



# Chase River Elementary School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire Chase River Staff, a big welcome back to all of our returning and new families. We do have a few new staff members. As a staff, we are delighted to be back in session and are looking forward to getting things underway. A reminder that tomorrow is a full day. This is a short welcome back newsletter. Next week, we will send home a more in depth Newsletter with important information for the year and dates to remember from September to December. This is the only Newsletter that will come home in hard copy. All other newsletters and written communication from the office will be sent to the email address that was provided with your child's registration. Changes in contact information, including email address changes, can be completed on the Student Information forms that will be sent home next week.

## FIRST WEEK

Today, students spent the day with their teacher from their previous year. We helped new students to find spots with students in their grade. Tomorrow morning, students will line up where they did last year and will be with the teacher they started the day with today. Staff will help our new students get to where they need to line up. This will be the way we start the day each day this week. This message was relayed to students today. Until we move into permanent divisions, the students will start the day in the same classroom and grade grouping each day. Over the course of the week, students will do a series of lessons designed to kick-start their learning. We hope to be able to get children into their permanent classrooms by Friday, but need to wait until the School District gives us the approval to do so.

## 2019– 2020 Bell Schedule for Chase River Elementary

Our Bell Schedule will remain the same as last year. We continue to have an early dismissal every Monday throughout the School District to accommodate our practice of Professional Learning Communities.

Day	Start	am Recess	Lunch	End
Monday	8:35	10:15- 10:30	11:45 - 12:21	1:27
Tues. – Friday	8:35	10:15- 10:30	11:45 - 12:21	2:27

## LUNCHTIME PROCEDURES

Students will be dismissed for lunch recess at 11:45 am and return to class at 12:21 pm to eat lunch. In some cases, teachers may choose to have children eat lunch prior to the recess break. There is no inside supervision at lunch recess. As a result, all students are expected to go outside for the duration of lunch recess. We are outside for lunch and morning recess rain or shine, unless the weather is quite severe. Students should come to school with adequate outer clothing to comfortably remain outside during these breaks.

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the noon recess without permission from their teacher(s) and also with written parental permission. This is typically permission to go home for lunch. We do not allow students to visit the store during recess.

## SCHOOL STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

The 2019/20 student handbook will be emailed to parents next week. Basic school policies, procedures and programs are outlined in this document. Student planners will be available to be sent home next week.