



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2014

On behalf of the school staff we welcome our students and families to the 2014-2015 school year at Conestogo Public School. We trust you and your family had an enjoyable summer making memories together. We anticipate a great start to this school year and look forward to partnering with you in the education and overall development of your son/daughter. I would like to highlight a few items for your interest and attention as we begin our year together.

New Staff

We welcome some new staff this year to Conestogo School.

Ms. M. VanDerSluis	Grades 1/2 Teacher
Ms. E. Forsyth	Grades 1-4 French Teacher
Ms. L. Higgins	FDK Teacher
Ms. B. Wilson	FDK Educational Assistant
Ms. K. Vasileas	Early Childhood Educator (a.m.)
Ms. S.L. Tung	Early Childhood Educator (p.m.)
Ms. S. Tosh	Early Childhood Educator (all day)

You can find a complete listing of our staff on our website.

September Package

You will find some key information in the "September Home Package" envelope. This year, we have posted much of that information on the school's website so that parents may access it at any time. Please take time to review the important school year information items on our school's website.

<http://con.wrdsb.ca>

If you do not have access to the Internet and require paper copies, please contact the school office at 519-664-3773.

Planners

Planners are given out to all JK – Grade 6 students. **This year there is no cost for the planners as the School Council designated a portion of last year's fundraising money to cover the cost.**

SchoolDay

Most of our parents are already signed up for this important communications and payment website. It is a valuable tool to keep up to date on announcements, field trips and payments. To register or learn more about School-Day, we urge you to visit the School-Day website at **www.school-day.com** or contact School-Day by email at info@school-day.com.

Attendance

As part of our safe arrival to school procedures we ask that you report any absences in a timely manner to our attendance line: **519-570-8068 ext. 3174**. This is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

Safe Welcome Program

The new 'Safe Welcome' program which involves all school and portable doors being locked with controlled access to the building is in the midst of being completed. Once completed in mid-September, all guests/visitors wanting to access the building will need to be granted access by a controlled entry system linked to the main office. More details will be sent home when this system is put in place.

Before and After School Programs

Conestogo Public School offers 'Before and After School Programs' for children from grades Kindergarten to Grade 6 commencing September 2014. These programs run every day from 7:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. and from 3:40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more details and for registration information, please see the 'Quick Link' on the WRDSB website at www.wrdsb.ca.

Family Fun Fair – Meet the Teacher Night

We look forward to gathering together as a school community for our annual '*Family Fun Fair – Meet the Teacher Night*' on **Thursday, September 18th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.** This event hosted by the School Council and staff is always a great way to reconnect with each other, meet our staff and have a great evening of fun and food. More details will be communicated in the next week re. this event.

School Council

The School Council is made up of school staff, parents and community members committed to the success and well-being of all of our students. New members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings throughout the school year. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please refer to the School Council section of our website for more details.

Communication/Website

Communication is a vital and integral part of the parent-school partnership and one that we value at Conestogo Public School. You will note a separate sheet outlining our staff voice mail extensions which can be used to leave voice messages with our staff. Many staff members also correspond via emails to our parents. Finally, please visit our website on a regular basis to gather current information and links to important sites that will benefit you and your family.

Our website is located at: **<http://con.wrdsb.ca>**

New School Hours

9:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Nutrition Breaks

11:20 – 12:00 and 1:30 – 2:10

Contact Information

School Office: (519) 664-3773

Website: <http://con.wrdsb.ca>

Twitter: @conwrdsb