



École Sperling Elementary

To our École Sperling Elementary Community,

Welcome back to school. It is with glee that I report an excellent start to a very complicated school year. Huge gratitude to all of you for your patience, understanding and cooperation. While I'm sure there will be minor bumps in the road ahead, I am confident that we have set the groundwork and framework to ensure that our children are safe and are in the best place to learn and be happy.

I'd like to go over a few reminders that will help ensure everyone's safety:

Bell Schedules

French Immersion Program:

8:40 – First Bell
8:45 – Morning Lessons Start
10:20 – Recess Starts
10:35 – Recess Ends
11:55 – Lunch Starts
12:40 – Lunch Ends
12:45 – Afternoon Lessons Start
2:42 - Dismissal

English Program:

8:58 – First Bell
9:03 – Morning Lessons Start
10:50 – Recess Starts
11:05 – Recess Ends
12:45 – Lunch Starts
1:30 – Lunch Ends
1:35 – Afternoon Lessons Start
3:00 – Dismissal

1. Please make sure that you arrive just before your start time. It is important that we all work to minimize the number of adults and people congregating on the school grounds.
2. We are encouraging all adults to wear masks while on the school grounds.
3. Please ensure that you pick up your child at the appropriate dismissal time and leave the school grounds immediately after picking up your child(ren). Please do not stay to play on the playground / school grounds.
4. Please provide a doctor's note indicating any pre-existing conditions that may appear to be Covid19 symptoms. Doing this as a preemptive action will alleviate inconvenient phone calls in the future. In particular, if your child has seasonal or year-round allergies please ensure that your child is able to self-manage the symptoms and that we have a doctor's note on file.
5. If our staff witness your child exhibiting signs and symptoms of Covid19 during the school day, your child will be supervised in an isolation room and you will be contacted to pick them up. We will be erring on the side of caution and we apologize in advance for the inconvenience this may cause, however we are working to ensure the safety of our school community.
6. If your child(ren) are late, please have them report directly to their classroom and not the office. Their teacher will communicate with the office to let them know.
7. The school building is closed to all non-staff adults. If you wish to speak with a staff member, please call the office to arrange a meeting.
8. We are instituting a PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT lunch protocol. To minimize traffic in the hallways, we have eliminated the garbage/recycling stations. There will be a small bin in each class for tissues, however, all other lunch waste needs to be put back in to your child(ren)'s lunch bag and disposed of at home (this includes food waste).

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR EMAIL IS RECEIVING EMAILS FROM OUR DISTRICT LISTSERVE

As was evident from our orientation times emailout, there are a significant number of emails that are not compatible with our district server. In particular, if you have a HOTMAIL or YAHOO email, we are encouraging you to provide us with a GMAIL or some other account. Please contact us at the office to update our records. This is also a good time to check on the phone numbers listed, as many of the calls that were made went to disconnected or wrong numbers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.