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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**June 25** – Last day of school. Report cards sent home with students.

**August 25** – School office reopens.

**August 31** is the first day of school for grade 1, Fr Imm ½, grade 3, grade 5, and Fr Imm 5/6

**Sept 1** is the first day of school for grade 2, Mrs. Carter's ½, grade 4, grade 6, and Fr Imm 3/4

# Fox News

from École Westlock Elementary School

**Resilient to the end...**

The final few weeks of school have been awesome after the two and a half week at home learning stint in mid-May. The finish line is fast approaching for a year that has been challenging to say the least. We can't thank you enough for the patience and resilience you have demonstrated over the past 15 months.

Staffing for next year is almost complete and final tweaks are being made to the 2021 - 2022 Education Plan. This document sets the direction and guides us through our work here at school. Our school goals and priorities emphasize success for all students in an inclusive environment with literacy, numeracy, mental health, diversity, and relationships as the focus.

This newsletter is one of my final tasks as Principal; it has been my pleasure to serve the students and families of WES for the past seven years.

Have a great summer!

Pierre Ouimet

**New Administration at WES**

With my departure, we usher in a new Principal. Join me in welcoming Ms. Amber Monteath as the Principal of Westlock Elementary School for next year. With Ms. Monteath moving offices, the Associate Principal position was vacant. Please welcome Mr. Robert Weiss to this new role. Amber and Rob are both very familiar with the students, families, and staff at the school and are excited for this new opportunity. Congrats to them both!

**The Den**

We had no Den this year and have no plans to re-open it in September. The year will begin, and likely end, with no Den operating to provide lunch and snack options for students and staff.

As was the case this year, the breakfast program will continue to operate, providing a nutritious breakfast snack to all students if they so choose. It may not be up and running until after the Labor Day weekend.

## **Staggered Entry to start the year.....**

You may have noticed in the Important Dates section above, that we are using a staggered entry to begin the school year again. Having a staggered entry emerged from the COVID restrictions last Fall and will likely continue long after the pandemic has gone. The first few days look like this:

August 30 – Staff start-up, no students.

August 31 – First day of school for grade 1, Fr. Imm ½, grade 3, grade 5, and Fr Imm 5/6.

September 1 – First day of school for grade 2, Carter grade ½, grade 4, grade 6, and Fr Imm 3/4

Kindergarten has always staggered their entry. Kindergarten teachers will be in contact with parents in mid-August.

## **STUDENT/CLASS PLACEMENT:**

Next year's class lists and student placement was finalized earlier this week. A tremendous amount of thought and numerous factors taken into account to ensure that classes are balanced and all dynamics considered in realizing an optimal learning environment for all students. Placements are included in the year-end report cards.

## **Numerous staffing changes**

In addition to two administrators new to their roles, we have a number of other staffing changes for next year. Miss Bailey Johnston joins us as a Kindergarten teacher, Madames Properzi and Wolff will co-teach the Fr. Imm. grade 5/6 class, Madame Bessette has a combined grade 1 and 2 Fr. Imm class, Mrs. Carter will teach a combined grade 1 and 2 class, Miss Ivy Suranyi will teach grade 2, Mrs. Lisa Schonknecht will teach grade 6, and Ms. Christina MacMillan will be our new counsellor.

A fond farewell to Maggie Cournoyer and Claire Vincent as they head into retirement.

And to Amy Bizuns, Brett Carnegie, Christine Chapman, and Leta Whidden, thank you for your service to our kids and best of luck in the future.

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