

## **Quaker Road Updates September 18, 2020**

Dear Families, Thank you for once again entrusting myself and our staff to the safe education of your children. Our school continues to grow in numbers and we welcomed several new families to our community. This will probably be the last note in hard copy that I will send. In future, I send out a weekly note via email or phone on Sunday PM or Monday AM.

Welcoming new staff this year:

Mrs. Powell – DECE in K2, TBD – K4, Mrs. McCarthy – French/Prep, Mrs. Nassar – Prep, Mr. McNeil – Gr. 5, Mrs. Montgomery – Gr. 6, Mr. Furtney- Gr. 7/8, Mrs. Myer (EA) in FSP1, Mrs. Stevenett (EA) in FSP2, Mrs. Town (EA) in Gr. 3/reg ed, TBD - Gr 2, Mrs. Theriault – Vice-Principal/Learning Resource

### **MORNING DROP OFF AND DISMISSAL PICK UP - effective Monday, Sept. 21st**

We continue to struggle with congestion and location regarding student pick up and drop off by cars. After speaking with the City of Welland, we really shouldn't be using the lane along First Avenue as a pick up point, so once again, we are asking you to try something new. 😊

#### **MORNING DROP OFF**

**Kindergarten children and their siblings** – Continue to park in our lot, bring your children to the Kindergarten area/sidewalk, say farewell and send your older children to their community meeting spot and then leave the lot carefully.

#### **Students in Grades 1-8 without Kindergarten siblings**

Continue to do a quick drop off on First Avenue at the gate – with only students getting out of the car.

Choose a drop off on Cedar Park Dr and have your children walk down the street to the school gate entrance.

Allow them to walk from their home.

Access Bussing if you're eligible.

Loop through the lot – drop off over near the School Sign (we will attempt to put out pylons, so busses are careful to avoid this area during the AM).

#### **AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP**

**Kindergarten children and their siblings** – Continue to park in our lot, retrieve your children then leave the lot carefully.

#### **Students in Grades 1-8 without Kindergarten siblings-**

We will send students to stand on the sidewalk near the exit of the parking lot, near our school sign where they will wait until you pull up to this space. We ask that you DO NOT PARK IN THE LOT, but just drive through the lot in the lane beside the bus lane, as you come into the space near the exit, we will guide your child to load into the car, buckle up and away you go. If you are too early and you drive into

the space and your child is not there, please safely loop around once again. This may be slow to start, but we will hopefully get into a routine. So the hint for the day - DON'T arrive too early or you'll be looping around again and again. It will be 3:30 PM before students get to this location.

Another alternative would be for you to park on Cedar Park Dr. and ask your children to walk to that location. They would leave through the First Ave. gate.

Please access bussing if you are eligible.

Finally – walking home would also be a healthy alternative for them.

It is important for you to communicate with your child which option you are choosing so they can communicate to us what your family has chosen.

**BOOMERANG LUNCH** - Please reinforce that your child is bringing home all of their uneaten food and packaging from their lunches as we don't have composting nor recycling at this time and we want to maintain our PLATINUM ECO school status. This will help qualify us for that.

**RENOVATION TO THE KINDIE YARD** - Exciting news that we have contracted out to have artificial turf installed in our front playground area this fall. Students will enjoy watching the progress as the work is done. It will eliminate all of those muddy clothes that parents have patiently put up with over the years and create a fun and interesting play area for our Kindergarten students. Thanks to our School Fundraising and Nevada Accounts we have sufficient funds to move forward with this project.

### **REORGANIZATION OF CLASSES**

We only moved forward with reorganizing the intermediate division at this time. Forewarning – we may have to do some juggling after Progress Reports if students from the Virtual School return to us.

**CROSSING GUARD TIMES** - First Ave. and Cedar Park Dr.

Starting this Monday Sept 21, 2021 the crossing guard will be on location 8:25am to 9:25am and 3:30pm to 4:20pm. This will allow time for all students to be assisted with crossing the street safely.

**PLEASE , PLEASE RETURN ANY CHROMEBOOKS THAT WE LOANED OUT TO YOU. WE NOW NEED THEM FOR OUR IN CLASS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE CONTACTING THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RETURN THEM AND THIS WILL SAVE US TIME IF YOU CAN RETURN THEM BY MONDAY, SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

**If you are new to our school** - CASH ONLINE is something we use to send permission forms, make purchases, etc. please register so you are able to participate as needed. – Currently there are three forms for you to complete for us. AND SCHOOL MESSENGER is a way for us to send you emails, phone messages when needed. - in your package there are directions for registering for these two items.