

Eastview Elementary

**Safety*Ownership*Attitude*Respect*



Get ready to SOAR!

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Today we take our first steps toward independence, building self-confidence and the ability to face challenges along the way.

We are excited to be back at school and we look forward to sharing our summer stories with one another. We trust that your days have been filled with sunshine, fun, friendship and laughter. We return to school re-energized and ready for new beginnings...

How can parents help with the transition from home to school and from grade to grade?

- Encourage a positive, “can do” attitude.
- Support your child in accepting change by being open minded. Each new year is a new beginning for students and staff alike.
- Help your child understand that adjusting to change can take time, but that things will work out fine! This helps to build resiliency.
- Connect with your child’s classroom teacher to establish a mutually respectful partnership.

The vast majority of children settle very quickly into their new learning environment with the help and encouragement of family.

Keep in mind, we are a diverse community of people learning about one another and learning to work together.

People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking they can do things. When they believe in themselves, they have the first secret of success.

Norman Vincent Peale

A Message from our new Vice Principal...

Hello Parents, Students and Staff,

As the new Vice-Principal at Eastview Elementary, I look forward to meeting you all and working with you towards a successful and memorable school year. I am eager to begin my teaching assignments

in the classroom and the ESL Center as well as my administrative duties alongside Colleen Elderton. It is going to be an exciting time as I learn and grow from my new school family. Please drop in and say hello! I look forward to meeting you all this upcoming month.

Best wishes for a wonderful year as we soar ahead!

Sandra Pascuzzi

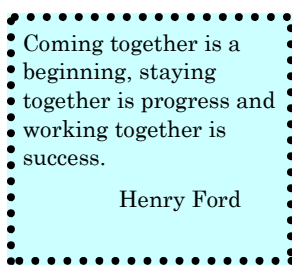
Points of Interest

- *Check out our school website for ongoing updates, highlights and coming events*
- *School hours in effect 8:40 am - 2:50 pm*
- *Office Hours 8:15-4:00 pm*
- *Newsletters are published during the 3rd week of each month*
- **Pro-D Day**
Monday, September 26
Students not at school
- **Terry Fox Run**
Wednesday, September 28 at 9:00 am

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Class Placement



Our school organization of classes is determined by our student population and the Ministry guidelines for class size and composition. Please be assured that the staff at Eastview care about the needs of each student and work hard to wisely place students into classes within the organization

that our current enrollment and staffing allows. Our task is not always an easy one. Creating balanced and effective learning groups is challenging and complex. It is undertaken by staff with a great deal of time, thought, and consideration. Optimal learning for

students is at the heart of our decision making process.

Today we are confirming our student population numbers. **Our current organization is listed below, but can be subject to change based on the actual number of students.**

School Organization 2011 - 2012

Kindergarten Ms. Henderson

Kindergarten Mr. Eugene

Grade 1 Mrs. Tressider

Grade 1 Mrs. Elhom/Mrs. Jette

Grade 2 Mrs. Veschini/
Ms. Henney

Grade 2 Mrs. Donoghue

Grade 3 Ms. Korsch

Grade 3 Mrs. Slykerman/Mrs. Jette

Grade 4 Mrs. Ward/Mr. Forst

Grade 4/5 Mrs. Ryan

Grade 5/6 Mrs. Carson/
Mrs. Steunenberg

Grade 6 Ms. Mullins

Grade 7 Mrs. Noble/
Mrs. Pascuzzi

Grade 7 Mrs. Heck/
Mrs. Pascuzzi

Non-enrolling

LAC Mrs. Roberts/Mrs. Kennah

ESL Mrs. Kennah/Mrs. Pascuzzi

LST Ms. Sihota

LSW Mrs. Corbett

Music Mr. Forst

Library Mrs. Kennah

Band Ms. Pinchin

Counselor Ms. Tavormina

SLP Ms. Ohashi

Classroom Support Staff

Kathy Nyoni Nancy Lee

Pam Cook Charlotte Krahn

Elaine Chandler Anne Lowe

Joyce Wood Pat Lefroy

Mary Stein Shehla Fraser

Anna Coffin

Strongstart Facilitator Kara T.

Preparing for the Year Ahead

Student Forms: Today your child will be bringing home a package of forms that will assist us in our various activities throughout the year.

- Walking Field Trip
- Photo Release
- Computer and Internet Use
- Emergency Release Documents
- Volunteer and Driver Application

Student Comfort Kits: All kits will come home with students today. Snacks need to be replaced and contents updated. A speedy return is important as we strive to be fully prepared for the safety and comfort of all students in the event of an emergency.





Playground Activity

What does our playground look like at Recess and Lunch? Our supervision staff, Mrs. Wee, Mrs. Murata and Ms. Alexander, along with administration and support staff, work hard to facilitate a safe and caring environment for all students.

As all children transition from summer fun with smaller groups of friends into the world of playing within a setting where 320 children meet, they often must adjust to sharing spaces and choosing games that are more fitting of

the setting. Our playground affords the space for a diverse range of activities. With the emphasis on safety and cooperation, students generally find their way.

In September, our Kindergarten students learn the safety guidelines and expectations of the playground on an altered break schedule. This includes safety rules for playground equipment, boundaries for their play space, meeting place for their class when the bell rings to go in, and getting to know the adults who will be helping them on the playground. Kindergarten students will be fully integrated into the regular school break schedule assisted by Gr.5 play buddies.

Review of playground safety expectations, boundaries and respectful problem solving is on-going with all grades.

Parents are not encouraged to visit at recess and lunch times as extra adults on the grounds can cause confusion for students and distract staff from their focus on our children.

All visitors are asked to report to our Main Office.

Lunch Time

Students will eat their lunch in classrooms. Younger classes will have Grade 7 monitors as helpers and supervision staff circulate throughout classrooms from 12:00 - 12:10 pm.

Our current schedule for lunch is Eat First. Although a 12:15 pm bell rings to signal that children may go outside to play, students who have not completely finished eating are able to stay a further 5-10 minutes to finish their lunch.

Every child who does not stay at school for lunch, must sign out at the office prior to leaving the grounds. It is important that we know which children are physically at school so that if there is an emergency, we do not waste precious time looking for a child that is not present.

- **All students need to sign-out at the Main Office and check in upon their return**

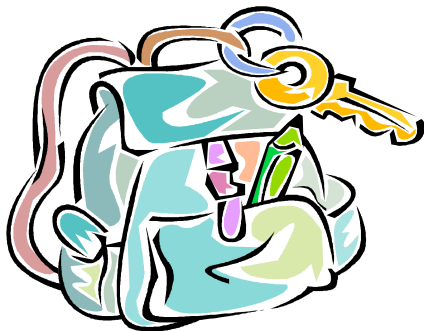
Healthy Habits and Good Manners...

- **Wash hands before and after eating with soap and water**
- **Sit in seats until you are finished eating**
- **Take time to eat and talk quietly with friends**
- **Don't waste -Take extra food home to enjoy later**
- **Clean-up eating area before going outside**

School Supplies

Students are reminded to bring their school supplies with them to school on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Please ensure that your child's name is on each item of his/her supplies. It is much easier for your child to track their belongings if they are labeled clearly. We appreciate your help in this regard.



As a service to parents, students in Grades 2-7 may purchase an Eastview Planner for \$9.00. Please make cheques payable to Eastview Elementary.

Supply Lists for each grade are available at the Main Office.



Bell Schedule

8:35 am	Doors Open
8:40 am	Warning bell
8:45 am	Classes begin
10:20 am	Recess
10:40 am	Classes
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm	Start of outside play
12:45 pm	Bell
12:50 pm	Classes begin
2:50 pm	Dismissal

Allergen Aware... for the safety of all children, we encourage peanut free snacks...



We have several students who have severe, life threatening allergies to nuts and seeds.

Please note the pink posters on classroom doors.

Everyone can help to create a safe environment by packing peanut free snacks and lunches.

Thank-you!

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 1:00 pm International Student Tour	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 School Opens 8:40-9:45 am	7 First Full Day Gr.1-7	8	9 Welcome Assembly 9:45	10
11	12 Gr. 4 Parent Info. Mtg 7:00 pm Library	13 PAC 7:00 pm Library	14 1st Full Day Kindergarten	15 Gr. 7 Parent Info. Meeting 7:00 pm Library	16 9:00 am Student Photos	17
18	19 Newsletter Week	20	21	22 Curriculum Night	23	24
25	26 School Based Professional Day	27	28 9:00 am Terry Fox Run	29	30	

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