



Greetings from Summerside Public School!

June 28, 2016

Dear Summerside parents and guardians,

We are pleased to tell you that the construction at our school is coming along very well and we anticipate having full occupancy of the building in mid-late August! The inside of the school is beautiful and I am confident it will be a very efficient 21st century learning space for our new students. If you have been by the site in the last few weeks you will have noticed lots of progress in the yard. We have a soccer pitch, grass, trees and the beginning of the bus loop on Stormwind Avenue!

Last week we had an opportunity as a staff to spend a day together discussing hopes and dreams for our students and our school, and staff have continued to meet outside the school day and collaborate with each other to discuss learning resources and plans for the year. June is a very busy time in schools and I very much appreciate that they are all going above and beyond to juggle their current school responsibilities, at the same time as thinking about the future at Summerside.

I am so excited about our new school team! They come from so many different schools and with this brings a multitude of ideas and professional experiences that will result in a wonderful learning community for our students. They have all proven that without a doubt, they are up for the challenge of building a new school!

It's my absolute pleasure to introduce you to the Summerside team for 2016/2017!

Kindergarten educator teams:

- Melissa Humphries and Brett Gorman (ECE), Tracey Armstrong (ECE)
- Tena McGean and Andria Azzam (ECE), Tammy Brisson (ECE)
- Sandra Rayne and Gail Lapointe (ECE), Caitlin Organ (ECE)
- Stephanie Worth and Salima Jivraj (ECE), Lee-Ann Wardrop (ECE)
- Andrea Farrell, Nikola Pasic (also primary team)

Primary team:

- Heidi Blair, Amanda King, Michele Martin, Michel Paquin, Guylaine Robichaud, Janis Sops

Junior team:

- Daniele Bergeron, Renee Haymes, Samantha LeClair, Nadine Mott, Kaelan Penney

Intermediate team:

- Verne Holtlander, Stacey Grenier, Johanne Lahaie, Robert Levesque, Stephanie Buttemer (music)

Student Support team:

- Nancy Clue (LST), Renee Haymes (LRT), Maria Barbuto (EA)

Office team:

- Della Urquhart (Office Administrator)
- Danielle Grenier (PM Office assistant)
- (TBC) Library technician
- Luc Champagne (Chief Custodian)
- Naya Markanastasakis (Vice-principal)
- Christine Lanos (Principal)

Open House- Wednesday, August 31, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

This is your chance! We know that our students and their families are excited to visit our new school! Because of this we will be having an open house on August 31st, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this open house is for you to see the building and a group of parents will be providing tours throughout the afternoon. This will be your opportunity to see first hand how beautiful our school is!

Everything may still not be perfectly arranged and staff members will likely still be in the midst of setting up classrooms. The first day of school on Tuesday, September 6th will be very exciting and this will be a day for our students and staff to get to know each other. We respectfully request that on the first day of school, we will not be able to provide school visits to parents. So please, come to our open house!

First day procedures and summer communication

Tuesday, September 6th is the first day of school for students from grades 1-7. Students in first or second year of kindergarten will receive an information letter about an intake interview on September 6 or 7.

Information pertaining to first day of school procedures will be sent to parents through Synvoice email in August and will also be posted on our school website.

Please check our website for updates by visiting <https://summersideps.ocdsb.ca>

You can also follow us on Twitter- @SummersidePS

Summer registrations

Our office will be closed for the summer but you can register all summer long at the OCDSB Administration Building at 133 Greenbank Road. Please call the Admissions Department at 613-596-8730 to make an appointment. Please bring your child's proof of age and address, health card and immunization record to register. If English is not your first language, you are new to Canada, returning from abroad or from a French language school board, please call our Family Reception Centre at 613-239-2416 to make an appointment. For more information please visit the OCDSB website.

So many Thank you's...

The privilege of opening a new school is unique and exciting! I feel humbled to have been given this opportunity and there are so many people to thank who have been on this journey with me. First off I would like to recognize and thank Martina Sherwood and her very dedicated team at Avalon Public School for working so closely with us over the last few months. They have provided us with endless support and for the past year, Ann Berkley and the office team have been the front line in fielding questions from parents and community members about the new school. Martina's staff continues to collaborate with our staff and all this support will have a tremendous benefit to our students. Avalon P.S., we cannot thank you enough!

Kudos to our Summerside team who is also excited to be on this new adventure and who are very committed to our new students as they continue to collaborate and work together. All this as they still maintain their focus in their current positions. As you will discover in September, they are second to none!

Our Transition Team, made up of parents, staff, Superintendent Neil Yorke-Slader, and Trustee Keith Penny met several times to help us work through the naming process and to discuss transition activities for students. I would like to thank the following parents and staff members who served on this committee: Wally Peters, Nathalie Lafreniere, Chrissie Tounkara, Andrea Peters, Tiffanie Belkin, Krista Cooper, Erin Clamen, Melissa Humphries, Nik Pasic, Tena McGean, Keri Coulson, Della Urquhart and Martina Sherwood. I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge the support from all the members of the Avalon School Council!

Various department at the OCDSB continue to support us in so many ways. In particular, we thank Dave Lacelle, the OCDSB Project Manager responsible for liaising with McDonald Brothers Construction. Dave visits the site regularly and answers the multitude of questions we have about the building!

Last and certainly not least, I would like to thank Della Urquhart, our very talented Office Administrator. Della has worked along side me since March 21st and I'm not sure what I would have done without her! Registrations, ordering, site visits, assisting with staff interviews, communicating with parents and the list goes on... Della is so committed to our new school and always has the best interests of students at heart. I know you will appreciate her just as much as I do!

On behalf of the Summerside team, I wish you and your children a wonderful summer and we look forward to an exciting September as we work together to create this new school community!

Sincerely,

Christine Lanos
Principal
Summerside P.S.