

WELCOME BACK TO MONTROSE

September 2020

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WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH ALOT IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND ALOT HAS CHANGED IN OUR WORLD AND IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE ONE THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED IS OUR DEDICATION TO ENSURING THE SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE. YOU ARE ENTRUSTING US WITH YOUR MOST PRECIOUS CHILDREN- AND EVERY DECISION WE MAKE REFLECTS THIS.

WE HAVE SPENT THE SUMMER PREPARING FOR YOUR RETURN (AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU) THERE WILL BE A FEW CHANGES..... AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE AS TIME GOES ON. STAFF HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN PROTOCOLS AND SAFETY REGULATIONS.... AND WE WILL PASS ON THE INFORMATION TO YOUR CHILDREN AND YOURSELVES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME: SMOLE@WSD1.ORG OR 204-488-8112

This guide will help you to see all of the enhanced safety protocols in place- and will help you to prepare for school on September 8.

- TEACHERS/EAS HAVE WORKED TO DEVELOP NEW CLASSROOM LAYOUTS TO MAXIMIZE SPACE AND ALLOW FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY PROMPTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL
- OUR CUSTODIAL TEAM HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD OVER THE SUMMER TO MAKE SURE WE ARE READY FOR A SAFE RETURN.
THANKS SO MUCH DARKO, KAMAL, AND KERAGH!
- THE CUSTODIANS HAVE AN INCREASED CLEANING SCHEDULE WHICH INCLUDES FREQUENT CLEANING OF DOOR KNOBS, FAUCET HANDLES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, WASHROOMS, ETC.
- ALL CLASSROOMS ARE SUPPLIED WITH SANITIZER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES AS WELL.



How have we prepared for your return?

WHAT IS MY CHILD(REN)'S COHORT

PROVINCIAL PROTOCOLS ARE RECOMMENDING COHORTS OF 75 STUDENTS THAT WILL STAY IN THE SAME PART OF THE BUILDING, HAVE RECESS TOGETHER, (IN SEPARATE AREAS OF THE YARD) AND HAVE LUNCH AT THE SAME TIME. LUNCH WILL BE IN THE CLASSROOMS.

- **Cohort 1:** Rooms 103, 104, Library will use the Main doors.
- **Cohort 2:** Rooms 122, 123, 124, will use the Elm (play structure) doors.
- **Cohort 3:** Room 132, 129, 126, 125 will use the Elm and Grant Doors.
- **Cohort 4:** Kids Inc, Room 106 and 105 will use the Montrose and Grant Doors
- **NOTE:** Recesses and Lunch Program times will be staggered across the cohorts Only one cohort will be outside at one time.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNING



- Caregivers must prescreen their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- See this link for the screening tool: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Pack a water bottle with your snacks and lunch. Water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- Masks are Mandated for Staff members as well as Grades 4-6. They are strongly recommended in the other grades.



Montrose School

Welcome to our school.

Please abide by the following best practices while visiting us.

Physical Distancing

Keep a distance of 2 metres apart from other people.



Hand Washing & Sanitizing

Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the building.

Illness

Stay home if you are feeling ill (symptoms such as fever, coughing, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose).



Coughing and Sneezing

Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Avoid touching your face.

Greeting

A verbal greeting is fine. Refrain from shaking hands.



MORNING ENTRY

- Students will arrive no earlier than 8:45 am.
- Students will meet their teachers at assigned spots close to their entrances
- Students will enter their assigned doors (with their teachers) as they arrive.
- Teachers will ask students the questions from the Shared Health Screening tool, and provide sanitizer.
- While waiting outside for entry students will maintain physical distancing with their classmates.
- ***As much as we wish for an open school community- at this time Parents/Caregivers can not be permitted inside the school. If you need to visit the school please call ahead to make an appointment.***



ASSIGNED DOORS

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END OF DAY ROUTINE

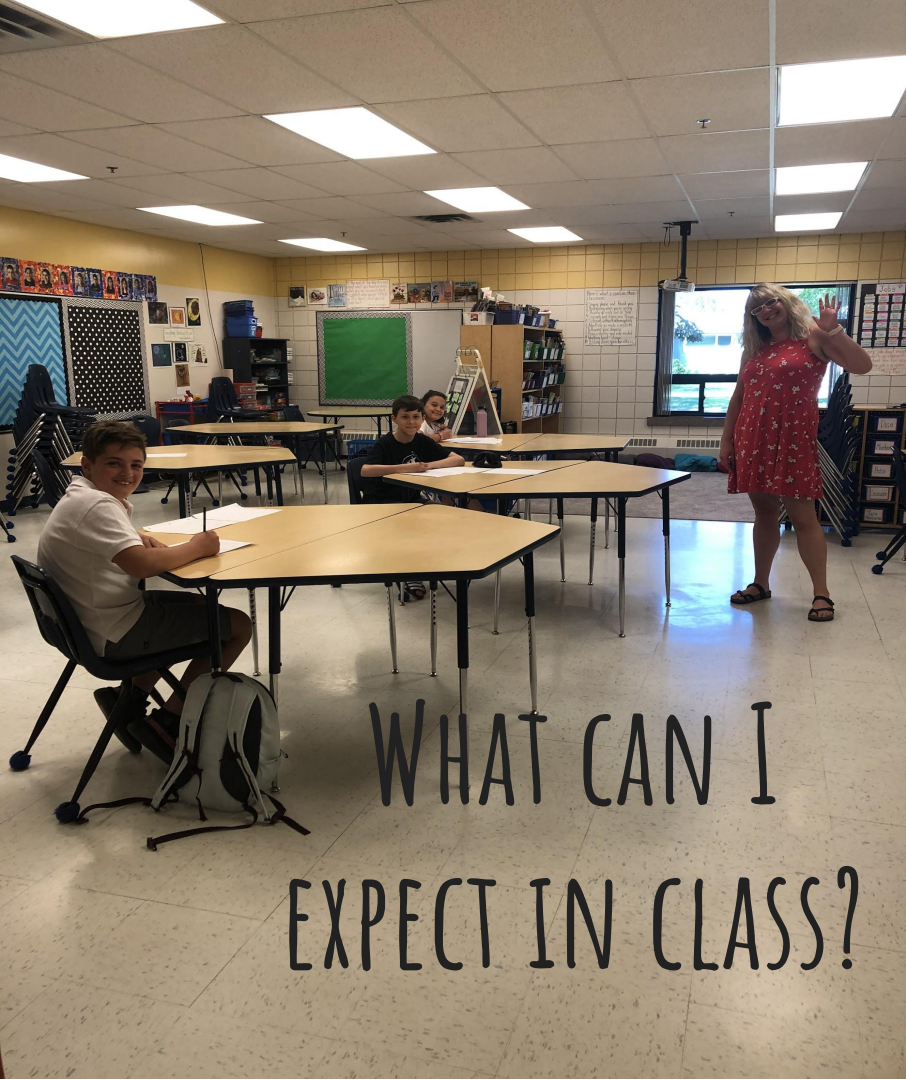


- Caregivers are asked to meet students outside of their designated doors.
 - N/K students and primary students will be closely monitored and handed off for pick ups
 - Staff will be available at the doors for assistance.
 - As always please ***do not*** leave your car parked in the parking loop. We will all have to work together to avoid congestion.
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WASHROOMS

- Each cohort will have its own washroom
- Cohort 1 will use the washrooms on the east side of the building
- Cohort 2 will use the former staff washrooms
- Cohort 3 will use the washrooms on the west side of the building.
- Only one person will be allowed in the washroom at a time.
- Spots on the floor will be marked to wait for the washroom if in use.
- There will be a sign on the door to monitor if the washroom is in use.





WHAT CAN I
EXPECT IN CLASS?

- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- One extra Grade 3-4 classroom has been created to ensure social distancing
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least 1 meter apart, less clutter, and the removal of carpet gathering areas.
- Student supplies will no longer be communal. Each student will receive their own school supplies.

RECOVERY LEARNING



- All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observations, and professional judgement to determine strengths, challenges, and next steps in student learning.
 - Targeted instruction will be crafted to meet the learning needs of your children.
 - The learning focus will be on literacy, mathematics, and student well being/mental health.
 - Montrose School has reinstated Reading Recovery for Grade 1 students
 - We will continue to use outdoor education (Friluftsliv), and inquiry based learning, and to enrich learning and to provide students with opportunities to challenge themselves.
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OUTDOOR LEARNING

- Montrose School has held outdoor learning (Friluftsliv) as a priority for our students. As we return, the province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Staff will be receiving professional development from the Manitoba Nature Summit and Forest School on ways to further embed curriculums into outdoor learning.
- Our staff will be partnering with Barret Miller from Fort Whyte Alive to explore our own community each Tuesday afternoon until December 18.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle.





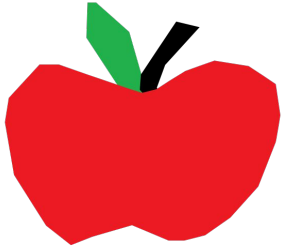
MENTAL WELLNESS

- Our clinicians have partnered with staff to support students in their return to school
- Staff will focus on supporting students who are experiencing all of the emotions and uncertainty this pandemic has created.
- Staff will continue supporting students through Project 11, Mindfulness, Yoga, and Growth Mindset initiatives.



RECESSES

- Recesses will be by cohort
 - Each class within the cohort will have recess in a separate part of the yard.
 - There will be separate equipment for each cohort
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LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunches will be in classes and will be staggered to allow the cohorts to eat and have outdoor times separately.

Microwaves **will not** be available

Cohort 1:

12:00- outside play

12:30- Lunch in class

Cohort 2:

11:30-Outside play

12:00-Lunch in class

Cohort 3:

12:00- Lunch in Class

12:30 Outside play

Cohort 4- NA

- IF A STUDENT BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL THEY MUST GO HOME IMMEDIATELY.
- THE STUDENT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE, GIVEN A MASK IF THEY DON'T HAVE ONE AND WILL BE ISOLATED IN THE NURSE'S ROOM WHILE BEING MONITORED BY A STAFF MEMBER.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CALLED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD IMMEDIATELY.
- ONCE THE PARENT OR DESIGNATE ARRIVE, PHONE THE SCHOOL AT 204-488-8112 AND A STAFF MEMBER WILL WALK THE CHILD OUT TO MEET THEM.
- IF A COVID-19 CASE IS KNOWN WE WILL INFORM ALL MEMBERS OF THE COHORT/SCHOOL AND FOLLOW DIRECTIVES FROM MANITOBA PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES.



What happens if my child is sick at school?

EARLY PICKUPS/DROP OFFS

- Please call the office and let Jocelyn know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready.

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- Once you arrive please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO PRACTISE THE FOLLOWING RULES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR MONTROSE COMMUNITY:

- STAY HOME IF ILL.
- BRING A WATER BOTTLE.
- WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WEARING A MASK (MASKS ARE MANDATED FOR ALL STAFF AND FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-6).
- WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP MULTIPLE TIMES A DAY (E.G. START AND END OF THE DAY, WHEN USING WASHROOMS, BEFORE FOOD PREP/EATING, WHEN THEY ARE DIRTY, AFTER WIPING YOUR NOSE, ETC.).
- KEEP 1 METER BETWEEN YOURSELF AND OTHERS.
- EVERYONE MUST FOLLOW THE PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.
- NO ITEM SHARING (FOOD, WATER BOTTLES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, BOOKS, GAMES, TOYS, ETC.).

Practising the “Fundamentals”

LINK TO WSD PANDEMIC PLANNING:

<https://www.winnipegSD.ca/parents/pandemicplanning/pages/default.aspx>

LINK TO WSD PANDEMIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK:

<https://www.winnipegSD.ca/parents/pandemicplanning/documents/wsd%20framework%20for%20school%20planning%20during%20pandemic%20web.pdf>

HOMESCHOOLING INFORMATION:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf

PARENT/GUARDIAN FAQs

https://www.winnipegSD.ca/parents/pandemicplanning/documents/parent_guardian_faqs.pdf

RESTORING SAFE SCHOOLS

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf

Helpful Links and Resources