

Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – Sept 10-11th, 2020



Principal's Message

We are ready to welcome this year's students back to school!

On Thursday & Friday - Sept. 10 & 11:

Parents - please review and sign off on the **Daily Health Check** form on Parent Connect. While you are logged in, please ensure that **emergency contacts** are updated and that you have a plan in place in case your child needs to be picked up at school during a regular school day. Please do not linger on school grounds once your child(ren) have found their spot or after pick up. Pick up on Thursday will also be on the field. Drop off and pick up on Friday will be at their new classroom doors.

Students - are scheduled alphabetically by last name and will line up by grade (physically distant) on our field on Thursday. **Numbered Pylons** will be placed in the same fashion as our emergency drills - #1 for Gr. 1, #2 for Gr. 2, etc. but with more space between them. **Most school supplies will not be needed but please bring something to write with (pencil/pen).** Students will be dismissed from the field on Thursday but will line up at their new classroom doors to enter school on Friday. Please leave the school grounds quickly (sorry - no time to play today) as the new groups are on their way in.

Teachers - will collect their learning group and lead them into the classroom. Desks have been spaced apart as much as possible and will be assigned to each student. Welcome back activities will be woven in with our new hygiene/distancing routines. Students will be lead back to the field for pick up on Thursday. Line ups will be outside of the classroom doors starting on Friday.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again!

On Monday - there will be a staggered schedule for entry, recess, lunch, and dismissal. Stay tuned for the details!

Entry Schedule Gr. 1-7

Sept 10 & 11

Alphabetical (by last name)

9 - 10:30am **A-G**

10:45 - 12:15pm **H-O**

1 - 2:30pm **P-Z**

**Kindergarten Schedule is different and has been emailed to parents directly or can be viewed further down in the newsletter.



Gradual Entry schedule for Kindergarten 2020

K Gradual Entry Week 1 – Sept. 10th & 11th, 2020

	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Morning	Staff only	Staff only	Small Group #A 9:00-9:45 Small Group #B 10:00-10:45	Small Group #A 9:00-9:45 Small Group #B 10:00-10:45
Afternoon	Staff only	Staff only	Family Interviews (Zoom or phone) 11:00-3:00	Family Interviews (Zoom or phone) 11:00-3:00
			Students Attend: 45min	Students Attend: 45 min

K Gradual Entry Week 2 – Sept. 14th to 18th

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Morning: 9:00-10:00 Group A Attends 10:30-11:30 Group B Attends	9:00 – 10:30 Group A	9:00 – 11:30 All students attend	9:00-12:30 Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 All students attend	9:00 – 11:30 Lunch 11:30 – 12:30
Afternoon: 1:00-3:00 Family Interviews (Zoom or phone)	1:00 - 2:30 Group B			12:30-1:30 All students attend
				Teacher stays with students for lunch
Students Attend: 60 min	Students Attend: 90 min	Students Attend: 150 min	Students Attend: 240 min	Students Attend: 270 min

All students and staff will complete this health checklist DAILY prior to arriving at school.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should NOT come to school. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

If a Student Develops Any Symptoms of Illness

If a Staff Member Develops Any Symptoms of Illness

Parents or caregivers must keep the student at home

Staff must stay home

IF STUDENT DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL:

IF STAFF DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT WORK:

Staff must take the following steps:

Staff should go home as soon as possible.

1. Immediately separate the symptomatic student from others in a supervised area.
2. Contact the student's parent or caregiver to pick them up as soon as possible.
3. Where possible, maintain a 2-metre distance from the ill student. If not possible, staff should wear a non-medical mask or face covering if available and tolerated, or use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth.
4. Provide the student with a non-medical mask or tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Throw away used tissues as soon as possible and perform hand hygiene.
5. Avoid touching the student's body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If you do, practice diligent hand hygiene.
6. Once the student is picked up, practice diligent hand hygiene.
7. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the student was separated and any areas recently used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).

If unable to leave immediately:

1. Symptomatic staff should separate themselves into an area away from others.
2. Maintain a distance of 2 metres from others.
3. Use a tissue or mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait to be picked up.
4. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the staff member was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).

Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.

The threshold for reporting student and/or staff illness to public health should be determined in consultation with the school medical health officer

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved