

James Robinson Public School

Principals' Update

Carolyn Lamy - Principal
Lisa La Marca - Vice-Principal

September 21, 2021

Welcome/Introductions - Carolyn

About us...

Staff:

New Staff:

Welcome to:

- Cori McConnell who will be teaching Grade 1/2A
- Randa Dawood who will be teaching Grade 4/5A
- Janet Chan (DECE) in K1C
- Ann-Shu Ho (DECE) in K12B
- D'Andrew Dunn (CYW)
- Joanne Wu (Health Assistant)
- Lesley Tsui (DSW)
- Sarah Cory (DSW)
- Margaret Lee (Prep)
- Craig Sweeney (Caretaker)

Welcome Back to our EVS Teachers

- Kiran Singh,
- Cindy Yeung,
- Agatha Lau,
- Lindsay McMartin,
- Angie Tse,
- Stephanie Kastanis
- Ken Monoyios
- Sara Sousa

Welcome Back to:

- Pamela Lum
- Cindy Shervington

GoodBye to

- Isse Ibrahim - (Caretaker) who transferred to a new school!

Enrollment

- approx. 390 still have families registering
- 99 student taking part in remote learning

Reorganization - Carolyn

- small reorganization
- families of students impacted will get written notification on Thursday and they will also receive a call from Carolyn on Wednesday, September 27th

September Start-Up - Board Plan and PD - Lisa

- The First 3 days before school staff participated in professional development. The focus was on
 - The ABCs of Mental Health
 - Hybrid and Remote Learning Environments
 - Covid-19 Training
 - Compliance Training
 - Creating Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Environments in Education (Protocol for Addressing Incidents of Hate and/or Discrimination)
 - Dismantling Anti-Black Racism
 - Autism Spectrum Disorder Training

Hybrid - Lisa

- Each teacher has been provided with a headset and webcam
- Parents had an opportunity to request a model switch which closed on Sept 17th. Any switches will come into effect on the 27th.
- Ongoing weekly board PD to support staff in delivering model

Cohorts- Carolyn

- We have 9 cohorts
- Students have washroom times and allocated washrooms
- Allocated exit and entrances
- Allocated areas on the playground

Public Health - Lisa

- We follow the direction of public health
- Staff and students are to complete the screening tool prior to entering the school
- If a student presents with symptoms while at school parents will be called and our students will wait in the isolation/wellness room for their parent/guardian to pick them up.
- Siblings of students with symptoms will also be sent home.
- Students/families are asked to follow the direction on the screening form students sent home with symptoms will need to get a Covid test or isolate for 10 days and have improved symptoms prior to returning to school

School Council Thank you's - Carolyn

Playground

- We love it!!!!
- Waiting for the go ahead from the Board - safety

Snack Program

- Erin Stokes and her volunteer parent team will start on Monday, September 27
- We continue to seek grants

Start-up Package and Book of Forms

- We sent home our start-up package on Thursday.
- Board permissions were sent - Start up Forms
- Nomination - in the package sent from school with descriptions of role.

Upcoming Dates - Lisa and Carolyn

Terry Fox Run - Lisa

- Friday, we are all excited to participate in cohorts in the Terry Fox Run.
- Students are running/walking cohorts
- We have raised \$300 so far → our goal is \$1000

Orange Shirt Day - Carolyn

- We will have a full school virtual assembly on September 30th
- We encourage all staff and students to wear an orange shirt on September 30, 2019 to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.
- **Orange Shirt Day** was designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.
- The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those who have been affected.
- Classes have been provided with activities and resources to lead up to this very important day
- Carolyn will work with a group of Grade 8 student leaders to make orange shirt stickers and buttons

Communication

- Edsby River is an amazing way to communicate and share events at school and in YRDSB
- Parent Interviews - November 18/19 - sign up will be on EDSBY so everyone is encouraged to activate their account
- We can HELP! - We will hold an EDSBY session for parents in October