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Welcome Back to School École Edwards! 2022-2023 School year

Dear Edwards Families,

Welcome back to another amazing year of learning and growth at École Edwards School for the 2022-2023 school year! This year is full of possibility, potential, and hope. We are excited to discover a new normal together with more in-person events and special activities.

We hope families enjoyed a wonderful summer with much rest and relaxation, and we hope that your child or children are looking forward to returning to school this week. The Edwards Staff are excited and working hard to prepare for tomorrow's Open House and the first days of school. With open minds and open hearts, together we BELONG, LEARN, and SUCCEED.

I am Ms. Rachelle Prud'Homme, and it is my privilege to be the new Acting Principal for École Edwards Elementary. I look forward to learning alongside with you and discovering how I can best support and lead all students, staff, and parents. My hope is that all students at Ecole Edwards Elementary experience success in their learning and most importantly, that they feel they belong and are comfortable and safe to be themselves at school.

As an educational leader, I value people first, making personal connections, and building trust. It is my joy for people to feel supported in the important work of teaching and learning every day. I come to Edwards from Cooper's Crossing School, as the Assistant Principal. I have 10 years of administration experience as both an Assistant Principal and Principal with Rocky View Schools and Palliser Regional Schools. Over the years I have taught Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 in Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, and overseas from drama, digital design, and robotics, to literacy, numeracy, and science. My primary focus will be building connection, collaboration, and courage. I appreciate your support in my new role, and your patience, as we work to make a smooth transition and a successful start of the year. Deep appreciation and gratitude goes out to Mme Hooper and Ms. Wigmore, who have worked hard preparing for the school year, and carried out the duties of the administration team since January 2022.

Staff News!

Here are a few staffing updates to let you know about. Several changes have occurred over the summer months, and we wish to congratulate and welcome staff in their new roles:

- **Mme Grist** is new to Edwards and will be teaching grade 1

- **Mme Cyrzan** returned to the classroom from a Learning Support Teacher role and is now teaching grade 2
- **Mrs. Smith** moved from being a music teacher and is now teaching grade 2 English
- **Ms. Roberts** will be teaching grade 3/4
- **Ms. Holmes** will be teaching grade 5
- **Mrs. Maus** is new to Edwards as a Learning Support Teacher
- **Mme. Simon** is a new music teacher, returning to Edwards after spending time with her family

SCHOOL FORMS – Parents please complete, thank you!

Please check your Parent School account to learn more about your child’s learning throughout the year. This is where you will find the online report cards. Please click on this [link](#).

Another very important task while you are in your Parent Portal account is to complete annual consent forms. These forms are important for technology access, and ensuring the school has up-to-date contact and consent information. There is a Demographic Form that will require your review and completion. Please check your account often so that you are up to date with these tasks. Thank you very much for your help!

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & TEACHER WELCOME EMAIL

Our **Open House will be held on August 31 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** and, please enter through the front doors.

You will receive an email from your child’s teacher today to welcome them to the class and share information about the start of the day and student entrances. Please take time to read this email, thank you.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle and snack for the first day of school. When the doors are opened by a staff member, we encourage you to walk your child to their classroom and then head home afterwards. When you return to pick your child up, please wait until your child is brought out to you.

- **Surnames A-G Morning Group 1: Thursday September 1st, 9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.**
- **Surnames H-N Morning Group 2: Thursday September 1st, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Surnames A-G Afternoon Group 1: Thursday September 1st, 12:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.**
- **Surnames H-N Afternoon Group 2: Thursday September 1st, 2:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.**
- **Surnames M-Z Group 1 school time is: Friday September 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.**
- **Surnames M-Z Group 2 school time is: Friday September 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

GRADE 1 to 5 STUDENTS - students can line up at their designated doors between **8:45-8:50 a.m. every morning. Doors for a relaxed entry open at 8:50-9:00 a.m.** The teacher email sent today will explain the student door entrances, and teachers will be outside welcoming students this week!

The first 2 days of school consist of a **staggered entry** for students as follows:

- Surnames **A to L** **Thursday, September 1** 9:00 a.m. – 3:36 p.m.
- Surnames **M to Z** **Friday, September 2** 9:00 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

Please note that every Friday is an early dismissal at 2:05 p.m. As well every Friday the school sends an email communication to families for important news and updates. Watch for it in your email, it's called the Family Express!

We are anticipating a great school year at Edwards! If you encounter issues with Power School or have further questions, please feel free to email your teacher, the office, or myself or Mme Hooper. Or please call the school at: (403) 948-5922.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Open House.

kindest regards, and welcome back!!!

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