

C.M. FINCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Good day CM Finch Families,

We are genuinely excited to have the children back and to work with them this school year. We have implemented many safety measures at our school to help us reopen in a safe manner. Our wonderful teachers have been busy preparing for the return of the children. You should have received a phone call to let you know which class your child is in and where they will meet on the first day of school. I just wanted to send a short reminder of some information we shared in previous emails:

Daily Health Assessment Requirements:

- All staff and students are required to complete a Daily Health Self-Assessment prior to coming to school. The checklist is not to be filled out and brought in, but is a guide to make people aware of any symptoms of illness. (Please find a copy of the Daily Health Checklist included).
- If anyone is sick or has symptoms they are required to stay home.
- In the event of illness, staff and parents/caregivers (for their child) are recommended to seek further medical guidance by completing the COVID19 self-assessment tool, call 8-1-1 or the Northern Health COVID19 Online Clinic & Information Line (not the local health unit) at 1-844-645-7811. The virtual clinic will assess, arrange for testing if necessary, and report to public health.
- We will require everyone entering our building to hand sanitize, or wash their hands, respect the physical distancing requirement of staying 2 metres apart, and follow the direction arrows in our hallways.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome parents into our building at this time. If you require a meeting we will need to set up and appointment and ensure all our safety protocols are in place and followed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Daily Schedule Information:

- Supervision starts at 8:34am. School Starts at 8:49am. End of the Day Dismissal is at 2:50pm. After School Supervision Ends at 3:05pm.
- We are encouraging students to arrive at school closer to the 8:49am bell to reduce cross cohort interactions. Likewise, we will be encouraging students to go home shortly after school.
- To help limit interactions between cohorts, we will have staggered times for recess and lunch. We are
 planning to have our Primary students go out for recess play time while our Intermediate students eat.
 When Primary playtime is over they will come in for their eating time, and the Intermediate students will
 go out for their play time. We will follow the same process for lunch time as well.

Tomorrow is a shorter day-

• The first day of school for Grade 1- Grade 6 will be on Thursday, September 10^a, 2020. This is a partial day for students. Supervision will start at 8:34am, dismissal will be at 10:49am. (Friday, September 11^a will be the first full day of school 8:49am to 2:50pm).

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely, Mr. Lang