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PAC Admin Report

September 2020

Thank you!

1. Return to School

Classes were set this year prior to students returning to Homma. We had approximately 85% of our students return to Homma this fall with about 15% of students opting for Transitional Learning. Classes are working in cohorts with a maximum of 60 people (adults included) in each cohort. Adults are working in a maximum of 2 cohorts and should they need to cross cohorts, masks are required. Because of our large size, Homma has 3 separate recess and lunch schedules to limit the number of students outside at one time. Our custodial time has been increased and we now have Gina Winkelsman, a full time, day custodian. Health Declaration - take our lead from BCCDC Community is important to us - masks; what can we do

2. Transitional Learning

The offering of Transitional Learning to Elementary Students in the Richmond School District was approved by the Ministry of Education in late August. What followed was a series of events such as families completing surveys and in many cases changing their minds on how they completed these surveys, increasing staffing to schools, and ensuring that all Health and Safety Standards are closely followed for all students and staff. As you can imagine, these are all unprecedented steps that were required in schools over the past few weeks. We recognize that each school has a unique population with varied responses to the survey. As a result, the Transitional Learning that Homma is offering has been created to best meet the needs of our learners.

3. Staff Updates - We are fully staffed!

23 Divisions - 12 English and 11 French

We have also welcomed David Henderson and Sam Thomas to our staff. Dave and Sam will be supporting our Transitional Learners this term.

4. Meet the Teacher - more information to come in the next few days on this re virtual format and dates.
5. Enrolment Management Update - Homma continues to be a full school (506 students) and only catchment registrations are being accepted if space is available.
6. Mud Kitchen and Dig Pit
We are so excited that the beginnings of the new Homma Community Gardens are taking place! District staff have moved the mud kitchen and dig pit over to the school grounds just behind the playground.
7. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)
This year all students in Grades 4 and 7 will participate in the Ministry FSA's during the months of October and November. Information from Superintendent, Scott Robinson, will be sent home shortly.
8. September 28th Pro-D Day
Due to the way start up happened this year, the RTA and School Board have agreed that staff can use this first pro-d day of the year to work collaboratively on site in developing curriculum and plans to best support our learners.
9. Additional Gym and Outdoor Equipment - Kevin cleaned out the equipment room and did an inventory. We have begun purchasing some of this equipment as we are receiving requests and determining what needs replacement. Playground balls, soccer balls, basketballs, skipping ropes, and hula hoops are on the recess rack for use during recess and lunch.
10. Upcoming Dates
 - a. Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 25th
 - b. Professional Development Day - Monday, September 28th
 - c. Orange Shirt Day - Wednesday, September 30th
 - d. Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th - School Closed
 - e. Professional Development Day - Friday, October 23rd