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**2023-2024**  
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**August 28th, 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mr. Brian Wityshyn (Principal) and Mrs. Nicole Skwara (Assistant Principal) and the rest of the ERS staff are thrilled to work with the ERS community for another year!

The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility, and 2023-24 is no exception! With our dedicated staff and a supportive community, we will continue to nurture a culture of excellence, while attending to the needs of the whole child in a safe and caring environment.

ERS School hours are between 8:25am - 3:06pm.

During the first day back on August 28th, teachers will be greeting grades one to three students at the following locations between 8:15 to 8:30 am:

**Grade 1:** By the Grade One (east) doors on Cougar Creek Drive.

**Grade 2:** By the Grade Two doors which are at the back of the school on the North side tarmac area.

**Grade 3: (Ms. Bachmann)** Side door across from the stairs leading up to the play structure.

**Grade 3: (Ms. McKenzie & Mme. Delorme):** Back of the school on the South side tarmac area.

Kindergarten students will follow the staggered entry schedule that they have already received and will enter the school through the front entrance. Staff will be on hand to help direct you to the correct classroom.

### **Classroom Assignments and First Day Back**

As mentioned in an earlier email, you can access your child's teacher placement by logging onto [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All staff have put forth significant effort into building balanced classrooms and we ask that you trust our professional judgment in this matter.

### **Kindergarten**

Please refer to the Staggered Entry Letter with specific information regarding one-on-one meetings and staggered entries. We will be contacting Kindergarten families to inform them about who their child's teacher is on August 30th. The first full day for all Kindergarten students will be September 6th.

### **Welcoming New Staff Members to ERS**

You will recognize many familiar faces during pick-ups and drop-offs and will also have the pleasure of meeting new teachers! Please welcome: Mme. Isaline Sander (French Immersion kindergarten), Mrs. Sarah Tinney (English Kindergarten), Ms. Heather MacTaggart (English Grade 2), Mrs. Grace Gadon (Music Teacher), and Ms. Cheyenne Tamberg (Educational Assistant).

### **School Bus Services**

Kindergarten through Grade 3 students may use the bus if they live close to a current CRPS school bus stop. You must register for the bus and get a bus pass if you have not been on the bus before. Passes will automatically be mailed out to past school bus passengers. Please register with the Transportation Department at [CRPS Transportation](#).

### **School Supplies**

A list of required supplies for each grade level is available on our website.

**Please send all school supplies on the first day of school.** Pre-ordered packages will be distributed on the first day of school.

### **School Fees**

An invoice for school fees will be generated after school commences and payment will be due by October 31, 2023. Payment options and details will be provided at that time. School Fees will also be posted on our school website.

### **Food for Learning**

Food for Learning is a program that is available to ERS families requiring assistance providing a daily nutritious snack and lunch at school. For more information on this program, please contact the school office. This program is generously supported through the Nutrition Grant.

Please feel free to contact us at any time, if you have questions.

Regards,

Brian Wityshyn - Principal

Nicole Skwara - Assistant Principal