



Dear Northeast Families;

August 13, 2019

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I hope you all are having a healthy and relaxing few months. There has been a lot of learning going on around here this summer. Many have been working hard along with students in class, at conferences, and on travel adventures. The energy has been impressive! Speaking of impressive, we have some new staff who are quite skilled and experienced. Please help me to welcome Turiya Levy, Interventionist, and para-educators Noelle Jepson, Kathy Kehoe, Erica Lind, and Phyllis Smith. We are lucky to have these folks joining our team. Regarding our school year start:

### **For Kindergarten students**

- Kindergarteners start with a gradual small-group orientation over the first three days of school. You should have a separate letter assigning your child one of the three orientation days (students will come only one day August 28, August 29 or August 30 as assigned). This orientation for kids and at least one parent/guardian will last about 90 minutes.
- After this orientation day, we have a Labor Day holiday Monday September 4, and then the next school day will be Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the rest of that week (September 5-8) dismissal will be at 12:00. The regular 9-3:15 school day for kindergarteners will begin September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Open House will be held Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> in students' classrooms from 6:00-7:00. On this night students and parents can join in a scavenger hunt that showcases aspects of the classroom and school building. After there will be time for an Ice Cream social with all families in the cafeteria and some recess time if weather permits. Please bring a nonperishable food/household item as a part of our ongoing charitable donations program.

### **For Grade 1 and 2 students**

- School begins on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>. For our optional "First Day of School" we invite parents/guardians of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades to join your children in the cafeteria for breakfast and then recess from 8:30-9:00. Parents/Guardians will not spend time in the classroom on this day, but will have a chance to spend time in classrooms at the Open House.
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You're an important part of this learning community. When family is involved, kids do better in school. Ways you can be involved are by attending activities and events, attending meetings or conferences, communicating with teachers, and ensuring regular student attendance.

Additional school information will be coming home in the first few days of school. It's really important that you read the [Family Handbook](#) that will be posted on our website and sent home in folders. This handbook contains information concerning school programs, policies, procedures and expectations. I look forward to seeing you and send best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Susanne Engels  
Principal of Northeast Primary School