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Heritage Elementary School

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Back to School

The 2017-2018 school year will start on Tuesday, September 5th with a division wide inservice, so there will be no school. Once again, Heritage School will continue with the Opening Day Interviews for September 6th and 7th for Grades K-5. These two days will NOT be regular school days, **but students and their parents are expected to attend** and are recorded present on the school attendance form. The objective is to provide the opportunity for the student and parent to meet the new year's teacher in a relaxed, informal setting. We are aiming for 100% attendance. **The first day of classes will be Friday, September 8th.**

Homeroom teachers will be located in their homerooms. Following that visit, parents and students are invited to meet the specialist teachers – Phys. Ed., Music, French, Resource, and Guidance in their rooms.

School hours will be varied to try to accommodate working parents.

September 6th 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

September 7th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Parents are responsible for the cost of providing supplies for their children. We request that each student bring **\$45.00** to cover the cost of school supplies (i.e. pencils, crayons, glue, notebooks, duo-tangs, special crafts, classroom projects, etc.).

Purchasing supplies in bulk provides uniformity of supplies for all children while utilizing the most cost efficient means.

A recorder/cleaning swab for music will be required for this room. These may be purchased from the school at a charge of \$10.00 if your child does not already have a set. We ask that you please do not buy a recorder from the Dollar Store as the sound is definitely of lower quality. **PLEASE BRING YOUR PAYMENT TO THE INTERVIEW.**

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Heritage School. If you are unable to pay this cost at one time, please complete a payment schedule with your child's teacher at the interview. All payments should be completed by mid November.

Room 14 will be using various forms of technology this school year in lieu of agenda books to communicate with families. In keeping with our school division's philosophy of technology, we are preparing our students for the digital age, and attempting to reduce our use of paper. Families with access to a computer will receive notices and newsletters via email. We will also be using a service called 'Remind 101', which will send notices and reminders to parents via text messages to their cell phones. We will continue to use our classroom blog and twitter account regularly, as well as our weekly YouTube update.

Each student will also need to bring a pair of running shoes (for indoor use), a back pack and a pair of headphones or ear buds for the iPads. Running shoes should not be the skateboard type as they need to be tied tightly for running and games in the gym. Please ensure that your child's name is on these items.

We encourage all students to have accident insurance. If you already have an extended health policy, please keep this information available for completion of field trip forms throughout the year. If you wish to purchase student accident insurance, the forms will be available from the teacher. Cost is approximately \$14.00 for one year's coverage. Please complete the form promptly and mail it along with your payment to the address listed on the package.

Remember to drop in during the outlined times at your convenience. You do not need to call the school to arrange an appointment. **Regular classes will begin on September 8th, 2017.**

See you there!

N. Moffatt, Principal

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Grade 4/5 Teacher
Room 14**