



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the *hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓* (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Thursday, September 8, 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of another school year. We are so excited to have students back in the building after, what we hope, was a restful and good summer break. We have had a really good first couple of days and it has been nice to see everyone again. A special welcome to all our new students, so far this year, we are welcoming 29 grade 1-7 students and 37 Kindergarteners.

FRIDAY GRADE 1-7 STUDENTS MOVE INTO THEIR NEW CLASS

The Lee staff have engaged in many discussions and have been thoughtful with arranging classes for this upcoming school year. We have tried our best to place students into classes that will meet their social and academic needs. This Friday, students will start in their 2023/24 school year classes, meet their teacher, and begin connecting with new friends.

Moving to new classes always brings a mixture of emotions; the excitement and nervousness of starting something new can be overwhelming for elementary students. This week, teachers have had conversations with their class to prepare for Friday. For some students it might be useful to talk about it at home to give them the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings.

WALTER LEE STAFFING

We are experiencing teacher shortages in 2 classrooms positions. We are working with the school district to hire teachers for our Gr 2/3 and 4/5 classrooms. In the interim, teachers-on-call will be present to teach the class.

NEW LUNCH SCHEDULE

Adjustments have been made to our daily schedule. Please note that all students will be eating lunch first (around 11:53am) before heading outside to play.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY

To try to minimize confusion on Friday during pick up time please note the following:

1. On Friday morning, students will enter the school the same way as we have done this week.
2. In the morning students will, in an orderly fashion, be taken to their new classrooms.
3. At the end of the school day, parents can pick up their child(ren) at the same location as in the morning.

MEET THE STAFF EVENT

Thursday, September 21

Session 1: 4:45-5:05pm Session 2: 5:05-5:25pm

This is an invitation for families to come into the school to meet your child's new teacher. Two 20-minute sessions have been organized for your convenience and to allow families with more than 1 child to see at least 2 teachers during this event.

WELCOME BACK BBQ

Thursday, September 21

5:30-7:00pm

Please see correspondences from the Walter Lee PAC for more information (activities available and how to order dinner).

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thu, Sep 21 | Meet the Staff @ 4:45pm – 5:25pm
Welcome Back BBQ @ 5pm – 7pm |
| Fri, Sep 22 | Pro-D Day – No School |
| Fri, Sep 29 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Sat, Sep 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation |



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