

Room 6 News

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year with your child! This week we will be focussing on establishing school and classroom routines and the children will be participating in activities where they have the opportunity to be reunited with old friends and meet new ones in our classroom!

All students from grade 1 to 8 will be going to the Lincoln County Fair this Friday. Please read, sign, and return the permission form as soon as possible. If you could volunteer for this trip, I would really appreciate it, as many volunteers will make our groups more manageable!

There will be a lot of paperwork that will be sent home in September. I am going to try to limit this to 1 or 2 items for you to read and fill out each night. Please check the agenda daily and return these forms (when necessary) as soon as possible. Please send in \$5 for the cost of your child's agenda. Along with the classroom newsletter that will go home monthly (via e-mail), every Monday I will also put a sticker in your child's agenda to let you know what will be happening that week. Please make sure you read this every Monday night.

If you are interested in volunteering in our classroom, please speak with me, send me an e-mail, or write me a note in your child's agenda. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated by both the students and me!

Your child will also have the opportunity to learn from other staff members at Smith School this year. They will have the following teachers on a regular basis for various subject areas: Mrs. Cruise (Drama and Dance), Mrs. Baylis (Phys-Ed), Miss. Gretsinger (Media Literacy, Library), and Miss. Flynn (Computers).

Please help our year go smoothly by:

1. sending your child's agenda back to school daily. Notes, completed work, and other important information will be sent home through the agendas so it is important that the agenda, **along with the Ziploc bag**, is sent back each and every day. Please feel free to write me notes in the agendas, as I read every agenda daily.
2. providing healthy snacks and lunches for your child. During first nutrition break, I strongly encourage the students to eat only healthy snacks. Yogurt, fruit/veggies, granola bars, muffins, and crackers are great options during this first break! Just a reminder that we have students that have allergies to peanuts and other nut products in the school and therefore, we strive to be a nut-free school.
3. sending your child with proper running shoes for indoor use as well as for Phys-Ed. A calendar for the Phys-Ed (and Library) schedule is sent home with the monthly newsletter for your convenience. The students do not change into different clothes for Phys-Ed, so please help your child choose appropriate clothing to wear to school on these days. Your child's indoor shoes will be left at school at the end of each school day. If your child has difficulty tying shoelaces, please send Velcro or slip-on shoes until they can do this **independently**.
4. putting an extra change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) in a plastic bag that can be kept at the bottom of your child's backpack. Young students often get muddy, wet, or dirty at recess and having a change of clothes at school eliminates the need to call home during the day.
5. Completing the attached note, as I look forward to learning about your child!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at school at (905)945-8014 or through e-mail at Marnie.Lambert@dsbn.edu.on.ca.

I look forward to a great year with you and your child.

Sincerely,
Marnie Lambert