

Dear Gordon families,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. We are focused on building a positive school culture moving forward. As such, one of the activities that has been happening at school this week is that teachers have been teaching about our Circle of Care framework. If you don't know what that is, in short, it is a statement of our values at this school. I will be sharing that information with you soon. Being new to Gordon this calendar year has given me an opportunity to observe what happens at Gordon and help set some direction moving forward. It is our goal to build a positive and respectful community. Of course, we will also be focused on other school wide goals such as literacy and equity. More on this to follow.

We also had an interesting week with the air quality issues our area has been experiencing and we were fortunate to be able to pivot quickly to accommodate the situation.

I will also be attaching information here about after-school programs as they are given to me by vendors that rent our space. With this e-mail will be one about Young Rembrandts. These vendors, while not associated with the school, do offer a valuable service that some of you might want to take advantage of.

As for writing this message this afternoon we are still awaiting further directions from the school district on moving to permanent classes for this school year. I ask that families and students be patient as we await this direction.

Once we do move classes, all families will receive directions from the office of what forms to fill out and return, what forms must be filled in online, what forms you can keep etc. Please take the time to read carefully and follow the directions our Office Administrator, Ms. Heidi, has written out for you.

Some Important dates:

September 18th - 4:30pm start of Meet the Teacher including a PAC sponsored barbeque. More information to follow.

September 19th - Professional Day. School is not in session for students. Teachers will be working on developing their math teaching knowledge and skills.

September 22nd - 2:00 PM start of the Terry Fox Run. More Information to follow.

September 29th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognized at school.

September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. School is not in session.

I hope you and your families have a great weekend.

Stephen Leung, Principal & Pawan Sumra, Vice Principal