



CONSTABLE NEIL BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello Constable Neil Bruce families,

As we continue our planning and as promised we will continue to provide an email at the end of each week to keep our community informed.

We look forward to welcoming students back to safe classrooms on September 10th or 11th for a full day of orientation. On September 10, students in grade 6 will attend for a full day (no grade 7 or 8 students attend). On September 11, students in grade 7 and 8 will attend for a full day (no grade 6 students attend). **An email will be sent out to all of our families on Wednesday afternoon, September 9th with section number and homeroom teacher.**

As you can well image, we have been very busy reorganizing our classes in order to create learning groups. This has taken a lot of time with a focus on class composition, requests and student choice. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST! We have taken this care because once students are in their learning groups they will need to stay within that group until further notice.

I also wanted to share that we held our Grade 6 Orientation on September 3. Thirty of our Troop Leaders (Grade 8's) toured and greeted our Grade 6 students throughout the day. It was amazing to see students in our school again. Through this process, a concern did arise for us. Children had to move around unmasked families as they were moving into their groups etc. We ask all families to wear a mask during the pick up and drop off their children and remain on the bus loop sidewalk especially if you are going to be among a crowd of students and other families. We want to do our best to protect our families and students around potential contact.

Please find below our daily school procedure, please review with your child over the coming days.

Daily School Procedures

1. Student should have:
 - A full water bottle
 - Suitable, healthy snacks and lunch (**there will be no microwaves available**).
More information will follow with respects to our brown bag and lunch program.
 - Clothing appropriate for the weather
 - Any school supplies (pencils, binders etc.)
 - No personal belongings like toys, trading cards etc. from home that may be shared
 - Any students with EpiPens or other medical requirements etc. must bring them to school
 - At home, each day, please do a Daily Health Check on your child (form attached).

2. Classroom - Students will be assigned a classroom as their Homeroom - this is their cohort (Learning Group). This will be the classroom that they receive most of their learning instruction. Their teaching team will come to them. The exception is for Exploratories and PE, or if a special room (such as a science room) is required for the learning.
3. Hand Hygiene - hand sanitizer will be at every entry point into the school and students will be expected to sanitize their hands. Each classroom will also have hand sanitizer. It will be expected that students sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the classroom and the building. We will also encourage hand washing throughout the day.
4. End of day will be staggered beginning at 3:05 p.m. Grade 6 students will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m., Grade 7 at 3:10 p.m. and Grade 8 at 3:14 pm. Teachers will walk their class to the exit door to assist with hallway congestion and dismiss students from there.
5. Signage - there will be directional lines, arrows and "Stand Here" stickers to facilitate movement throughout the building.

Please note: the traditional \$30.00 school fee for middle school has been waived for this year only.

As always, if you have any questions regarding learning, support for your child, or ways we might help, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration. We are in this together, and we will continue to work in a collaborative, patient and calm mindset. The school community of Constable Neil Bruce wishes to remind you all, please continue safe distancing and practice proper hand hygiene. This pandemic will end sooner if we all do our part. Please take good care of yourself so you can take great care of others.

Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe
CNB Administration Team 😊