

**WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

**2017-18**

**We are looking forward to another year where all staff at Walter Gretzky Elementary will remain committed to working in partnership with Parents/Guardians, to provide the most challenging, enriching and rewarding educational experiences for our students. We will remain united in our purpose to inspire and support all of our learners to reach their full potential. Emphasis will continue to be placed on the promotion of diversity and inclusion in the School and Community at large. Welcome to all new families to our community and welcome back to our returning students.**

**Staff Assignments**

**Principal - Grant McKinnell**

**Vice-Principal - Graham Purcell**

**Office Co-ordinator - Marilyn Genery**

**Secretary - Julie Knight**

**Secretary - Maria Pinciaro**

**Learning Resource - Robert Hull**

**Library/Prep - Sam Grewal**

**French/Prep - Nicole Ruoho**

**French - Sandra D’Alessandro**

**French - (Vicki Pettitt)Leah Donatelli**

**Education Assistant - Sarah Morgan**

**Kindergarten - 1003 - Ashley Meyer**

**Early Childhood Educator - Elisa Vicujnik**

**Kindergarten - 1004 - Liz DeGroote**

**Early Childhood Educator - Brittany Coleman**

**Kindergarten - 1006 - Kataisha McQueen**

**Kindergarten -1007 - Meaghan Redpath**

 **/Tasha Nagle**

**Early Childhood Educator - Lisa Jaeger**

**Kindergarten - 1009 - Jennifer Boone**

**Early Childhood Educator - Michelle McColl**

**Prep - Catherine Robinson**

**Prep - Alison Shortell**

**BELL TIMES**

**8:40 - Entry**

**10:20 – 11:00 - 1st Nutrition**

**12:40 – 1:20 - 2nd Nutrition**

**3:00 - Dismissal**

**Grade 1 – 1015 - Marlene Harrison**

**Grade 1 – 1016 - Jackie Poulin**

**Grade 1 / 2 – 1017 - Laura Dawson**

**Grade 2 – 1018 - Karen Schrader**

**Grade 2 – 2014 - Meghan Walsweer**

**Grade 2 – 2015 - Agnes Pappani**

**Grade 2 / 3 – 2051 - Anne Crane**

**Grade 3 - 2012 - Heather Cowell**

**Grade 3 - 2048 - Jennifer Richardson**

**Grade 3 / 4 - 702 - Soni Assi**

**Grade 4 - 2013 - Jane Hirst**

**Grade 4 - 705 - Ellen Banbury**

**Grade 4 / 5 - 701 - Tanya McDonald**

**Grade 5 - 704 - Amy Klassen**

**Grade 5 - 703 - Karen Bradish**

**Grade 6 - 706 - Stephnie Perreault**

**Grade 6 - 707 - Jackie Watkins**

**Grade 6 - 708 - Shannon White**

**Grade 7 - 2003 - Kerry Newstead**

**Grade 7 - 2006 - Todd Bannister**

**Grade 8 - 2007 - Rob Joynt**

**Grade 8 - 2010 - Rich Knuckle**

**Parking Lot –** Just a reminder that the parking lot is for staff only. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to use Gillespie Street for student drop off and/or pick-up. There should be NO parking in the front of the school.



**Parent Council –** If you would like to participate in Parent Council please forward a message to wgschoolcouncil@gmail.com

**Cash On-Line**

All purchases for Milk, Hot Lunch, Smoothies and class trips will be paid through Cash OnLine.

Please make sure that you have registered your child. Thank you.

**School Council**

Were you wondering how you can get involved with your child’s school? Well, why not get involved with the school council? We are always looking for people to help out and no help is too small.

If you are on Facebook, you can join our group to get meeting reminders, council updates, access to meeting minutes and more! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wgesschoolcouncil/>  You can also reach out to us by email at wgschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

For some ideas on how to get involved you can check out our council board in the front foyer of the school. We would also love for you to join us at our monthly meetings. All parents are welcome! Our meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the staff room.

Hope to see you this year!

**First Day Arrival**

After the first day of school parents/guardians are asked to say good bye to their children at the gate that separates the parking lot and asphalt play yard. Students will meet their guardians there at the end of the day. Primary students in grade 1-3 will be led out at the end of each day by their teacher and will transition for teacher to guardian in a “hand to hand” fashion. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter of SAFETY for our students.

**Lunch and Smoothie Programs**

Hello fellow Walter Gretzky Elementary parents and welcome back for another great year!  My name is Stacey Ashby and I am the coordinator for the Hot Lunch and Smoothie programs.  We are all set to go online for your purchases so be sure to check out [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com/) to see what is available.  We will be continuing with Pita Pit, Subway, and Mothers Restaurant for our Pizza and Pasta lunches.  Pita Pit will once again be providing our smoothies this year, and we have brought in a new flavour!  The funds raised from smoothie sales are used to purchase fresh fruit for our basket that is in the office and available to all students who would like a healthy snack. We offer Gluten, Meat, and Dairy Free options for those that require them.  If you have any questions or concerns please contact wghotlunch@gmail.com.  Smoothies are delivered alternating Wednesday mornings during first nutritional break.  Lunches are on alternating Fridays during second nutritional break.  As always, the deadline for online payment will be the Sunday before at midnight.  Please note that no forms will be going home this year.

Website – granderie.ca/schools/waltergretzky