

Hello to all W. Erskine Johnston families – Welcome – September 2017

I am excited to welcome you all to a new school year. On behalf of the staff at W. Erskine Johnston Public School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all and a special welcome to new families who are joining us this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year and are eager to get started.

W. Erskine Johnston PS offers Full-Day Kindergarten, an English program (JK-6), and a Middle French Immersion program (beginning in Grade 4). The Extended Day Program, for before and after school child care is available from 7:00 – 9:00 am and 3:45 – 6:00 pm.

Visit the school website at www.werskinejohnstonps@ocdsb.ca

To inform the school of your child(ren)'s absence, please call the school at 613-592-4492 or email us the information at werskinejohnstonps@ocdsb.ca

Over the summer, the school has been under construction. The heating and ventilation system has been updated throughout the school. Most of the work has now been completed; however there will be some finishing up work which will be ongoing for the next several days, after school hours. I would like to express our thanks to the contractors, facilities staff and our custodial staff who have been working tirelessly to have the school ready.

On the first day, Tuesday September 5th

Grade 1, 2 and 3 students will gather on the far side of the school; the Vanier yard. Signs indicating the grade levels will be posted on the side of the school building and students will head towards their respective grade.

Grades 4, 5, and 6 English students will gather at the back of the school, by the junior door (by Ms. Stephens and Mme Fournier's classrooms). Signs indicating the grade levels will be posted on the side of the school building and students will head towards their respective grade.

Grade 4, 5, and 6 Middle French Immersion students will gather at the back of the school, in between the portables. Signs indicating the grade levels will be posted on the side of the portables and students will head towards their respective grade.

Teachers will be greeting each bus as it arrives. Staff will direct the students to their areas and then organize them into their class grouping.

It is not necessary for parents to come with their child(ren). Please be aware that parking is extremely limited.

Should the weather not cooperate, students will be directed to the gym on arrival.

Kindergarten students will be coming to school for either intake interviews (JK students and new to the school SK students) on Tuesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 6th, as indicated in the letter that was mailed to you. Full day Kindergarten programs will start for ALL JK and SK students on Thursday, September 7th.

Our Extended Day Program begins Tuesday, September 5th for registered students in grades 1 to 6. Thursday, September 7th is the first day of EDP for registered Kindergarten students.

Thank you for your ongoing support. On behalf of the staff we look forward to a new school year in our vibrant new learning spaces.

Enjoy the long weekend. We look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday morning.

Marilyn Burans