



Dragon Lake Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Well we have officially completed the first two weeks of school. It has been quite busy getting settled into classes and routines.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to cooperate with all the changes that are happening to ensure the health and safety of not only their child(ren), but the health and safety of our whole school community. Parents are keeping their children home when they are not feeling well and are sending their kids prepared for the day. For morning drop off and pick up, parents need to be keeping eyes on their kids and all students as they navigate their way out to or from vehicles. Please make sure we are driving slowly and we are talking to kids about crossing to find their parents in a safe manner. Please remember that we do not drop students off in the staff parking area and please do not park in the Handicap parking space.



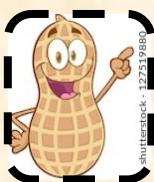
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office ☺

Nut Free Alert

We have students at Dragon Lake this year that has severe possible life threatening allergies to nuts.

We must ask everyone to please refrain from sending any items with nuts or nut butter in or on them, as these pose the greatest risk for smearing/contaminating common areas.

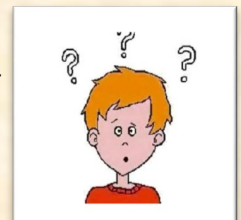
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Thank-you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Musselman at the school.

After School Plans

Please remember to communicate with the school if there are changes with pick up and drop off. After school supervision is for those students taking the bus. We encourage students to head home at the end of the day as most parents expect their children to arrive home at a certain time. We have had a couple of miscommunications so far as we get into a routine which causes staff to panic and sometimes kids to panic as well. If you know there is a change in plans before the school day starts, you can also write it in your child's planner ☺



Please take note...

In honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral service, school will not be in session on Monday, September 19th

Friday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and school will not be in session

Thanksgiving Monday is October 10th, school will not be in session



Verification Forms

Forms were sent home this week that require your attention. These forms help us update any changes in student demographics (phone number, address, medical number, allergies, etc). Permission is needed for small fieldtrips off of the school grounds; internet use; publication of photos, etc. This is for the safety of your child(ren). Please make any changes that are needed, sign the back of the form and return them to the school as soon as possible ☺



Medical History

It is very important that all staff are aware of all student **medical conditions and allergies** so that we can provide a safe environment at all times. All medication must be kept in a secure place in the office and may not be kept in a child's backpack (with the exception of asthma inhalers and EpiPens). A form must be filled out by a physician in order for staff to administer any medication & is available in the office. **Please make contact with your child's teacher if there is a medical concern they need to be aware of.**

Bear Aware

We have had a number of calls into the school with regards to bear sightings during all times of the day. Please talk with your kids about being aware, walking or riding with friends, going straight home to check in. If there is a delay in picking up your child please let the office know so we are aware and can keep an eye out.



There has been a reappearance of Pokémon cards at school. There have been times when we have had to ask students to refrain from bringing these cards as it had such a negative impact on the school community. Currently they have returned with a vengeance which we are trying to see this as a positive activity for students. There are a lot of important skills kids develop with the use of Pokémon cards. They understand the importance of value, commerce and trade. Students are reading and calculating, they are making decisions and bartering. Students are communicating and finding common interests with peers they may not normally interact with. There have been a few negative issues with the cards and we are trying to remind students to remember:

1. Trade regret - when a trade is made and a student wants to "trade back" this is not something we can solve. We have told students that they should not trade cards because we cannot undo a trade.
2. Lost missing or cards that have disappeared. If it is valuable then it should not be at the school. This goes for any item of value. We will do our best to try to solve the disappearance, but often these cards do not have names and there are multiple cards therefore it is impossible to identify the rightful owner of cards.
3. Playing with the cards is a recess and lunch activity and teachers do not want to be having to deal with Pokémon playing and trading during class time. Teachers may take the cards away and return at the end of the day if this is an issue.
4. If Pokémon cards on the playground start to cause a negative school community environment then we may ask for cards to stay at home.