

Lynn Valley School

September 2014

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to all returning students and families, and a special welcome to those of you who are new to the school and community. I hope you all enjoyed the summer and that the 2014-2015 school year provides a challenging and successful year of learning for all students.

The current Teacher's Strike may impact the start-up of school. Please watch your local news for information and updates throughout the weekend. I really hope things will settle soon so that staff and students can begin the school year.

If there is an agreement reached in time, students from grades 1-7 will be in attendance on Tuesday, September 2nd from 8:45 am to 10:45 am. They should leave their school supplies at home, but please do send a snack and drink. After dismissal at 10:45 we will verify our numbers and re-examine our organization.

Due to the strike we were not able to end the year in our typical fashion with an assembly and an announcement of good-byes. Mrs. Bryant retired at the end of June. She had been a Primary teacher and then LAC teacher at Lynn Valley School for many years. We wish her well as she walks her dogs, swims, hikes and enjoys many good books. After many years as the band and music teacher at Lynn Valley, Mr. Bradshaw accepted his career dream job as the Band teacher at Handsworth Secondary School. We will miss his expertise and dedication to our band, music program and performances. Mr. Kaboli, Ms. Bird and Ms. Mah were new teachers to our school last year. We thank all of them for their commitment to our students and wish them well in their new positions. Ms. Alber, who had worked with some of us for eight years, Mrs. Shannon and Ms. Oetter are three members of our SEA team who are moving on to new positions at other schools. We wish all of our staff best wishes in their new roles and hope they know that they will be truly missed.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Laursen from Cove Cliff and Mrs. Cromack, who is returning to our District from Collingwood, as new classroom teachers. Ms. Paton will be our new LAC teacher. Ms. Mile will be our new Music Teacher as well as working in the classroom. Mr. Sicotte will take over the band assignment at our school. We also welcome Mr. Asunio as our evening custodian and Ms. Klaas as a new SEA to our school.

Our parent advisory council members are inviting parents to join them for coffee in the undercover area in the south playground until 9:30 am on the first day of school. It is a great chance for parents to meet new families and to reconnect after the summer.

If school is in session on Wednesday, September 3rd, all students in grades 1 - 7 will be in attendance from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm and will report to last year's classrooms on Wednesday morning. Students will be moved into their new classes when our organization has been finalized. Parents and family members are asked to clear the halls, and front entrance as quickly as possible to allow for the safe and efficient movement of students, staff members, equipment and belongings. We ask that all students bring ALL their school supplies with them on Wednesday morning. The supply list is attached again for your reference.

Kindergarten Parents are asked to carefully refer to your personalized letters that detail the dates and times of your child's staggered start.

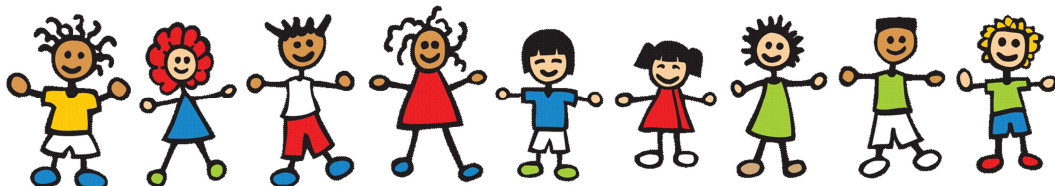
Early in September each student will receive forms that need to be completed, signed and returned to the school. This year we will not be sending home all of the forms in one package. You will receive the *Walking Field Trip Form* and *Fruit & Veggie Form* on Wednesday of the first week. These forms need to be completed, signed and returned to school the next day. We would hate to see children left behind when their class goes for a walk to a park, pond or playground as part of their school day.

In the second week and the third week of school we will be sending home more forms. Please assist us by returning the completed forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Students in Grades 1 to 7 require a student planner. The cost of the planners is \$ 7.50. Please submit a cheque to the teacher in the amount of \$ 7.50 payable to Lynn Valley School. Please note your child's name and grade on the cheque.

We look forward to a great school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at dwanner@sd44.ca. Have a safe and wonderful Labour Day long weekend. We hope to see all of you next week!

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