

Dear Champlain Families

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a great summer, and I look forward to welcoming returning students and new students entering kindergarten, joining us from the Annex or newly moved to our school.

Sarah McAlister is on leave for the start of the year, and I will be here until she returns. I am a retired administrator and am delighted to be starting up the year at Champlain.

School starts on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and students entering grades 1-7 will attend for an hour. All returning students should report to their last year's classroom, and all new students will meet in the library to be assigned to classes for the week, **except students who are entering Grade 4, who meet at the under covered area by the playground**. Please note these placements are temporary and will be with their age peers; these are not the classes for the year.

Wednesday is the start of full days of classes. Students in Grades 2-7 will be met in their line-up spots outside and return to the same room they were dismissed from on Tuesday (new Grade 4's will be shown their new line-up spot.) Grade 1 students will line up in the new spots they were shown on Tuesday, and teachers will take them to the library, as their classroom is used to welcome our new kindergarten students. Classes will continue in these rooms until we have been given permission to move into new classrooms by the district, hopefully by Friday afternoon.

#### **Bell schedule**

Please note this year's bell schedule- including the **dismissal time of 2:58pm**:

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|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Supervision starts    | 8:45am  | Lunch begins                          | 12:10pm |
| Warning bell          | 8:55am  | Lunch Dismissal- Outside lunch begins | 12:27pm |
| Morning Classes begin | 9:00am  | Afternoon classes begin               | 12:55pm |
| Recess starts         | 10:30am | School day ends                       | 2:58pm  |
| Recess ends           | 10:50am | Supervision ends                      | 3:15pm  |

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> - **First day back to school grades 1-7- 9:00am- 10:00am**
- Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> - First full day of school grades 1-7, Kindergarten Gradual entry starts
- Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>-Terry Fox Run in the afternoon
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September Pro D- **No school for students**
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- **no school**

I look forward to seeing you in September and to working with you and our staff to ensure that your child has a successful start to the school year. Please enjoy the last few days of the holiday.

Regards,

Susan Nichols

Temporary Principal, Champlain Heights Elementary

**School Accident Insurance**

The VSB is once again offering parents the ability to purchase voluntary student accident insurance plans if they choose. These plans offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The two companies offering this coverage are Insuremykids and Industrial Alliance (The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan). These plans are ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can find more information and register online to purchase and participate in any of these insurance plans by using the URL provided here:

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

If you have questions, please contact the plan providers.