September 6th, 2021

Welcome and Bienvenue!

We are excited to have our students returning on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021. Here are few things you should know about the new school year at Harvey Elementary School:

* **Masks – students are required to wear a mask the entire time they are riding on a bus and while they are in the common areas of the school (hallways, etc.). This is mandated by EECD and must be followed unless a medical exemption has been provided. Staff must also wear masks in all common areas. Thank you for your understanding.**
* **Drop-off time** for those transporting children is 8:00-8:15. “O Canada” will play at 8:20 and marks the start of the school day. Children arriving after 8:20 (unless they are on a bus) will be marked as tardy.
* **Student drop-off (for students in vehicles) is at the main doors only once the buses have onloaded and departed.**
* **Pizza Day** – more information to follow this week
* **Terry Fox Walk** – more information will be forthcoming
* **Busing** – it is important that children are waiting for the bus 10 minute ahead of the schedule arrival time in the morning and that parents allow 15 minutes after the expected arrival time in the afternoon before calling the school.
* **Safe Arrival** – If you do not have the Safe Arrival app you can also call the toll-free number.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child’s absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-294-4838** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

* **Dismissal** – the preferred end-of-day pick-up times are 2:10pm (K-2) **or after the busses have left the school grounds** (@3pm).
* Parents are asked to park below the pylons at the end of the day as the children are playing on the playground from 2:10-2:45.
* **As is outlined in the “Healthy and Safe Schools” document, families are not permitted, at this time, to enter the school and must ring the bell and wait outside for their children. Thank you for your understanding.**
* **Contact Information** – please check the information sheet that will be coming home in your child’s book-bag this week to ensure that the address, contact numbers and authorized adults for signing out/picking-up your child are correct. Unless they are on the list, we will not release a student to them.
* **Students are permitted two addresses for the bus** – one for home and 1 alternative. Buses do not transport children to birthday parties, sleep-overs, etc.
* **Head**-**check reminder –** it is important to check your child’s head regularly for nits and live lice. Here is a link to the GNB website for more information: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/FactSheets/HeadLice-e.pdf>

Looking forward to a wonderful year with your child(ren) this year! Classroom questions should be directed to you child’s teacher. For general school inquiries please call 366-2201.

Sincerely,

Julie Holt

Principal

Harvey Elementary School