



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Friday, September 10, 2021



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Staff at Walter Lee, we wanted to welcome all of you to a new school year! We are very excited for the year ahead! Special welcome to our new families that are joining us this year. Our priority as we begin this school year is around Health & Safety for students and staff. We continue to follow the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer for protocols to keep everyone safe in our schools. A reminder that masks are mandatory for all students in grades 4-7, and recommended for students in grades K-3. Students have regular hand washing times in their day to make sure hands are clean. A gentle reminder that, at this time, we are not allowing for lunch drop off at the school. Please make sure your child arrives with recess snack, lunch and a water bottle, which can be refilled at the school. We have additional custodial support in place at the school for regular cleaning of classrooms and high touch surfaces. We will keep you updated should there be any changes and/or updates around Health & Safety protocols.

K. Elcombe
Principal

ILLNESS



Please keep your child home if they are not well. This year, we are adhering to the Daily Health Declaration. An update was sent to you recently by our District Office. We are counting on parents to make those decisions **each day** at home as to whether or not your child is presenting new symptoms that are not

part of pre-existing conditions. In addition to those symptoms listed on the Declaration, we know that children who are coughing, sneezing or have runny noses have difficulty learning and often infect others at school. **If your child has vomited, please wait 48 hours before sending them to school.**

Having students come to school while still sick, puts students and staff they come into contact with at risk of becoming ill. By resting, your child will recover quickly and others will be protected from germs.

If you have any questions about symptoms you or your child may be presenting before coming to school, please call 811 for advice/information.

Parents are asked to call the Safe Arrival Phone Line 604-668-6269, then press 1, before school starts to report any absences or late arrivals of their child(ren).

Thanks for your co-operation!

ANY DAY READY

As the weather begins to change and more rainy days are in our forecast, we want to remind parents that we are supporting "Any Day Ready" here at the school. This means that students will be going outside if it is raining. We ask that parents make sure that their child(ren) are dressed for the weather, i.e. boots, rain/warm jacket, umbrella, hat and gloves in the winter months. Thank you for supporting us in our Any Day Ready for students.



BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Once again, the Richmond School Board offers parents the opportunity to purchase basic school supplies through the school at a cost of \$30.00 for the year. This is a great value, which is offered as a service to the students. The basic supplies include paper,

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notebooks, writing tools and art supplies that will be needed for schoolwork.

We also have an agenda planner for all students in Division 1-10. The reduced cost this year for planners is \$5.00. The primary and intermediate students will receive a planner suitable for their age. It is recommended that all students purchase the agenda planner, as this will help students with tasks outlined in the Ministry of Education's emphasis on Personal Planning.

For students in Division 11-12, there is a Cooking Fee of \$20. This money will be used throughout the year when students cook/bake or receive snacks.

Payments will be available online starting September 17, 2021. If you have already registered in the past, the login information is the same. If you are new to the school, an information sheet on how you can register online at lee.schoolcashonline.com will be send home to you on September 17, 2021.

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

How do your children get to and from school? Did you know that most of our students live close enough to the school to walk? Walking has been shown to improve health and reduce stress. If possible, take time to walk to school with your child. It will be good for your health., provide some quality parent-child interaction time, and also be good for the environment. While you are walking with your child to school, you might get a chance to connect with other families and build community connections. In addition, reducing the traffic around the school will improve safety for all of our children.

If you must drive, please park **only** in designated spots in the centre and right side of the parent lot. You may drop off your child(ren) in the drop-off lane if they are able to come inside on their own. **Please do not park in designated staff areas or in handicapped parking spots if you are not eligible to do so.**

MEET THE STAFF

The date for our Meet the Staff event is set for Tuesday, September 21, 6:00-7:00pm. In a typical year, this is a time where parents are invited into the classrooms to meet the teachers that work with and support your child. Given the Health & Safety protocols that we are following, this will likely look different this year. We are looking at a few options to our usual format. We will continue with the date of September 21 but will update you on the format as the date approaches.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, Sep 21	Meet the Staff Night at 6pm	
Fri, Sep 24	Pro-D Day – no school	
Mon, Sep 27	Student Package Forms Due	
Wed, Sep 29	Orange Shirt Day	
	PAC Meeting Online at 7pm (More information to come)	
Thu, Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no school	
Wed, Oct 6	Early Dismissal at 11:45am for Parent Teacher Conference	
Thu, Oct 7	Individual Photo Day	
Fri, Oct 8	Terry Fox Run in the afternoon	
Mon, Oct 11	Thanksgiving Holiday – no school	
Fri, Oct 22	Pro-D Day – no school	