

## NASHWAAKSIS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Hello Parents/Guardians of our incoming Kindergarten students,

We are very much looking forward to meeting and working with your children during the 2020-2021 school year. Our teaching staff at NMS is one that prides itself on making our students *feel safe, cared for, and connected to their school*. The first year of school for a Kindergarten student is a very special one and it is our mission to ensure that we can build excitement, joy, and fun into your child's first school experience!

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, our administration would like to share with you the plan for transitioning our newest 'little K-learners' to their new school and to their new teacher. ***Please note that a schedule with specific times for your child will be communicated this summer HOWEVER if you are unable to make a date or time mentioned below (morning or afternoon), please notify [alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca) so that we can schedule around your availability. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that any block of time will work for you.***

### Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kindergarten Orientation Day

- On this day, we will be inviting small groups of children and parents into our building at specific blocked times
- These blocked times will have your child spend time in one of our Kindergarten classrooms for approximately 30 minutes so that our teachers can get to know your little ones. These observations will help our team place your child in the most suitable classroom.
- After dropping off your child in the classroom for 30 minutes, you will be invited to take part in a presentation by our Principal and/or Vice Principal in the gymnasium. This presentation will cover a range of topics including: school safety protocol, bussing/drop-off/pick-up procedures, hot lunch program, and any other questions you may have. The goal is to make sure that all family members walk away with a better idea of what a typical day in Kindergarten looks like at Nashwaaksis Memorial School.
- Following the presentation, parents/guardians will meet their children outside on the playground and be on their way!

### Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for Gr. 1-5

- While this is the first day of school for many students in our building at the higher grade levels, **it will NOT be the first day of school for our newest Kindergarten students!** (see next page)

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – First staggered days of school for small groups of Kindergarten students

- **On one of these days**, we will be inviting small groups of Kindergarten children only (parents will remain outside of building) to spend **either a morning or an afternoon** with their child's teacher before being picked up outside on our playground.
- \*\*Please note that between Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, families will be notified who their child's Kindergarten teacher for the school year will be so as to avoid any confusion.

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 2nd staggered day of school for slightly larger groups of Kindergarten students

- On this day, we will be inviting all Kindergarten children (parents will remain outside of building) to spend either a morning or an afternoon with their child's teacher in the classroom before being picked up outside on our playground.

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – All Kindergarten students will be coming to school for their first FULL day of learning!

- By this time, we believe that the gradual extension of previous school days coupled with small group discussions/practice with your child's teacher on topics such as safety inside and outside the school, classroom expectations, healthy hygiene practices, and so much more will set up your child for a successful school year!

Our school team continues to work hard on ensuring that safety precautions are of the utmost priority. We will be reaching out to you as we get closer to mid-August with more reminders and specific schedules for your child's expected attendance.

Stay tuned and have a wonderful summer everyone,

Your NMS Administration