



## Chantrell Creek Elementary School

Eagles Take Flight with Excellence, Joy, Unity, and Respect



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Dear Families,

The first month of school is complete. It has been an exciting time for all of us at Chantrell Creek.

I am very impressed with the students of Chantrell Creek Elementary. Every day I see examples of students following our guiding principles of

- ❖ Respect for self
- ❖ Respect for others
- ❖ Respect for our school

Our students are generally very happy, positive, thoughtful and resilient. They know how to get along with others and solve minor conflicts as they arise. Our school goal is social responsibility. To support our students in this area, teachers provide many opportunities for students to undertake tasks to help them achieve this goal.

### **Parking and Traffic**

Increased enrolment has impacted daily traffic congestion. The heavy traffic during drop off and pick up creates safety issues. As the weather changes, we anticipate even more vehicle traffic crowding drop off and pick up zones. Please:

- Drive **slowly** and **carefully**.
- Avoid double parking or blocking teachers' parking areas.
- Use the drop off loop. (This was designed to move the flow of traffic.)
- Respect volunteers who help our children get to school safely.

Your vigilance and full attention to traffic safety is necessary to keep our children safe.

It has been good to see so many students safely riding their bikes, walking, scooting or boarding to school. Keep it up!

### **Soccer and Cross Country**

Cross country and soccer are in full swing with a great season of fabulous weather and terrific success on the playing fields and park trails.

We appreciate the parent help necessary to make this all happen and especially recognize the teachers who give so much of their own time in these endeavors.

Thank you to Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Metz, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Sim, and Mrs. Chapman.

### **Terry Fox**

The Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 28, was a great success. This was in large part due to the great group of parent volunteers who came out to support the event in the gorgeous September sunshine. Your generous donations to cancer research are appreciated. Once all donations are in, a cheque will be issued to the "Terry Fox Foundation."

### **Kindergarten**

Our Kindergarten students have settled into the full day program and are looking forward to all that school has to offer.

### **Welcome Tea**

It was great to see so many parents out on Thursday, September 29 for our annual Welcome Tea. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you in our school community

### **Professional Development**

The Professional Development Day on September 26, offered teachers the opportunity to learn ways to support learning through technology. During the afternoon session, teachers explored ways to develop and promote our school goal of Social Responsibility. As a school, we are committed to empowering our students to be skilled problem solvers, peacemakers and advocates for themselves and others.

### **Rainy Weather**

As the weather changes, we urge students to come dressed for the rain. A rain jacket, rubber boots, and an umbrella should be worn on rainy days. Students will have inside days when it is pouring outside, but will be going outside for fresh air when the rain isn't heavy.

### **Cell Phone**

Please note that cell phones are not allowed in school. Children are allowed to use the school phones to contact their parents during the day. If your child does bring a cell phone to school and uses it, the teacher and/or supervisor will take it away and it can be collected from the office at the end of the day. Please reinforce this message with your children at home. Thank you.

### **Help Keep Our School Beautiful**

As the weather gets worse, children will be less inclined to walk all the way to the garbage cans to throw away their trash. We ask that parents reinforce the need to put garbage in the trash containers on the playground. For children playing on the field, this may mean placing a wrapper in their pocket until they can get to a garbage can.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide quality learning experiences for your children.

### **Upcoming October Dates:**

October 03	Hep B - grade six students
October 10	Thanksgiving holiday - no school
October 21	Pro-d day - no school
October 31	Hallowe'en