

Hello Tyson Families!

The Tyson staff are looking forward to welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 2020-21 school year and I hope that your child(ren) are equally as excited to be returning!

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong Health and Safety Protocols in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For Tyson students and parents, we have created a one-page document that outlines our COVID-19 School Restart Plan and you can find it on our website: [Tyson Elementary](#). Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time information, visitor information, cleaning and disinfecting, as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

### **Wednesday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

You will receive an email from the teacher of the Learning Group / Cohort that your student has been assigned to for the first week. This email will detail what items your student needs to bring with them the first two days as well as where they will enter and exit the school.

### **Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (8:10 – 10:10)**

On this morning the students will attend for two hours and will go directly to the classroom of the teacher who you received the email from on Wednesday. Students in Grades 1 – 5 will be in attendance and will need to line up outside the classroom door. All classrooms will have the names of the teachers posted on the inside window so you will know which teacher is in which room. This year we have Mrs. Istace teaching Grade 1 in Mrs. Reich's old room and Mrs. Sutcliffe teaching Grade 4 in Mrs. Hayes' old room, but other than those fabulous new additions to our staff, all other teachers are in their usual rooms.

### **Friday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (regular day of instruction)**

Students will attend for the full day (warning bell at 8:05, class begins at 8:10, and students finish for the day at 2:10) in the classroom they went to on Thursday.

We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify cohorts for the remainder of the school year.

Parents, we are asking that you spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best and have any of these symptoms, that they remain home.

If you know that your child will not be returning to Tyson Elementary in September, as you have either registered at another school (including a Distance Learning site) or have decided to homeschool your child for the year, I would appreciate hearing from you if you haven't contacted me already. This will help us with our planning of classes and Learning Groups/Cohorts.

This year is going to be like no other that we've ever experienced, but if we go into it knowing that things will be different and we have a responsibility to follow the safety guidelines and to take care of each other, we're going to have a great year. Tyson is an amazing school with a staff that cares deeply about all of the students who attend, and so while it may take us a little while to get used to the new ways of being at school, I know we can do it and make this year fabulous!

Please feel free to contact me by email any time if you have a question or concern you would like to share. I can't guarantee I will have an answer right away, but I will try to find the person who can help me out and then get back to you!

Mrs. Kasper