

Welcome Back Newsletter

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Welcome! ki?su?k kyukyit Bienvenue!

Welcome to another year of exciting opportunities and cool learning experiences at Ecole T.M. Roberts Elementary and thank you for welcoming me to join your team; I am so excited to be back at T.M.!

We continue to live in an interesting and most definitely different world, but as I have said many times "we can do this, we WILL do this". We are living in a time of uncertainty and change, which can be exciting and at the same time quite scary. As a team, we need to help our students be able to put aside their fears and do the job they are charged with...first and foremost being kids and secondly being curious learners; let's stay together strong and embrace the change that is upon us all.

There has been a lot of change at ETMR; the biggest is in the departure of Miss Tyson who moved into an administration position at Parkland Middle School. She will be missed and we wish her the very best in her new and exciting role. There have been some outside changes this summer namely in the installation of more playground area and equipment thanks to our amazing PAC.

When I think about the many great opportunities for the students of ETMR, I cannot help but become enthused as my mind explores the endless possibilities to new and exciting learning. We want our students ignited with passion for learning and full of enthusiasm and wonder for all the many possibilities that exist inside and outside of the classroom.

As the new principal of ETMR I am proud to have the chance to work with an amazing team of educators in this building; during the last weeks of summer vacation I have already witnessed the dedication of this staff and I must say that your child(ren) have so much to look forward to!

PAC – I cannot emphasize how lucky we are to have this extremely committed group of people working on behalf of our students; wow! The students at ETMR are provided numerous extra-curricular activities thanks to the hard work and dedication of this team. The first PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting will be held virtually for now on September 16th. I encourage you to come out and be a part of the voice that supports the goings on of your child's school and to be a part of educational decision making. Mrs. Trina Ayling is the School District Trustee who represents ETMR and works hard to support our school.

While lots of familiar faces will be in and around the school we have a number to new additions to our staff for the 2020/2021 school year.

Sincerely, *Mme. Michelle Sartorel*



Upcoming Events

September 10

First Day of School for students (full day for grades 1 – 6)

Kindergarten gradual entry schedules were emailed to K parents

September 16

PAC (parent advisory council) meeting – **all welcome!**

Held virtually, link to follow

6:30 PM, AGM to follow

September 18

Professional Development, students do not attend.

First Day of School

You will receive an email on **Tuesday** indicating your child's classroom teacher which will be accompanied by a map of the school to show you where the outside classroom door is located.

Students will meet their teachers at their outside classroom door at 8:40. Please maintain physical distance from other families.

Classroom Teachers

Mrs. Smith - Kindergarten/ Gr. 1

TBA - Grade 1/2

Mr. Eadie- Grade 3/4

Mrs. Reinarz and Mrs. Gauthier - Grade 4/5

Mr. McAnerney - Grade 5/6



French Immersion Classroom Teachers

Mme. Heyde - Kindergarten

Mme. Pamela & Mme. Victoria – Kindergarten

Mme. Anick - Grade 1

Mme. Grant - Grade 1/2

Mme. Andréanne - Grade 2

Mme. Webster and Mme. Victoria – Grade 2/3

Mme. Ashley - Grade 3

Mme. Ingrid - Grade 4

Mme. Kathleen - Grade 4 / 5

Mme. Catherine - Grade 5 / 6

Mme. Sophie and Carolyn - Grade 6

Support Staff and Other Teaching Staff

Mme. Sartorel - Principal

Mme. Hart – Vice Principal / P.E.

Mrs. Lochrie – Secretary

Mrs. Nickell – Secretary

Mr. Vizcaino - Music

Mrs. Stambulic – Student Services Teacher

Ms. Zimmer – Student Services Teacher

Mrs. Eimer – Educational Assistant

Mrs. Samuhseneeto – Educational Assistant

Mrs. Thrun – Educational Assistant

Mme. Raphaëlle – French Language Assistant

Mrs. Kinsman – Speech Language Pathologist

Ms. Loh – Speech Language Assistant

Mrs. James – Aboriginal Education Support Worker

Mrs. Garson – Youth Care Worker

Mrs. Thalheimer – School Counsellor

Mrs. Lawrence – Library Clerk

Mrs. Mayer – Teacher Librarian

Mrs. Walkley – Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Vance – Custodian

Mrs. Palmer – Custodian

Parking with Student Safety in Mind

TMRES is Cranbrook's largest elementary school! We have 345 students registered for 2020-2021 school year. As many of you come from all over town, we have a lot of vehicles doing morning drop-off and after school pick-up. To reduce congestion and to **keep our students safe** we have the following parking rules:

Parking Drop-off Loop (for students in grades 1 – 6):

- 30 sec Maximum stopping time.
- No parking.
- Do not leave your vehicle.
- Do not block entrance/exit to staff parking lot.

Please share parking information with all people who help you with pick up and drop off.

Staff Lot: Absolutely no parent vehicles in staff parking lot, along back fence, or beside covered area. Thank you.

Kindergarten Pickup: We ask that Kindergarten parents not use the drop-off loop as Kindergarten students are dismissed from their classroom to the parent and you must leave your car to pick them up.

Bus Lane: The front of the school is reserved for busses during school hours. Staff and parents cannot park in that area at any time during the school day. This area is marked by a yellow line on the curb. Please do not park in the accessible parking spot at the front of the school where there is a blue line painted (near the fire hydrant).

Thank you for helping us keep our student's safety a priority during this busy time.

School Communication

We will be sending out a monthly newsletter this year instead of a weekly one (please check your junk mail and allow emails from TMRES.mailing@sd5.bc.ca). This newsletter contains notable dates and up-coming events. If you do not receive this email, please contact the school to be added to the mailing list. We also have general school information on our school website along with our Stage 2 Return to School protocols and a link to our Parent Q&A video from last week.

<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/tmres/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

School Supplies

There is a general supply list located on our [website](#). Additional supplies might be requested by your child's teacher the first week of school. **students supplies do not need to be new.*

Absence from School

It's important that we know where all of our students are at all times. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office to let us know why they are absent. 250-489-4575, you could also email us tmres.mailing@sd5.bc.ca

School Calendar Magnets

We have not received the 2020-2021 School Calendar Fridge Magnets. When we do we will be sending one per family but we have extras available for families with more than one home. Our T.M. Website and phone number are on the magnet for quick reference.

PAC

PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council and all parents of the school community are part of PAC. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in being on the executive please come to the first meeting and put your name forward (or tap someone on the shoulder to nominate you for a position). We would also love to have you at the meeting if you are completely new to learn about what PAC does and how you could get involved in the school.



We are looking forward to welcoming
our students back to school!