CHERRY HILL ELEMENTARY



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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of Cherry Hill Elementary School:

Our first day of school is just around the corner! I hope everyone is having a safe and relaxing summer holiday. Please note that our school office officially opens August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. The first day back for students (Grades 1-6) is September 3<sup>rd</sup> with students only attending for a half day (8:30am-11:00am). The following day, Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, will be our first full day of classes (8:30am-2:23pm).

I am very pleased to announce that Cherry Hill Elementary has expanded this year by adding one more classroom to our school. While the vast majority of staff members will be returning to Cherry Hill for the 2019-20 school year, I would like to take a moment introduce three new staff members joining us in September. Rick Fitch will be our new contract Teacher on Call. As well, Katelynn Williams and Noel Agarpoa will be joining us in their roles as Educational Assistants. We are currently in the process of hiring two new teachers for our Kindergarten and Gr. 2/3 classrooms and are very confident this process will be complete by the start of the school year.

We are excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students who will have a gradual entry to our school during the first two weeks of September. A separate letter has been emailed and posted to our website outlining Kindergarten start-up. Below are start-up instructions for our Grade 1 to 6 classes.

Our first day for students to attend is September 3rd, 2019, from 8:30 to 11:00 am. <u>Students will report to their new</u> <u>classrooms/teachers on the first day of school</u>. Please take note of the following information:

- A list containing your child's new teacher, division, and classroom number for this school year will be posted on all entrances to the school by 7:45am, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A school map will also be posted next to lists so that students and parents know what school entrance to lineup at in the morning. Students are expected to line up at their appropriate school entrances and wait until the 8:25 school bell to enter the school.
- > Your child's classroom/teacher may change in the first week of school. Please be prepared for this. We may have unexpected changes in our school population that impact our classroom configurations.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:00 am on September 3<sup>rd</sup> (September 4<sup>th</sup> is our first full day)

I strongly believe in "parents as partners" so please feel free to communicate your suggestions, as well as your appreciation for what our students, Parent Advisory Council, and staff accomplish during the year. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Shane Sliziak, Principal shane.sliziak@mpsd.ca