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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Have a wonderful summer break! I have so enjoyed my third year at Aberdeen. I feel blessed by having such a fabulous school to work at. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your children. I believe our staff is doing a great job. Every year we learn as much if not more from our students as they learn from us.

I thank all the wonderful parent volunteers who give their time so freely. We hope to see all of you back next year. If you are interested in volunteering next year please see the office for an application. We appreciate the help we receive.

Planning for September

The first day of school in the fall is Tuesday, September 6th. **Classes will begin at 10:30 and dismissal will be at 12:00 on that day.** We will resume our regular 8:30-2:30 schedule the following day. For bus students, they will be picked up two hours later than usual on the first day (going to school) and two hours earlier than usual (after dismissal) in the afternoon. Regular bus run schedules will be in effect on September 7th.

Aberdeen's Daily Schedule:

8:20 am	Students can enter the school. There is no supervision before 8:20.
8:30 am	Morning classes commence.
10:15 am	Recess, students go outside.
10:30 am	Recess ends & students return to class.
12:11 pm	Lunch - students may eat their lunch in their classroom or go home for lunch.
12:28 pm	Students may finish eating; go outside or to other noon hour activities.
1:00 pm	Afternoon classes commence.
2:30 pm	Dismissal for the day.

On our first day back, students will go to their class from the previous year. New students, will be spending the morning with Mrs. Tomm and Mrs. Parker in our library. On Day Two, September 7th, students will be organized into multi-age groups, or clans, that will travel through stations learning and reinforcing our Respect and Responsibility expectations. These groups will also give students and staff an opportunity to get to know each other and build school spirit and strengthen community.

Clear Hallways – Please Meet Outside!

Thank you for setting up a meeting place outside the school rather than waiting for your child indoors. The space you create makes movement in our halls easier and safer. It teaches our children to be independent as they use the appropriate doors to enter and exit the school. Having a child run to your car in a parking lot of moving vehicles is dangerous.

Once we are certain of placements, we will move children to their new classes.

THANK YOU so much to our wonderful PAC group.

Teachers and staff of Aberdeen Elementary enjoyed the delicious luncheon you provided last week. Your dedication and support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.



As technology and social media are desired communication methods, we strive to keep you informed using synovoice messages and keep our school website, facebook page and email current and up to date. Please ensure we have current contact information. Do not hesitate to call the office if ever there are any questions or concerns.

Following these simple rules will create a much safer and easier way to drop off and pick up students at Aberdeen Elementary. If everyone co-operates, the system works well. But... if even one person parks in the wrong area (no matter how brief they are) it creates a dangerous and often frustrating situation for the rest of the students and drivers.

Traffic Safety Tips:

- o Respect the 30 km/h school zone speed limit:
- o Travel 30 km/h or less while in the designated school zone between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on school days.
- o Use the designated "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone:
- o The area in front of the school on Van Horne Drive is designated for parents to stop briefly to load or unload their children.
- o Parents should not be sitting in their cars waiting for students to come out of the school.
- o Drivers MUST remain with their vehicle.

Park in designated parking spots:

- o If you need to leave your vehicle for any reason, use the parking lot by the lower playground or other designated parking areas along Van Horne Drive.

Do not stop in a "No Stopping" zone. "No Stopping" zones are as follows:

- o any sidewalks marked in yellow
- o within 6m of a crosswalk
- o within 6m of an intersection
- o within 2m of a driveway

Use the crosswalk when crossing the street:

- o Children learn by example. Please use the crosswalk when picking up or dropping off your child.

Solutions to Parent Concerns:

- o Many parents of primary students want to ensure that their child gets into the school safely and feel that escorting them to the door is important. Please park in the lower parking lot by the playground and walk your child to their appropriate door.
- o Many parents who are picking up their children after school worry that their children won't see them, so they park in the "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone.
- o Plan to have your child meet you at the playground by the lower parking lot.
- o Come 5 to 10 minutes after the 2:30 dismissal and meet your child at the "Pick Up / Drop Off" zone. This gives your child a chance to get out of class and be ready waiting for you.

Many thanks goes to all of the drivers who make an effort to follow our safety rules! You make our school a safer place to be.

WE WILL MISS YOU

You Will be Missed



There will be a few staffing changes for the upcoming school year. As you may know, Mrs. Lundgren, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Inkster, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Penzkoffer were in term-certain positions for this school year, and their time at Aberdeen will come to completion at the end of June.

Our evening custodian Mrs. Heyer will be changing schools after being at Aberdeen after 10 years.

We would like to thank all of them for their service to our school and for enriching the lives of our students. It has been a great pleasure to work with them and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours!

Mr. Powell is retiring after many years in the district. He was here in 1981 when Aberdeen Elementary opened their doors and returned in 2013. Thank you for the care you have given students during your time here. All the best to you!



2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

September:

- 5 Statutory Holiday
- 23 Non-Instructional Day

October:

- 5-6 Parent -Teacher interviews
- 10 Statutory Holiday
- 21 Non-Instructional Day

November:

- 11 Statutory Holiday

December:

- 5 Non-Instructional Day
- 19-2 Winter Break

January:

- 20 Non-Instructional Day

February:

- 13 Statutory Holiday
- 23 Parent -Teacher interviews
- 24 Non-Instructional Day

March:

- 20-31 Spring Break

April:

- 14-17 Easter
- 24 Non-Instructional Day

May:

- 3 Parent -Teacher interviews
- 3 Kindergarten Orientation
- 15 Non-Instructional Day
- 22 Statutory Holiday

June:

- 29 Students' Last Day (12:00 Dismissal)