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2024-2025
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August 26th, 2024

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 2024-25 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 26th, teachers will be greeting grades one to four 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: Up the stairs on the West Side of the School.

Grade 2³/₃ and 3: (Ms. Brunet and Mrs. Billings) Side door across from the stairs leading up to the play structure.

Grade 3: (Mme. McKenzie & Mme. Delorme): Back of the school on the East side tarmac area (beside the new Gaga Pit).

Grade 4: Back of the school on the West side tarmac area (beside the new Gaga Pit)

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](#) by 5pm on Friday, August 23. 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 28th. The first full day for all Kindergarten students will be September 3rd.

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: Mrs. Diamond MacDonald (English Grade 1), Mme Marie Grenon (French Immersion Grade 2), Mrs. Allyson Billings (English Grade 2/3), Ms. Melissa Brunet (English Grade 3), Mrs. Heather Breen (English Grade 4), Mrs. Wendy Mulligan (English Grade 4) Mme Sara Alarie (French Immersion Grade 4), Mme Carly Lloyd (French Immersion Grade 4), Tina De Guzman (Educational Assistant) and Tamara Lake (Educational Assistant).

School Bus Services

Kindergarten through Grade 4 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 November 1st, 2024. 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. Looking forward to an amazing 2024-2025 school year!

Regards,

Brian Wityshyn - Principal

Nicole Skwara - Assistant Principal