

August 31, 2020



We hope you have had a wonderful summer, and we hope you took a break from the computer! The weather has been very nice, but VERY hot! We know your family stayed close to home, but we hope you were able to do some fun and interesting things with your family.

All our teacher friends will be returning to help you out this year, but there are some changes.

Ms. Burke will be our new Grade 1 and Grade 2 Math teacher. Ms. Butts (soon to be Mrs. Martin) will be the Science and Writing teacher. Mrs. Giroux will be returning to teach her favorite subjects-Literacy and Social Studies! Mrs. Trowbridge will be helping as our Literacy Interventionist and now Mr. Flax will be our new Math Interventionist. Mrs. Nancy Gardner is our Primary special education teacher. Kayla Patnode, Liz St. Clair, and Lincoln Martin will be helping our students as well. Miss Beth will be returning as our principal. We will have a great year learning and working together!

The homeroom setup will be quite different from past years. We decided that we needed to have grade level homerooms in case we have to go to ALL FULLY REMOTE learning for all students. We are hoping that won't happen, but we needed to plan for that possibility.

As you know, your students have been divided into Cohort A (Monday/Thursday) and Cohort B (Tuesday/Friday). In addition, we have divided the large first grade into two groups here at school because we are lucky to have 3 teachers this year! This divide WILL NOT change what day they go to school. At the bottom of this letter you will find your room location and the adult who will be in that room.

Students will remain in their homeroom classes throughout the day, and Ms. Burke, Ms. Butts and Mrs. Giroux will rotate through the different groups teaching their core subject. Unified Arts classes (Art, Music, PE, Library) will also take place in the classroom. The outdoor spaces may be used depending on the weather.

We will continue to use **Class Dojo** as our learning platform. We will get everyone connected as soon as possible. If you were connected to Dojo last year, then it will be easy for families to move forward. All primary students will be getting a brand new chromebook! We are really excited about this fact!

Students who are fully remote will have a schedule (coming soon) for contact with teachers. Starting this fall, there is an expectation that all remote students will check in every day and complete all the work that is expected from their Cohort group. We are working on a plan to give and receive materials each week for fully remote students.

Our students' growth is extremely important to all of us. To best serve our young learners, the expectations for remote learning will be quite different than what we did from March to June. There will be learning targets, grades, expectations for all work completion and attendance will be taken every day.

Here are some things you need to remember for the first week of school. Students should bring 2 masks and a small water bottle that can be cleaned EVERY night. Please bring a good-sized backpack with you every day. You will have things to carry back and forth to school each day. We would like each child to bring a roll of paper towels and a box of good Kleenex to school. You won't need to bring anything else, but don't forget to bring your **SMILE!**

We know there are LOTS of changes this year, but we will work together to make it a very special year for you. We have missed you all so much and we want school to be your favorite place to be! Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation! We will see you on Tuesday, September 8 for Cohort A and Thursday, September 10 for Cohort B.

We can't wait to see you and start learning new things!

Class Assignment

Name	Cohort Group	Classroom Color/Teacher	Hybrid? or Remote?

Grade 1 and Grade 2 Schedule

Grade 1 & 2 Leah Butts/ Mariah Burke/Tracy Giroux	time	Monday/Thursday Cohort A	Wednesday	Tuesday/Friday Cohort B
7:30-8:40	70	Teacher/Para check-in time with remote and hybrid students	All Fully Remote Students' Schedules to Come Soon	Teacher/Para check -in time with remote and hybrid students
8:40-9:00	20	Arrival and Breakfast in class		Arrival and Breakfast in class
9:00 AM		School Starts		
9:00-9:30	30	<i>Morning Meeting</i>		<i>Morning Meeting</i>
9:30-10:30	60	Math(Grade 1A orange group) Writing/Science (Grade 1A purple group) ELA (Grade 2A teal group)		Math(Grade 1B orange group) Writing/Science (Grade 1B purple group) ELA (Grade 2B teal group)
10:30-11:30	60	Math (Grade 1A purple group) Writing/Science (Grade 2A teal group) ELA (Grade 1A orange group)		Math (Grade 1B purple group) Writing/Science (Grade 2B teal group) ELA (Grade 1B orange group)
11:30-12:00	30	Lunch in Class		Lunch in Class
12:00-12:30	30	Recess		Recess
12:30-1:30	60	Math (Grade 2 teal group) Writing/Science (Grade 1A orange group) ELA (Grade 1A purple group)		Math (Grade 2 teal group) Writing/Science (Grade 1B orange group) ELA (Grade 1B purple group)
1:35-2:20	30	Music (Grade 1A orange group) Guidance (Grade 2A teal group) PE (Grade 1A Purple group)		Music (Grade 1B orange group) Guidance (Grade 2B teal group) PE (Grade 1B purple group)
2:20-2:50	30	<i>Afternoon Meeting</i>		<i>Afternoon Meeting</i>
2:50-3:00	10	Dismissal		Dismissal

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