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Homma Community SUMMER NEWS!!!

June 29, 2021

Dear Parents,

What a year this has been! In all of our years of teaching we have never been challenged with a year like this one. But despite these challenges, there is still so much to be thankful for and celebrate over this past year at Homma. Without a doubt we want to acknowledge and honour all of the support you have provided your child throughout this year, as we tackled smoke from the New West dock fire, Transitional Learning for some, mask wearing, hand washing, and a zillion recess and lunch times where we made the best of not being able to seeing all of our friends.

But even with these past year of challenges, we have been surrounded by numerous achievements, accomplishments, and memories that have continued to bring our community closer together. We send a special acknowledgement to you, the parents, who have contributed in so many ways to the success of this school year as these accomplishments would have been impossible without all of your support and dedication. We encourage you to view the Year End slideshow out together by Mr. Vines that highlights so many fantastic things that happened this year. This link will be live until end of day on July 5th.

Link: <https://vimeo.com/568600498>

Password: **Homma2021**

As we move into the Summer Break we would like to take a moment to thank you. We thank you for trusting us with those young people you hold so dear. We thank you for trusting us to keep them safe and healthy this year. We thank you for sending them to school each day uncertain of what announcement may come from the Ministries of Health or Education. We thank you for reaching out to our teachers to tell them that you knew this was hard but they were doing an amazing job.

Your children have taught us many things this year, too. They have been beautiful examples of patience, resilience, and understanding. They have continued to teach us that despite the challenges we are facing in the world today, they help each of us to find joy and keep the promise to make our world a better place. Your children were faced not only with a pandemic year of school but with learning about complicated issues in the world. With classroom teachers, they unpacked news of racism in our own backyards, discrimination of marginalized people, and inequities of many in the world around us. Your children did this with curiosity, respect, and care. While our learning was just the tip of the iceberg, we have all made a commitment to do better now that we know better.

On behalf of all of the staff at Homma Elementary, we would like to thank you for all of your support, dedication, and involvement this past year. We feel so very fortunate to work in a community that values such a strong connection between the home and the school. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's school year.

For those of you moving on, we wish you well and for those of you returning to Homma, we will see you in September.

We wish you all a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer!

Mrs. T. Major and Mr. K. Vines
On behalf of the Tomekichi Homma Staff

In Other Homma News:

1) Staff Farewell

As the school year comes to an end, we say good-bye not only to our Grade 7 students and those families who are moving away from Homma, but also to our valued staff members who are moving on. This year, we wish the following staff well as they venture on to new opportunities and endeavors: Ms. Syed, Ms. Chau, Ms. Wright, Mr. Vidas, Mme Flook, Mme Oliver, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Sameshima, and of course, to Mrs. Betsy Neily, who will begin her retirement adventure. We also wish Mr. Wolber all the best as he welcomes a new addition to his family this summer!

2) First Day Back – September 7, 2021

The first day back to school is Tuesday, September 7th! All students entering Grades 1 – 7 will attend from 9:00 – 10:00 am and our new Kindergarten students will attend from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.



3) Homma School Schedule

Please be reminded of the following Elementary School Schedule for the 2021/2022 School Year which begins on Wednesday, September 8th:

8:40 am	Attendance Bell and Exterior Classroom doors open
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:35 to 11:02 am	Outside play
12:00 to 12:15 pm	Inside eating time
12:15 to 12:55 pm	Outside play
2:45 pm	Dismissal

Kindergarten students will follow the Gradual Entry schedule for the first two weeks of school.

Dates to Remember:

July 8	Homma School Office closes for Summer Break at 3:00 pm
August 30	Homma School Office reopens after Summer Break (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)
September 7	First Day of School for Students! 8:45 – 9:45 am for all Grades 1-7 students 1:00 – 2:00 pm for all new Kindergarten students
September 8	Regular School Schedule begins! 8:45 am – 2:45 pm Kindergarten students to follow Gradual Entry Schedule