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Dear Families,

September 1, 2020

We are so excited to welcome your children back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope that you have all had an incredible summer. As with every start to the school year, we know this is a time of excitement and new beginnings. This year, we know this also comes with new questions, wonderings and worries. We want to reassure you that this is completely normal and are also held by your fellow parents, their children and community members.

The Health of Your Children & Our Staff is at the forefront of our planning as we get ready to welcome our student's back. Our school plan as we come together as a learning community this September is to ensure that your child's education and discovery of who they are as a learner, is at the centre of the work we do each day. ***Please take the time to review our school plan thoroughly with your child and family, as we want to ensure that everyone is prepared for a successful start to year.*** We look forward to seeing you next week at our Orientations and to a wonderful school year ahead.

Orientation dates are scheduled on September 8th from 1:00-7:30 PM and September 9th, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. This purpose of this meeting is for you and your child to meet your teacher and to know the environment where they will be spending their school year. This will also be an opportunity for your child's teacher to review our return to school plan and for you and your child to ask any questions. It is important that you schedule this time. Parents/Guardians, please wear a mask to your child's appointment.

All appointments are scheduled online via Parent Connect and will be available this morning until Monday September 5th. If you do not have an account set up please visit <https://www.7oaks.org/Pages/Parents.aspx#/> for instructions.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

August 31<sup>st</sup> School Office Reopens  
September 8<sup>th</sup> Orientation Appointments 1:00 PM -7:30 PM  
September 9<sup>th</sup> Orientation Appointments 9:00 AM -3:30 PM  
September 10<sup>th</sup> First Day of Classes Grades 1-5, K Orientations (cont.)  
September 11<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Staggered Start  
September 30: Day of Recognition for Residential School Survivors

Sincerely,

Sean McGillivray  
Principal

Cheryl Deans  
Vice-Principal



## Top Ten Ways for Our Community to Stay Safe

1. If your child displays any cold or flu-like symptoms, they are expected to remain at home and families are asked to call our office. Please see reopening plan for list of symptoms.
2. If a student arrives at school, or becomes symptomatic, the student will be isolated in a safe space and the family will be contacted to immediately pick up their child.
3. Staff and students will wash their hands frequently with soap & water or hand sanitizer.
4. Staff, Visitors and Students in Grade 4 and up are required to wear masks while in the school. Younger students may wear masks if their guardian deems appropriate and is highly encouraged.
5. Respect social/physical distancing of 2m when possible.
6. Please do not drop off your child before 8:45-9:00. Please meet your child at the end of school day 3:30, at designated location.
7. Please drop off/pick-up your child one block away from the school and have them walk the remaining distance. Alternatively choose a spot away from entrances on the playground or sidewalk. Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop off/pick-up, as this is not a safe space.
8. Parents/Guardians and community members are asked not to enter the school unless they have made an appointment with the school office or classroom teacher.
9. Students only Enter/Exit the building through the entry way closest to their classroom. Please see school map at end of reopening document.
10. We are all learners. We know that there will be times where we don't understand the new guidelines. What's most important is that we take these opportunities as moments to teach one another and know that in time we will develop a new rhythm.