

West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

It was great to see many parents on parent teacher nights this term. Our preference will always be to meet with parents at the school in their child's classroom, but this year the videoconferences were the best we were able to do. Parents should always feel free to contact teachers by email or telephone at the school to discuss the progress of their child.

Our community continues to show rapid growth. To prevent over-crowding at our school, the division has made a small change to the catchment area. Beginning next year, all new students living south of the perimeter will attend Riverbend School. New Middle Years students who move into this area will attend Edmund Partridge School. All our current students in this area and their siblings can continue to attend West St. Paul School.

The weather this year has allowed teachers to take their classes outside frequently. There are many dry spots outside in the schoolyard and although occasional rain or snow is expected, it still permits outside learning.

NEW! Beginning immediately, we will be blocking off the student drop off area beside the gym between the hours of 8:00 AM and 2:25PM. This area beside the gym will be used by Phys. Ed. and music classes during the school day. To keep our students safe, cars will not be allowed in this area during the school day. Parents and caregivers arriving early to pick up children at 2:30 should park on Minnehaha and Hiawatha and walk across the street to the school to wait for their children.

Our students and staff are doing an outstanding job of limiting the spread of the COVID virus. Other than while eating, masks are worn properly during the entire school day by all students. Sanitizing and hand washing happens many times during the day. The school has very good airflow and windows are open each day. Students recognize the importance of distancing themselves and are working together to keep each other safe.

Enjoy the spring weather!

David Ingram Tanya Kohut

Administrators