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Way', Parents/Caregivers:

Returning staff members are all looking forward to a wonderful and exciting 2018-2019 school year! We hope you had an awesome summer break and are ready to help the kids off to a great start to the year! We have one new teacher this year and her name is Ms. Ritchot. She has worked for WFN in the past as a TOC and we are fortunate to have her back as our full-time grade 3/4 teacher. As well, we have three new CEA's this year. They are; Mr. David Cochrane, Mrs. Bernedette Louis and Ms. Dana Quick. Finally, we have a Student Teacher from UBCO who will be working with Mrs. Thomson from September to December.

In the following areas, the Core Competencies will be focused on with respect to the New BC Curriculum: FOSTERING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (a school-wide discipline program), LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, CULTURE, MATHEMATICS, and LITERACY! There is going to be a collective push in these five areas during the upcoming school year as well as revitalizing the 'Parent Advisory Committee.' We will share more with you at the annual 'OPEN HOUSE BBQ;' date to be determined.

As always, our staff will continue to work collaboratively to continue to improve on and deliver the high quality education your children so deserve! In recognition of strengths, and student needs, teacher placements are as outlined below. Please note the changes in the structure of our classrooms from last year, which is a result of student numbers in each grade level.

2018-2019

Mrs. Thomson's Class ~ Gr. 5/6

Ms. Ritchot's Class ~ Gr. 3/4

Ms. Manuel's Class ~ Gr. 2

Ms. Smith's Class ~ Gr. 1

Ms. Billyboy's Class ~ Kindergarten

Mrs. Johnston ~ Learning Assistance Teacher

Mr. McRae ~ Language & Culture Program

School starts on *Tuesday, September 4th* at 8:25pm for students in *Grades K - 6*. Students will be dismissed at 11:20 A.M.

Please note:

* *Students will need to eat breakfast at home and bring a lunch as the Breakfast and Lunch Program start date is September 10th.*

* *Please review the Student Discipline Program Guide – Discipline without Stress Punishments or Rewards with your child/ren prior to the first day of school. If you need a copy, please contact Sherry at the school.*

* *The Bussing Schedule will remain the same as last year for the first week. For more information, please contact Sherry.*

* *Indoor Sneakers: Please insure that your child/ren have a pair of indoor non-marking sneakers, which are to be left at school. Please label your child's belongings.*

* *If your contact information has changed, please advise Sherry as soon as possible.*

Fees: School fees of \$40 per student K – 6 are due by September 29th, 2018. Lunch fees are \$20 per month, if your child is participating, and due at the beginning of each month. (Please remember to send healthy snacks with your child/ren!)

During the school renovation/expansion we will ensure the quality of academics will not be impacted. Safety will be our primary concern, so you will notice there is a lot of fencing in place to keep the children safe. If you are dropping off or picking up your child please make certain you are not impeding the flow of traffic and that you are parking in designated areas. All of the students are to enter the school area by way of the gate on the left side of the office portable. In doing so, the students will be in a "safe zone" when moving between the portable, the primary building and the gymnasium.

If your child is in:

Kindergarten – their room is in the bottom of the primary building on the left. Go into the gated school area and it is the first set of stairs down.

Grade 1 – go into the gated area and around the back of the primary building. At the base of the ramp/stairs there is a door that leads directly into Ms. Smith's classroom.

Grade 2 – in the gated area, turn right behind the office portable and up the stairs.

Grades 3/4 – students will go into the gated area and funnel down to the gym. Once in the gym, go right to the doors at the end in the foyer to go outside to the first portable.

Grades 5/6 – same instructions as Gr. 3/4, but into the second portable.

Each morning all students are to enter the gated area, pass through the gymnasium and keep right into the multi-purpose room for breakfast and morning announcements. Students will bring all of their belongings with them into the multi-purpose room and after that the teachers will gather all of their students and take them to their rooms. Students can be dropped off at school no earlier than 8:00 am. Please note that when the breakfast program starts on Sept 10th, students who arrive after 8:20 will not be served breakfast.

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Staff of Sensisyusten

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