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## Summer 2015 - Newsletter



### Message from the Principal

June is a wonderful time of celebration for our students after a year of hard work. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2015. We are very proud of you and wish you all of the best as you enter high school. This month students and staff have enjoyed many special trips and events. We are pleased that our students have been able to enjoy such special events as the Fun Fair, Play Day, and the Talent Show. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these special times happen. From the WGES staff to you and your families, we wish you a very happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in September for new and exciting experiences.

### What's New for September?

**New lunch times.** We are starting a new schedule next year which means that our lunch times are changing. This new schedule allows for uninterrupted Language and Math blocks during the morning and middle blocks. If your child comes home for lunch, they would still come home at the second break. Times are as follows:

Morning Nutrition Break and Recess:	10:45-11:25 AM
Afternoon Nutrition Break and Recess:	1:05-1:45 PM
Entry Bell remains at:	8:45
Dismissal Bell remains at:	3:05

## Staff Changes

We are saying farewell to some of our staff at WGES. A huge THANK YOU and good luck to the following staff who will be moving on to new adventures: Leslie Hunter-Durvar, Lydia Casati, Laura Merritt, Anne Goodrow, Taryn Otter, Tasha Nagle, and Shaylyn Misiak. We will miss you and wish you all the best.

We welcome new staff to our school for September. As a growing school, we are adding four new classes. The following staff will join us at WGES:

Ashley Meyer – Kindergarten teacher  
Patricia Gonzalez – Early Childhood Educator  
Jackie Poulin – Kindergarten teacher  
Alison Shortell – Prep teacher  
Catherine (Kate) Robinson- .5 Prep teacher  
Sam Grewal – Library Prep teacher  
Tanya McDonald – Grade 3-4 teacher  
Robert Joynt – Grade 7-8 teacher  
Lacey Smith – French LTO  
Jo-Ann Nichols - .5 Clerical

## Dates to Remember

June 26<sup>th</sup> PA day  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – First day of School  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher night  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – School Council Elections



## School Council

School Council has experienced a busy year this year. We greatly appreciate the involvement of parents on School Council. The students and staff have appreciated the organization of the Fun Fair, Vaisakhi, food days, Zumba funding, and much, much, more. Again, next year, we welcome all parents to come out and participate in our parent committees. For September, the existing School Council will meet on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to wrap up and also assist with planning our Meet the Teacher Night. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual elections meeting. Up until this date and at the meeting, parents are welcome to give input regarding which committees they would like to participate in for the upcoming year. School council is a mandatory requirement for all schools. PTA and/or Home and School are optional committees and may be run in conjunction with, or separate from School Council. Nomination forms and more information will be sent

home in September. Thank you, parent volunteers for all that you do for WGES!

**GET INVOLVED!**



## The First Day of School

School will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For our first day, please have all students in Grades 1-8 come to the back tarvia between 8:30 and 8:45. At the 8:45 bell, parents will say goodbye and students in grades

1-3 will enter the gym with the teachers where the class lists will be called. Students will then proceed to their new classroom with their teacher.

Grades 4-8 class lists will be called outside at 8:45. We are unable to announce class placements in advance as the lists may change right up until September.

Kindergarten students will go to the Kinder area with their parents where they will meet their teachers. Only returning SK students will come to school on September 8<sup>th</sup>. JK and new SK students will have a staggered entry process. Half of the students will come on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and the other half will come on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a letter stating which date to come. All Kindergarten students will attend on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Updates will be posted here in late August and early September.









