



WEGraham Community School



Return to School Plan September 2020

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are doing well.

As you've likely heard we are looking to start school for our children, Thursday, September 10th. At WEGraham, we will be ready and I am including some information for you to begin thinking about. The district is being guided by these principles during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families, and staff.
2. Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers.
3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.
5. Promote positive relationships and keep students at the centre of our learning.

Here are some points that will give you an idea of how we will be working at the school:

1. Learning Groups

- We are fortunate at WEG to have such a large school. Our school will be
 - Madame's class will be less than 20 children, and will have an Educational Assistant as part of the learning group
 - Our WILD class will have less than 25 children and will have an Educational Assistant as part of their learning group
 - Our OELP class will be less than 30 children and will have two teachers as part of their learning group.
 - The VWP class has 16 students and two teachers assigned as their learning group.
 - Mr. Hurley will be interacting with all learning groups and will be ensuring that he is wearing personal protective gear to protect children.
- We are also fortunate to have a large area for our playground. Students will be eating their lunches in their own classrooms and then will be able to play outside as a learning group.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

- Our Bell Schedule and Breaks will be the same as we always have. We don't need to provide an alternate schedule for our classes, because we will be able to stay in our learning groups outside during breaks.

3. Movement Through the Building

- Each Class has their own entrance and exit to the building.
 - Madame's POP class will enter/exit the building through the door that faces the Skateboard park.
 - Our WILD class will enter through the entrance/exit nearest their classroom
 - The OELP students are using the main entrance/exit by the office
 - VWP students will enter/exit through their classroom door.

- Students are to disinfect their hands upon entrance to the school.
- We will be limiting the use of “common” areas, like the library, gym, art room and computer lab. Students will use these area’s with their teacher’s supervision.

4. Health and Safety

- All visitors (including all parents) must make an appointment with the Principal and sign in/ out with the secretary. They must wear a mask and complete the health & safety check.
- Hand washing and sanitization stations will be at every entry point where our students are coming into the school.
- Non-medical masks
 - are required to be used in situations where a person cannot maintain physical distance and is in close proximity to a person outside their learning group.
 - Our school will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes ill at school.
 - Masks are not required for younger elementary; however, we strongly encourage everyone to wear one.
 - Middle and Secondary students are required to wear a mask on the school bus. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons.
- If your child is sick, please don’t send them to school. If they are sick at school, we will need to use the music room to have them rest and we will call you to come and pick them up. Please pick them up at the external Music room door. It faces directly toward the WEGCommunity Services Society building.

5. Transportation

- Bus loading and unloading is managed by the bus driver. She will assign seats that are helping children to be as distant as possible from each other. Students are encouraged to wear masks.
- Students will be lined up, respecting physical distancing.

I am very confident in the work the province has done, what the district has done and is doing, and our school plans to get back to in class learning. Thank you for your patience as we move ahead and solve issues together.

Looking forward to a fabulous year at W.E. Graham despite the COVID-19 virus!!

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