



JANET METCALFE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Bricks & Mortar

For the week of: **August 27th, 2018** **Monday News update**

Janet Metcalfe Public School

Vision Statement

**Bringing community together
to address the needs of
the whole child
and prepare them for success
as Global citizens**

As we prepare to begin the school year we understand that many of you are nervous about the transition and are wondering where everything is at with the construction, the staff, and the first day of school!

Each day this week we will be providing you with updates around all of the above. We decided to call our updates “Bricks and mortar”. The Bricks refer to the physical building and where we are at with construction and the Mortar refers to the most important part – and that is – the people. This includes our staff, your children and our community!!

Please feel free – if you have questions – to send them to our email address and then perhaps I can address those questions in the update the following day.

The Bricks..... Construction update: As many of you have noticed construction is still quite active at the new site. They are working hard to get everything finished.... But also to make sure everything is done well. There are 4 areas that you need to be aware of....

Our gymnasium – will not be ready on the first day And may not be ready in September. When it is complete it will be fantastic – but at this point we will be doing our physical education programming outside. We have a very large field

UPCOMING DATES

September 4th – Walk to School Event – please see the maps that are on the website. There are postcards being mailed out to all families to encourage our community to come together and walk to school on the first day- and every day!!!

September 12th – Meet the teacher night 6:30-8:00pm – Come and check out your child’s classroom and meet their teacher. If you need to speak with them in detail about your child, now is the time to set up an interview!

PARKING – please see the maps that are on the website – there is no public parking in the parking lot. This is a student safety issue and **our students always come first.**

and tarmac area and just last night our staff was working together to think of creative ways to keep our children active – rain or shine!!!

Our Library – will not be ready on the first day.... This is the beautiful room that you can see at the front of the school with the wall of windows.



I honestly think this is going to be the most beautiful library you will ever see once it is finished. Above I have included a pictures of the amazing stone wall feature.

Our Music Room – is connected to our gymnasium through the stage area – which will be amazing when we put on any arts events for our school community as there is backstage access and a stage door in the music room. But, because it is connected it will not be complete until the gymnasium is.

The staircase in the main foyer – is still under construction and will be blocked off. There will be no access to this staircase.

The Mortar... Over the next week I will also be trying to introduce to you some of our staff so that you have an idea of who is teaching what. We will start today with the following staff....



Destinee Bauman Grade 3/4, Marisa Donofrio – Grade 4, Mary Hall – Grade 4/5, Stacey Hillis – Grade 5



Andrew Jones Grade 6 Adam Zack Grade 6

The junior team comes to us with a wide variety of experiences and are all very excited to meet you and your children next week!!

As you prepare your children to begin next week and wonder about whether things look like they are “ready” or not please remember.....

A work of art was once a work in progress.

