoying the bright sunshine. I also hope that you are taking some time out from the very busy school schedule to rest and relax and to enjoy your families.

Even though the students are not at the school, the place has been hopping with activity all summer long. The outside of the school received a new colour! Come by and check it out. The two gyms were painted. The office was reconfigured to add more secretarial help and an upstairs room was redesigned to be more efficient. Some "hi-tech" items were installed in a few of the classrooms to enable teachers to teach in the 21st century.

Most exciting is our new playground. The prep work has been done and we are anticipating an installation date in the middle of August. We will be sending out a "HELP" email in the coming days for you to get your volunteer hours in early. The entire playground needs to be covered with wood carpet and must be moved from a big pile to the playground. We will have a work day before the end of August to get this playground ready for opening day. With your generosity, we were able to get all of the pieces for the preschool playground and two large components of the K-5 playground in. We are so grateful! Stay tuned to come and help!

There will be some changes with the bussing to both the middle school and secondary campuses. Because of this, we know some students attending the elementary campus might arrive early or stay later. All students should not come earlier than 7:50 am if they are in a club or attending the library. All students should be picked up at 2:45pm unless they are attending a club or are in the library. After 3:30pm, no elementary students should be at the school unless they are registered to be waiting for a sibling. More information about this will be coming in September.

Please remember that childcare prior to 8:20am and after 2:45pm is the responsibility of the parent.

Thank you for carefully reading all the material and for completing these forms. We realize that a large volume of material has been presented but all of this is very important for the daily operation of the school and for the safety of your children. Thank you for taking the time to complete this task.

The school office will open on Monday, August 22 at 9 am and School starts on September 6 starting at 8:20am and finishing at 12:30pm. The Preschool and Kindergarten children will receive their schedules for a gradual entry in a separate mailing.

A shuttle bus will run from the elementary to the middle campus at 12:45pm on Sept. 6th.

Please join us for the Back to School Barbeque on Wednesday, August 31st at 5:30 pm. The BBQ is a good time of fellowship and provides opportunity to welcome the new families who have joined our community. Don't miss it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Darlene Neufeld
Principal – Elementary Campus