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Quinson Elementary School

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Principal: Andrew Bond

Vice-Principal: Kristy Greenfield

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Staff, and Students,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We would like to extend a special welcome to the families of our new students. We look forward to working with you and know you will enjoy being a part of the Quinson school community. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We want to ensure your transition into Quinson is a smooth one. As always, we would also like to take a moment to thank our returning parent(s)/guardian(s) for being such important members of our community. The home and school connection is a vital part of the success of our students, so thank you for communicating with us and working together!

Although the start of this school year will look different than others, we are still extremely excited to see everyone. There are a number of new safety procedures that have been introduced in our schools this year. Teachers will be going over them with students on the orientation days and will be giving reminders regularly. The protocols can be found in the *SD57 Restart Plan* and in a document titled *Back to School Quinson Safety Protocols*. These documents are located on our school website. The safety protocols for our school are also attached in the newsletter. One very important thing to remember is that if your child has any cold or flu like symptoms, they **MUST stay home**. There is a daily student health assessment attached to the newsletter that should be done with your child each day before sending them to school. It is critical that you do these health checks each morning as we want to keep our school building as safe as we can. I sincerely thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Another important thing to note is that the school is closed to the public during the day. If you would like to set up a meeting with any of the school staff, please call in advance so we can find a time that works. It is not our intent to make families feel unwelcome but it is important we follow all guidelines.

Please note that a lot of time and effort was put into organizing students into classes prior to school startup so learning groups could be established before the first day. However, we are still at the mercy of new registrants and if enrollment increases significantly, there could be changes. This has to be done cautiously as special cleaning procedures need to be followed if students change learning groups.

We would like to welcome Mr. M. Elson who will be teaching in the grade 3/4 class. Mr. Elson is a Quinson alumni so look for him in the class photos on the

Important Dates

Sept 14-Regular Full Day Classes Start

Sept 21- PAC Meeting

Sept 25 -Pro D Day (no school)

Oct 12 - Thanks Giving (no school)

Oct 20-Oct 21 - Early Dismissal

Oct 23 - Pro D Day (no school)

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (no school)

Nov 23 - Pro D Day (no school)

Dec 2-Primary Report Writing Day

Dec 21 - Jan 1 - Winter Break (no school)

Jan 29 - Pro D Day (no school)

Feb 15 - Family Day (no school)

Feb 22-Primary Report Writing Day

Mar 22 - April 5 - Spring Break (no school)

April 5 - Easter Monday (no school)

April 23 - Pro D Day (no school)

May 24 - Victoria Day (no school)

June 4 - Pro D Day - (no school)

June 25 - Last Day of School

School Supply Lists are on the school website

wall. In addition, Mrs. M. Franzmann is joining us from Buckhorn and will be teaching Music and ELL. Mrs. J. Clarke is teaching grade 6/7, coming from Spruceland, Ms. Taylor DeSousa will be teaching Kindergarten sharing a classroom with Mrs. L Sale, and Ms. A. Stacey is back with us teaching grade 2.

I know the start of this school year comes with many uncertainties, but we are **very excited** to welcome our students back to the school. As we proceed into the fall, please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns that you may have. The sooner we can address concerns or questions, the better.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Bond
Principal

Mrs. K. Greenfield
Vice Principal

Ms. C. Hall
Secretary

Quinson is a PEANUT & SESAME AWARE School

Please be sure to NOT send any sesame, peanut or tree nut products as we have students and staff with an airborne anaphalactic allergy which is life threatening. We need to work together to keep our children safe!



Quinson Elementary Bell Schedule: 2020/2021

Since we have staggered start and end times, as well as staggered breaks during the day, each student has a class specific bell schedule attached to the newsletter.

Please have your child arrive at school as close to their start time as possible as it will decrease congestion on the playground in the morning. Each class has a designated area to "hang out" in the morning. Classroom teachers will show students these areas during their orientation days. Once school is dismissed, we ask that students leave the school grounds promptly.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Quinson will be offering these programs again this year and information will be sent home to families soon. We are currently planning on how to offer the programs while meeting the appropriate safety protocols. Expect information to come out early next week. Thanks for your patience.

School Supplies

If you are in need of school supplies, please contact the school. We have had a number of generous donations this year that families can access.