



Falcon Flyer

September 11, 2020

Principal's Message...

Being new to the school myself, I feel very fortunate as the new principal to be part of such a great school community. I had a wonderful first week and have appreciated all the warm welcomes. I am looking forward to getting to know the students, as well as, all of the parents/guardians within the Fairman community. As principal, it is my priority to ensure that all students remain healthy and safe while continuing to increase student achievement. Some of our focuses this year is the well-being of our students and creating an equitable, social justice and inclusive school where all students feel welcome and are represented.

The staff at EA Fairman were very happy to see our students back at school this week. It was a great week. Students were introduced to all of our physical distancing protocols that we have put in place.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our students and parents for your patience and flexibility as we sort this out together. Students did a great job wearing their masks in class and staying in their cohorts on the yard. Many of our students went home for lunch which allowed students to take a break from wearing their masks. Please note that our times have changed. Lunch hour is from 11:10 - 12:20 (70 minute lunch). Going home for lunch is strongly recommended to allow students a break from their masks and to avoid extra contact with their peers.



For those students who do stay for lunch our yard has been divided into 8 sections. Three sections on the east side and five sections on the west side. Each section represents a grade. Students are to play only with their classmates. At this point personal toys and sports equipment are not allowed at school. However, as time goes on this may change depending on the direction we receive from Durham Region of Health and the Durham District School board.

We have a new staff member Mme. Marsden who will be teaching French to Grades 4-8 and Music to Grades 5, 6 and 7. Mme Humphries and Mrs. Lariviere have chosen to teach at the virtual school.

Meet the Teacher Night

This year due to the pandemic we will be doing a **“Virtual Meet the Teacher Night”**. It will be held on **Thursday, September 17th between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.**

This will give all our parents an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please remember this is an opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this year. This is not a parent interview where you discuss your child's academic progress. We will be using Google Meet to meet with all our parents. Two links will be sent to all parents. The first link will be a meet with the Principal and the second link will be a meet with the classroom teacher. If you have multiple children in the school you will be sent other links as well.

During the coming weeks, teachers will be working with students using diagnostic assessments, both formally and informally, to determine student need, most specifically in the areas of literacy and numeracy. It is through these assessments, and the Ministry of Ontario curriculum documents, that teachers design their programs to meet the needs of all individual learners. The curriculum expectations are available at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/curriculum.html>.

If you need to speak to the teacher regarding your child's progress please call the school or email the teacher directly.

Medication and Allergies



Please contact the school immediately if your child takes medication at school. Be sure that the **'Request for the Administration of Oral Medication'** form is filled out and returned to the school. A Parent can obtain the form from the Office. The school cannot administer any medication without this form. **As well, please let the school know if your child has any severe or life-threatening allergies as soon as possible.**



ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Students are to arrive at the bell at 8:30 a.m. Please remember that the **school parking lot and Kiss n' Ride will be closed off with pylons to all non-bus traffic between 8:15 and 8:20 a.m. until further notice**

Visitors/Parents: Non-essential visitors and parents will be not be allowed in the school. Whenever possible, telephone meetings with parents/guardians will be held. If a child forgets their lunch. Parents will be allowed to come through the front door and drop their lunch on a table labelled with their child's name. Mrs. Rodriguez will ensure that students receive their lunches.



Bell Times

8:15-8:30 Entry

10:10-10:10 AM Recess

11:10-12:20 Lunch

1:50-2:00 PM Recess

3:00 Dismissal

Please note the staggered start schedule according to your child's initial of their last name.



STAGGERED STARTS

for In-Person Elementary Families
during the First Two Weeks of School

To ensure a safe and positive return to school for elementary students (JK to Grade 8) learning in-person, the DDSB is implementing a staggered approach to starting school.

The staggered start schedule below applies to ALL DDSB elementary students (JK to Grade 8) and is based on the first initial of the student's last name. Students will attend school on the days that their last name matches with the dates outlined below.

SEPTEMBER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	7	8	9	10	11
		LAST NAMES A-G	LAST NAMES H-M	LAST NAMES N-S	LAST NAMES T-Z
	14	15	16	17	18
	LAST NAMES A-M	LAST NAMES N-Z	LAST NAMES A-M	LAST NAMES N-Z	LAST NAMES A-Z (ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)

KEY POINTS

- Staggered starts over the first two weeks of school will provide flexibility for families and help to ease the transition of students returning to school.
- It will give students an opportunity to learn and be familiar with the enhanced health and safety protocols being put into place.
- If families require accommodations during the first two weeks of staggered starts (i.e. requests to have your child attend daily instead of staggered), please inform the school office.

S.C.C. - Parent Engagement

The first SCC meeting of the school year will be held on **Monday, September 28** at **6:00 p.m.** A Google meet link will be sent out to all our parents that have registered their child for in person learning. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the new council and elect from those members positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please see the attached note and nomination form. Nomination forms are due by September 28th. Please email the forms to EAFairmanPS@ddsb.ca.

CHROMEBOOKS - If your child(ren) borrowed a School Chromebook and Charger in the spring for “Distance Learning” we kindly ask that it be returned with your child(ren) when they return to school.



Self-Assessment - Please help us monitor everyone's health by completing a daily self assessment with your child(ren) before coming to school. Your participation in this check-in helps the DDSB and the school to protect everyone's health. A daily self-assessment must be completed every day that the child(ren) is reporting to school. If your child(ren) is displaying any of the following symptoms they must stay home and parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their primary health care provider, local public health or Telehealth to discuss the symptoms and/or exposure and seek advice on testing.

Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fever over 37.8 deg C
- Sore throat
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies)

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pictures and receive information
on what is happening at the
school**

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