Wildcat News

September 2022

Principal's Message



Hello and welcome to another year at École William McDonald Middle School. What an amazing first week back we have had. It was so nice to have an entire school wide assembly on the first day. This was the first time we have had an assembly together inside in almost 3 full years. All students over the course of the first week had the opportunity to meet all their teachers and start building the positive relationships that are so important to Middle School. Exploratory groups all participated in team building activities that culminated in our school wide activity on Friday. In celebration of the first week back, SUBWAY lunch was provided to all students.

The beginning of a school year is a very exciting and dynamic time. Students meeting and making new friends and reconnecting with old ones make for a fun atmosphere. For those of you who are joining us for the first time, coming into grade 6 or transferring from other schools, we offer an extremely exciting and dynamic program at our middle school. It is vitally important to our school community that our students and parents become actively engaged in the many offerings. Exploratories (Art, Industrial Arts/Outdoor Education/Foods, Technology), sport teams, games clubs, winter camps, canoeing, drama, hockey academy, futsal, music, etc. are just a few of our offerings and Cross Country running and Volleyball are about to begin in the next week or so.

As students enter our school with excitement from a long summer break it is important for them to feel that they are welcome to explore and learn in this safe and caring environment. Two corner stone virtues at our school remain RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY. We can show this in 4 core areas. <u>S</u>elf, <u>O</u>thers, <u>L</u>earning, and <u>E</u>nvironment. This works out to be the <u>SOLE</u> of our school. All staff and students will be working towards including these core virtues into our daily lives. As part of EBS (Effective Behavior Systems) our school has made a commitment to be proactive in our approaches to students and their behaviors, both positive and negative. Students and parents should expect the same expectations in every class that your child enters. Doing this helps to develop and foster the core virtues of respect and Responsibility.

Over the course of the next month, students and staff will begin to develop a routine that helps to foster the learning and development of these virtues. I encourage you to explore, share, and communicate with your child and with your teachers keeping these virtues in mind. You will see and hear a welcoming and communicative environment in which you send your child to learn. Please come to our open house on September 14nd to meet your child's teachers and see what is new at the school.

Again, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Let's make this one of the best years yet!

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Jeff Seabrook





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Daily Schedule: 8:20-8:30 Homeroom 8:30-8:45 Morning Wake Up 8:45-8:50 Announcements 8:50-9:30 Period 1 **9:30-10:10** Period 2 10:10-10:15 Break **10:15-10:55** Period 3 **10:55-11:35** Period 4 11:35-12:05 Activity Period 12:05-12:25 Lunch 12:25 - 1:05 Period 5 1:05 - 1:45 Period 6 1:45 - 2:00 Break 2:00 - 2:40 Period 7

2:40 - 3:20 Period 8



September Events



September 14 at 6:30 pm



September 21st

Subway Lunch - September 16

Pizza Lunch - September 23

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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School - September 30

Interested in Joining? Our First PAC meeting of the year will be September 21st @ 7:00 pm in the library.