

# ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL

September & October 2024 Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school!

Whether you are already a part of the École Waterford Springs School Community or you are new to École Waterford Springs School, it is great to have all of you as part of our school family!

This coming week, the teachers and staff at École Waterford Springs School will spend time teaching students about common expectations throughout the building. Our school uses a system for encouraging positive behaviours in the classroom and common areas (gym, library) called PBIS (Positive Behaviour—Interventions and Strategies). Our school expectations are: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.

A lot of communication will happen with parents through email or through Seesaw or Google Classroom with teachers. Please make sure that the office has your updated contact information, including email address and phone number throughout the year.

Our school day begins with the 8:50 am morning bell. There is no supervision before 8:30, therefore for safety reasons, students should not arrive before 8:30.

Our lunch hour is between 12:00pm and 12:55 pm. All students who are not in the Lunch Program are asked to be off of school property until 12:50pm as there is no outdoor supervision. The day ends for all students at 3:30 pm. Students must be picked up promptly at 3:30 as supervision ends at that time.

Your child's teacher is always your first point of contact. If ever you have a question or a concern, please reach out to them at the school or by email. All teachers have created outlines of their year (what your child will be learning, classroom procedures, etc.) that will go home to families over the coming days. We are partners in your child's education.

**Students are not to bring cell phones to school as they are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day including lunch time. We want students to be present and actively engaged in their learning and minimize distractions. Please remind your child to leave their cell phone at home. Your child will be able to use a school phone if they need to contact you. Arrangements regarding pick up and drop off should be made with your child before coming to school. Thank you for your support.**

Along with my two new Vice Principals, Mrs. Julye Carvalho and Mme Connie Miron, we are very excited and honoured to serve the École Waterford Springs School Community! We are partners in your child's learning and we are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing!

Sincerely,

Nelia Husack

Principal École Waterford Springs School



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## School Safety.

Each year we are required to practice elements of our school safety plan. 10 fire drills are practiced, one per month. We also practice 3 lockdown drills, and 3 hold and secure drills, one each in the fall, winter and spring.

**Lockdown** would be used to secure the interior of the school if a potentially dangerous intruder enters the building.

**Hold and secure** would be used in case something was happening outside of the school, either on school grounds or in the nearby community. All doors would be locked so that no one would come into the building. Regular routines would continue in the school.

## Medical Concerns



Please alert the office if your child has any allergies, asthma or any other medical concerns as some forms will need to be filled out.

## Peanut, Nut & Scent Free



At École Waterford Springs School we are a Peanut and Nut free school. There are students and staff here who have severe allergies. When making lunches for your children or bringing food for birthday's please take this into consideration.

## Parking Lot

Due to limited parking space, we are strongly encouraging all families to walk to and from school as much as possible.

We have a **“Drop and Go”** loop between **8:30AM and 8:55AM**.

**The loop closest to the front entrance of the school will only be used to drop off children. Please do not to park and get out of your car in this loop as it blocks other cars from dropping off their children.**

The visitor parking lot is for those parents who need to get out of the car.

Parents please do not stop at the entrance to the school as it blocks traffic on Jefferson Avenue and is dangerous for everyone.

Unless dropping off a child at the pre-school daycare, no parking in their parking lot is permitted.

**Grades 1-8 students** will go to the school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning and school staff will assist in directing students to the field after 8:30AM. Unfortunately there will be no supervision before 8:30AM. Students will enter the school at 8:50AM and there will be staff supervising in the field.

**Nursery and Kindergarten students** will use the north doors near their classrooms for arrival and dismissal times (if you arrive after 9:00AM, please come to the front doors and check in at the office.)



# School Supply Lists for 2024-2025



Nursery & Kindergarten Supply List

Grades 1 & 2 Supply List

Grades 3 & 4 Supply List

Grades 5 & 6 Supply List

Grades 5-8 French Immersion Supply List

Grades 7 & 8 Supply List



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## Reporting Your Child's Absence from School

Safe arrival is a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for you to report your child's absence from school. Please use one of the following methods:

- **Phone: 1-855-278-4513**

*Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system*

- **Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>**

*Set up your Parent Portal account then log in*

- **Mobile App: SafeArrival App**

*Set up your Parent Portal account, download the Apple or Android app, then log in*



If you report an absence in advance or **before** the morning bell time at **9:00 AM**, you will not receive the calls. If you do receive the calls please follow the prompts that they tell you on the phone to report your child's absence.

[Parent Guide - Mobile App WSD PDF](#)

[SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Family FAQ PDF](#)

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## BUMPER CROP EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

ANNA MAE CLARK, DIRECTOR

**Daycare parking lot is for daycare parents only.**

2090 Jefferson Avenue (west side of building)

Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2R 3A3

Telephone Number: 204-983-1252

Website: [Bumper Crop Early Learning Center](#)

Email Address: [director@bumpercropelc.ca](mailto:director@bumpercropelc.ca)



# Lunch Program

Welcome back Parents/Guardians, here's an update for the Lunch Program for the 2024/2025 school year:

- This a reminder that there is no microwave available for heating.
- Please send your child(ren) the appropriate cutlery(no knives).
- Please dress for the weather, as students will still go outside if it rains lightly.
- Online Registration is at the following link:
  - [Elementary Lunch Program Online Registration Form](#)
  - [Junior High Lunch Program Online Registration Form](#)
- As a reminder, the Junior High Lunch Program has changed. If your child doesn't meet the distance criteria, they have to go home for lunch.
- Families can print the paper version of the registration from the school's website and return it to their child's teacher or to the office.  
<https://www.winnipegd.ca/waterfordsprings/page/12544/lunch-program>
- Payments are due September 6th.
  - Please include your child(ren)'s name and room number with the payment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thanks,

Robyn Whitney

Lunch Program Coordinator

[ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com)

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## Smudging Guidelines

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Community,

To ensure our school is inclusive and culturally responsive we have been integrating First Nation, Métis, and Inuit perspectives into school planning and programming in partnership with the school community. This includes welcoming all students to learn about the significant role of Indigenous values in the spirit of reconciliation.

One of the most commonly shared experiences is the tradition of smudging. Smudging involves burning sage to cleanse the mind, body, spirit. It allows all participants a chance to become mindful, centred, and move forward with positive intentions.

This letter is to notify you that smudging will be introduced and ongoing as a part of learning processes throughout the school year. Staff, students, and community are invited to participate and support in building an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and inclusivity. While smudging does not usually pose a health risk, we will ensure smudging will take place in well-ventilated designated areas using an appropriate amount of sage. Alternate arrangements may be made for those that may have health challenges such as severe asthma and respiratory issues.

Smudging is always voluntary. If you would like more information on smudging, please contact the school at 204-694-9690.

Our Indigenous Grandmother (Kunsi) Dianne Cross, has been and will continue sharing teachings about smudging with staff and students so that we better understand its use in Indigenous culture.

# What is a Split Classroom?

A split class, for example, Grade 5/6, is created when there are either many students or not enough students registered for those grade levels. Split classes help to balance the number of students in each grade. The teacher still teaches grade 5 students their curriculum and grade 6 students their curriculum. They are not set up as advanced classes and students do not skip the next grade level the following year. Grade 5 students in a split class will go to grade 6 the next school year, and so on. We hope this helps to clarify any confusion as split classes are common in most schools.



ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ:

ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਾਡੇ ਕੁਝ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਪੁੱਛੇ ਹਨ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਤਲਬ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੁਝ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਹੈ। ਕਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ, ਇੱਕ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਉਦਾਹਰਣ ਵਜੋਂ, (ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5/6 ) ਉਦੋਂ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ ਪੱਧਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਘੱਟ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਹਰੇਕ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੰਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਤੁਲਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੱਦਦ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਧਿਆਪਕ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਿਲੇਬਸ ਅਤੇ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 6 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਿਲੇਬਸ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਐਡਵਾਂਸ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਇੱਕ ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੋ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਕਰਨਗੇ। ਇੱਕ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 5 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਸਕੂਲੀ ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਗ੍ਰੇਡ 6 ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਗਰੇਡ 6 ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਗਰੇਡ 7 ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਉਮੀਦ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਹੋਏ ਹਾਂ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਪਲਿਟ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਆਮ ਹਨ।

# CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

<b>September 2024</b>	
2	Labour Day—School Closed
3	Administrative Day—NO CLASSES
3	Meet the Teacher Gr. 1-8 - 3:00PM—5:30PM
4	First Day for Grades 1-8—Day 2
4-6	Nursery & Kindergarten Interviews
9	First Day for Nursery/Kindergarten—Day 5
11	PAC Meeting at 6:00PM
23 & 25	Picture Days
30	Truth and Reconciliation—School Closed
<b>October 2024</b>	
9	PD Day—NO CLASSES
14	Thanksgiving—School Closed
22-24	Kindergarten Hearing Screening
25	MTS PD Day—NO CLASSES
31	Halloween
<b>November 2024</b>	
1	Diwali
11	Remembrance Day—School Closed
21	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45PM—8:00PM
22	Parent Teacher Interviews All Day—NO CLASSES
26	Picture Retakes
<b>December 2024</b>	
20	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
Winter Break is Dec 23, 2024—Jan 3, 2025	

<b>January 2025</b>	
6	Classes Resume after Winter Break—Day 5
30-31	PD Days—NO CLASSES
<b>February 2025</b>	
11-13	Mobile Vision Clinic
14	Valentine's Day
17	Louis Riel Day—School Closed
18-21	Festival du Voyageur
<b>March 2025</b>	
13	Student Led Conferences 3:45PM—8:00PM
14	Student Led Conferences—NO CLASSES
17	St. Patrick's Day
28	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Spring Break is March 31, 2025—April 4, 2025	
<b>April 2025</b>	
7	Classes Resume after Spring Break—Day 4
11	PD Day—NO CLASSES
18	Good Friday—School Closed
22	Happy Earth Day!
<b>May 2025</b>	
9	PD Day—NO CLASSES
19	Victoria Day—School Closed
<b>June 2025</b>	
5	Year End Community Celebration 4:30PM-7:00PM
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
25	Grade 8 Farewell
26	Admin Day—NO CLASSES
27	Last Day of School—11:30 A.M Dismissal

# ÉCOLE WATERFORD SPRINGS SCHOOL STAFF LIST 2024-2025

## Office

Nelia Husack	Principal
Connie Miron	Vice-Principal
Julye Carvalho	Vice-Principal
Corrie Krakalovich	Head Clerk V
Harinder Ghuman	Clerk III
Charissa Pruden	Clerk II
Rachel Olver	Library Tech

## Custodians

Gilbert Pilotin	Head Custodian
Amarnauth Ramdas	Assist. Custodian
Cesar Ellana	Caretaker
Seema Badhan	Cleaner
Sukhdeep Sidhu	Cleaner

## Educational Assistants

Amanda Ferbrache  
Amritpal Dhillon  
Basil Paul  
Bernice Brown  
Gagandeep Kaur  
Gursharn Kaur  
Gurpal Gaidhu  
Harmeet Dhaliwal  
Ikvinder Malkai  
Janice Olenko  
Jaspreet Tathgur  
Jocelyne Walker  
Kamaldeep Kaler  
Karamjit Kaur  
Komalpreet Kaur  
Manal Helal  
Mandhir Dhaliwal  
Manminder Dehar  
Melanie Gonzales  
Rippandeeep Sidhu  
Sanbax Rakhra  
Sarbari Sahota  
Sharon Blanco  
Shinderpal Bhatthal  
Simran Kaur  
Tamarra Cadotte  
Virpal Sidhu



## Teachers

Ambaram, Alka	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W03
Antonio, Jacintha	Home Ec. – Rm 1E08 (Days: 1, 3, 5)
Bagri, Sandeep	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W24
Blondeau, Kevin	Gr. 5/6 - Rm 2A04
Bova, Francesca	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W05
Brown, Jessica	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W09
Carson, Heather	N/K– Rm 1W29
Chaudhari, Manjit	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W06
Ciangelini, Lisa	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W28
Coffell, Tamara	Gr 7/8 French – Rm 2W21
DeLeon, Angeli	N/K – Rm 1W31
Fillion, Marc	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1A03
Foulis, Vanessa	Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W08
Frederique, Martine	Gr 3/4 French – Rm 2W02
Fredette, Ashley	Music Gr. 1-4 - Rm 1A06
Graustins, Jennifer	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W04
Guenther, Jennifer	Gr. 3/4 French - Rm 1A04
Hughes, Sandra	Gr 3/4 – Rm 1A05
Iwanicki, Jennifer	Phys Ed
Jones, Stefanie	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W29
Klan, Shaun	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W07
Clueppel, Susanne	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2A02
Kowalwich, Tania	Gr. 1/2 - Rm 1A02
Ledger, Brin	Gr 5/6 French – Rm 2A03
Levy, Tanya	N/K – Rm 1W32
Manicom, Chantelle	Kindergarten French – Rm 1W28
Manuel, Keyla	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W09
Matias, Kayla	Gr 5/6 French - Rm 2A05
Medina, Julius	Industrial Arts – Rm 1E17 (Days: 1, 3, 5)
Morris, Rhys	Phys Ed
Ngo, Andrew	Phys Ed
Noordman, Tabitha	Gr. 5/6 French - Rm 2W25
Quinn, Jonathan	Band Gr. 5-7 - Rm 1E11
Salvador, Roshel	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W12
Skinner, Russell	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2A06
Singh, Swaran	Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W27
Smyrski-Yu, Jennifer	Gr 3/4 – Rm 2W05
Violy, Evelyne	Gr 1/2 French - Rm 1W17
Walsh, Kristen	Gr 7/8 – Rm 2W27
Wood, Becky	Gr 1/2 – Rm 1W10
Yozenko, Hailey	Gr 1/2 French – Rm 1W07
Zankowski, Evelyn	Gr 5/6 – Rm 2W06

## Support

Alexander, Dawnysa	Learning Support - Rm 1W18
Cerqueira, Odette	IERT – Rm 1W18
Guatam, Chandra	Intercultural Support
Mandarano, Tatjana	Learning Support Teacher - Rm 2W15
Moore, Tai	Guidance - Rm 1W16
Torchia, Maria	Learning Support Teacher - Rm 2W15
Whitney, Robyn	Lunch Program Coordinator