



McDermid Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

School begins for all students on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 8:52. We look forward to welcoming all students to the first day of the 2021-22 school year.

Previously, we had communicated a staggered start to the school year (some students starting on one day and others on the second day). However, we have had to change plans and now ALL students from kindergarten to grade 8 will be welcomed on Wednesday, September 1st. Please bring students to the front of the school on that morning and students will meet their teachers who will lead them to their classrooms. Once students have gone with their teachers, parents are welcome to be part of a brief outdoor meeting to discuss the school year.

Staggered starts were suggested last school year to minimize crowding and familiarize students with the new and existing pandemic precautions and safety practices that are in place. However, after some consideration this week, we are confident that most of our students will be familiar with these practices. School staff will also take the time to familiarize new and younger students to McDermid safety practices. Additionally, by beginning on Wednesday, we can ensure that we can maximize the student-teacher contact time, as we return to in-class learning.

In regard to our school COVID protocols, this year we will continue to place the health and safety of students, family and staff at the forefront. We will continue wearing masks - all staff and students. Medical grade masks will be provided for all students. We will continue to practice physical distancing and stay within our classroom cohorts. We will continue to implement frequent hand sanitizing and washing. We will continue disinfecting classrooms, bathrooms, and common area regularly. We will continue to ask that all children who have symptoms stay home and consider getting tested for COVID. We will continue to call home if a child becomes sick while at school.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 306-791-8502 or email mcdermid@rbe.sk.ca.

All staff at McDermid are looking forward to seeing your children and starting the 2021/22 school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Phillips
Principal