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Welcome to FPSA!

(Summit Alternative)

Welcome (or welcome back) to FPSA for the 2017-18 year. To those families and students just joining us, we look forward to meeting you and having you with us for the next 2 years. As we prepare things to be ready to roll in September we wanted to keep you informed about how things will be organized for the fall and what you can expect at FPSA.

Organization for 2017-18

- Reduced overall number of classes at FPSA (20 vs. 23) has meant some reorganization for next year. A smaller population of students will also mean a reduction to a half-time Vice Principal. Ms. Morley will be moving on to join Connaught PS and Mark Wilson will be joining FPSA as our Vice Principal (coming from Glashan PS).
- Based on our current enrollment, in the Summit Alternative program we anticipate having two Grade 7 classes, one combined Grade 7/8 class, and two Grade 8 classes.
- We have sought to seek a balanced approach between “homeroom” teaching model and a more specialist teacher delivery model that is appropriate in a middle school/junior high environment. Most classes will have 5-6 different teachers that facilitate their various subjects.
- In order to meet other Board/Ministry mandated timetable goals, class lengths will be revised next year to move away from 50 min. periods. Each class will be either 40 or 60 min. in length (varies by subject). While this change will present some challenges as we adjust, the model has already been adopted by most other OCDSB schools and will become more natural over time.

What to expect the first week of September:

Students will be asked to gather on the basketball courts for 8:45 on the first day (Tuesday Sept 5th). Staff will be organized by program (Immersion, English, Alternative) and will help students join their homeroom. Over the course of the first few days, students will participate in various orientation activities to help them build familiarity with the school, their timetable, teachers, classmates, etc. and will settle into curriculum work by the end of the first week. We strongly encourage parents to review their student’s timetable, making note of their teachers and reaching out early to connect with them if there are any challenges. All of our staff’s email address are listed on the school website (<http://fisherparkps.ocdsb.ca>)

There will be a large package of additional information and forms that will come home with students in the first week (electronic copies will be posted to the web site as well) - your assistance with getting these returned to school in a timely manner is greatly appreciated.

Key Dates to note:

Tuesday September 5th - First day of school

Tuesday September 19th - Meet the Teacher Night (6:30 - 8:00 pm)

Wednesday September 20th - School Council Meeting (6:30 pm in the Library) - All are welcome

Have a safe and happy summer. We looking forward to seeing you in the fall!