

# Welcome to the 2025-26 school year!

Students return to school Thursday September 4th (full day)



We hope our students and families had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling ready to come back to school! The operations team has been busy at the school upgrading the boiler system this summer. Some of the jobs will run into September and we will be returning to

school as scheduled. For new students and families, we would like to share that our **PTA has purchased school supplies for all students this year**. Families are only asked to provide a backpack, sneakers, water bottle, a set of markers and for Grade 2-5; a pencil box on the first week of school.

Our theme for the month of September is **Responsibility**. Staff will be discussing the importance of establishing healthy routines and being responsible in a shared space. Everyone is looking for a sense of belonging and security as they enter school. Kindness is a simple act of responsibility that can make a huge difference!

## **SAFE SCHOOLS STRATEGY ROLLOUT**

As many parents know, the EECD has rolled out a new [School Code of Conduct](#), which is a part of the [Safe Schools Strategy](#). You will see a new draft matrix for expected behaviors that staff and students worked on last year in the handbook. We strive to create a positive safe learning environment for all who are welcome in the school. This strategy will continue to unfold as the year progresses.

## **CLASS ASSIGNMENT**

The staff at Caudle Park (CPES) is looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration and learning. Teachers will reach out to introduce themselves

and connect with families, either by phone or email on September 2nd or 3rd. **If you don't receive a call or email from your child's classroom teacher staff let the office know so we can check contact information in the system.**

## COMMUNICATION

Although it is a very busy time of year for parents and teachers alike, returning to school is always exciting - full of promise and new beginnings. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions, concerns or compliments. We look forward to working with all of you as partners to provide the best educational opportunities for all of our students.

Some of the many ways we will communicate with you this year are through the school website, school newsletter, School Messenger, email, phone calls, student agenda and twitterX. We work to keep our [website](#) as up to date as possible. **The CPES parent/guardian handbook is attached to this email** and will be accessible on the website year round. The handbook is designed to answer most questions that you might have.

***It is very important that we have the most up-to-date personal and contact information from you in case of an emergency.*** Moreover, it facilitates ongoing communication between school and home. If you have a [change of address](#), be sure to update through HRCE.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Signs have been posted on the doors as a reminder of entrance and exit doors for each grade level. Please help us by doing the following:

- Dropping off your child anytime between 8:10 am - 8:30 am. Students enter the building upon arrival. There is no outdoor staff supervision during drop off. Parents are expected to stay with students who wish to play on grounds prior to 8:30 am.
- Pick up is 2:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from the same doors they entered in the morning.
- There is no supervision after school.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL DOORS

Door in Parking lot (not main door)	Excel, Pre Primary, Primary Imlay, Primary/one MacKay
Back doors at far end of building	Grades 1/2 Hynes, 1/2 McNeill, 2/3 Zinck
Side door closest to the basket ball court	Grade 3 Sperry/Mitton, 3/4 Kelly, 5/6 Whitlock/Wheeler, 5 Fougere

## NUT SMART AND “SCENT” SITIVE SCHOOL

We have several students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other food products. Teachers will notify classes of life threatening allergies in each class. Please respect student health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that are free of allergens. Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions that can be triggered by scented products. Please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes. If students require medication to be taken at school, parents must fill out the appropriate form. Please let the office know if one needs to be sent home.



## WATER BOTTLES/ CUTLERY

We recommend students bring a no-spill, non-breakable water bottle each day as cups are not provided. Bottle filling stations will be available on each floor. In an effort to reduce plastic in our school we are also asking families to be sure to pack their own cutlery in student lunches. Sending your child with a full water bottle and appropriate cutlery each day is greatly appreciated!

## **FIRE SAFETY**

With the mandate from the NS government to stay out of the woods, We will follow suit and have all wooded areas of the school grounds closed. The woods are a very desirable play space for many students at Caudle. Please help your child understand the importance of following the woods ban that is in place for fire safety.

## **BUSSING**

Families who have children that will be bussed to and from school (must live 1.6 km from school to be eligible) this year should have received communication from the HRCE transportation team. If you have not, go to the HRCE website

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation> or call 902 464 2000 to inquire about the transportation parent portal.

## **PARKING**

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. Please remember that the parking lot of the school is strictly for staff. Traffic on McGee Drive is increasing and parents are encouraged to use the side streets for parking and the streets connecting to the pathways. If at all possible, walking your child to school would be appreciated.



We also have a small bike rack located in the front of the building. We hope we can increase the number of students who walk, scoot and bike to school.

## **LUNCH MONITORS**

We are currently looking to [hire lunch monitors](#) from 11:30-12:30 daily. It would be a perfect job for someone who might have a flexible schedule or is at home during the day. Anyone interested must have an updated Police Records Check and Child Abuse Registry. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Eleanor or Sarah at the office.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Curriculum night with Ice Cream Social to follow in the gym (Sept 11<sup>th</sup>)  
6pm-7pm

Stand Up Against Bullying (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>) **WEAR PINK**

Terry Fox Run (Tentative Date Sept 13) *More info to follow* WEAR SNEAKERS

Picture Day (Oct 1, Retakes October 9)

Looking forward to a great start!

## Emilie & Eleanor

