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JULY NEWSLETTER

Hello – We hope you are all enjoying your summer! Here are a few information items as we plan for the school year ahead...

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL (GRADE 1 - 5)

We welcome our grade one to five students on **Tuesday, September 5th**. The hours of the first day are from **9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**. Students should bring a healthy snack for their first day, and should report to **LAST YEAR'S** teacher at the door they entered and exited from last year. School hours as of **Wednesday, September 6th**, will be from **8:45 AM - 2:37 PM**.

Please note that supervision is limited before and after school at our crosswalk and driveway. Students should not arrive at school before 8:40 AM. Please ensure you pick up your child at the 2:37 PM dismissal bell.

NEW STUDENTS

New students will gather at the front of the school under the “New Student” sign. They will be escorted to the Library Learning Commons for a welcome and orientation session.

KINDERGARTEN: FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Kindergarten Teachers will be having individual *Welcoming Meetings* with all Kindergarten students and their parents / caregivers on Wednesday or Thursday, September 6th and 7th.

Kindergarten students will attend in scheduled groups on Friday, September 8th and Monday September 11th.

On Tuesday, September 12th all Kindergarten students will attend the full day. Letters have been sent to all Kindergarten families with their scheduled dates and times.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Our goal is to have new class placements completed on or before Monday, September 11th. Until then, students will be in temporary classes.

ATTENDANCE

Having reached the end of this academic year, we want to address a matter of utmost importance: school attendance.

Over this school year, we have noticed many absences among our students. While we understand that occasional absences are inevitable due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, it is crucial to emphasize consistent attendance's impact on your child's education.

Regular school attendance provides your child with essential learning opportunities. Each day at school offers valuable lessons, engaging discussions, interactive activities, and hands-on experiences that contribute to their intellectual, social, and emotional development.

Consistent attendance helps build strong work habits and a sense of responsibility. Regular attendance teaches students the importance of punctuality, meeting deadlines, and honouring commitments. These skills are vital not only for their academic journey but also for their future careers. Employers value individuals who demonstrate reliability, discipline, and a strong work ethic.

Finally, being present in school fosters positive relationships. The school environment provides an excellent opportunity for children to interact with their teachers, classmates, and other staff members. Students develop meaningful connections with their peers and educators by attending school regularly and building a supportive network that enhances their overall social and emotional well-being.

In Other News and Updates:

- The Greater Victoria School District's International Student Program is looking for new host families. Hosting an International Student is a great opportunity for cultural exchange and the program offers orientation and ongoing 24/7 support. \$1100 per month is provided for student support (\$1200 per month beginning in February of 2024.)

For more information, please connect with us at:

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- A big thank you to the Run for One Planet Legacy Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation, for donating \$1000.00 to be used to revitalize the garden space at the front of the school. Mrs. Pullan and Mrs. John's Buddy classes will be working together to enhance our wonderful garden space this year and continuing next year. Thank you!

On behalf of all the Frank Hobbs staff, we wish you all a safe, restful and fun summer holiday!

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

