



Fenelon Township Public School



Friends Together Pursuing Success

September 2016

Principal's Message

Motto: Friends Together Pursuing Success.

Mission Statement: We believe that together we are fostering a community of responsible, resilient, global citizens with endless possibilities for success.

Welcome back to Fenelon Township Public School! I hope that everyone had a restful, safe and family - filled summer. The FTFS staff have been working hard over the summer to prepare an engaging and stimulating classroom environment where the students will feel supported as they learn. I would like to thank the staff at FTFS for their dedication to education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hartle and Mr. Therien for doing such a great job of preparing our school. The school is so clean, it sparkles. A special thank you to Mrs. Scully who works very hard to keep us all organized and the school running smoothly.

There have been some changes to the classrooms:

Staffing

JK/SK: Ms. Earp
Grade 1/2: Ms. Barrow
Grade 2/3: Ms. Karklins and Ms. Armstrong
Grade 4/5: Ms. Crowther
Grade 6/7: Ms. McNab
Grade 7/8: Mr. Cameron
French: Ms. Ellis
Resource: Ms. Dunn
Prep: Ms. Staples

We are excited about this school year and hope that all of the FTFS Tigers are ready to work hard, play hard and create some life-long memories together in this fantastic school community.

I would like to welcome Andrea O'Leary as our Instructional Leader. Instructional Leaders work with the teachers providing professional development to ensure that the learning opportunities for our students are engaging and successful.

Ms. Gale Jones will be working in our Library Tuesdays to Fridays in the morning and over our nutritional break and recess.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

FTPS Staff 2016-2017

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
JK/SK	127	Ms. Holly Earp/ Ms. Colleen Ingram (DECE)
1/2	118	Mrs. Paula Barrow
2/3	116	Mrs. Ann Karklins & Mrs. Christina Armstrong
4/5	104	Ms. Heather Crowther
6/7	107	Ms. Sarah McNab
7/8	103	Mr. Nick Cameron

Library and Prep Coverage: Ms. Staples French and Prep Coverage: Mr. Michelle Ellis
Resource Teacher: Ms. Wendy Dunn

Educational Assistants

Ms. Ann Byrne
Ms. Liz Donker
Ms. Lesley Forbes
Ms. Cindy Ford
Ms. Theresa Serracino
Ms. Raquel Walker
Head Caretaker - Mr. Brian Hartle
Evening Caretaker – Mr. Steve Therien

Quality Daily Physical Education

QDPE ensures that all children who receive it have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and habits that they need to lead physically active lives now, and just as importantly, into the future. A QDPE school is one that values the importance of physical education to the complete learning of our children, and has engrained QDPE and physical activity into the foundation and culture of the school environment.

Primary Students will receive thirty minutes of physical education every day.

Daily Schedule

8:55 – 9:05	Entrance
9:05 – 9:10	Homeroom
9:10 - 9:50	Period One
9:50 - 10:30	Period Two
10:30 - 11:10	Period Three
11:10 - 11:30	Recess
11:30 - 11:50	Nutritional Break
11:50 - 12:50	Period Four
12:50 - 1:30	Period Five
1:30 - 1:50	Recess
1:50 - 2:10	Nutritional Break
2:10 - 2:50	Period Six
2:50 - 3:30	Period Seven

**Please note that we will continue to have recess before we have nutritional break.
Please do not drop students off at the school before the 8:55 bell, as there is no supervision and students are not allowed on the school yard.**

End of Day Pick-up

If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, we are encouraging you to do this at 3:30. Please park in the side parking lot rather than parking in front of the school. In doing this, we will be able to reduce congestion in the parking lot to facilitate a smooth arrival and departure of buses. **Please wait in the front hall or outside, as hallways become congested very quickly. For the safety of all children in the school, we cannot have parents in the school without having signed in.**

Mid-Day Entry into the School

If you are picking up or dropping off your child during school hours, please report to the office, and we will sign in or page your child to the office. This too is for safety reasons and also to minimize disruptions to instructional time. Please recognize the value of instructional time and minimize early pick up that interrupts class time. **Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following these procedures and in assisting us in providing a safer school.** Please note: *For safety reasons, arrangements for pick-up for all students must be arranged through the office and not by text.*

Agendas/Webpages

Agendas are back this year. Parent/Teacher communication is very important so please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Staff will be communicating through the use of webpages and twitter as well.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an integral part of the Fenelon Township School community. We would love to see more volunteers in our classrooms, helping with the snack program and assisting with many of our extracurricular activities. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please complete the volunteer information form.

School Council

The council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Being a part of the school council is a great way to become involved in your child's school and community. School councils are advisory bodies that provide advice to the school principal and, where appropriate, to the school board on matters that impact on your child's education. The school council will be holding its first meeting and annual elections on **Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.**

Police Check

Board policy requires that anyone who will have contact in any way with the staff and/or students must obtain a letter from the office and then take it, with 2 pieces of I.D., to the O.P.P. or local Police Force for a criminal check. This includes all in-school activities, classroom volunteers, and field trips which includes drivers for school sports events. Police Check letters and Offence Declaration forms are available at the office. If you had a police check completed during the last school year, you are only required to complete an Offence Declaration. It is the responsibility of the individual to provide the original to the school if he/she is planning on volunteering.

Nut Safe School

Under the TLDSB Anaphylaxis Policy OP-6501 and Procedure OP-6510, the Board commits to providing a safe environment for individuals with life-threatening allergies. While we recognize that it is not possible to guarantee a nut-free environment or reduce risk completely to zero, careful planning and communication can assist in creating an allergen-safe environment where students, staff and community members with allergies feel safe and supported. For schools that have designated space as nut-safe, the following applies:

We have had a number of queries in our schools about the use of imitation peanut/ nut spreads which are soy-based and have the consistency and visual appearance of peanut butter.

Please note the following regarding the use of these imitation peanut / nut spreads in schools:

TLDSB does NOT support the use of imitation peanut / nut spreads as an alternative to peanut butter or other nut-spreads in TLDSB schools;

Staff are often not able to easily identify or visually distinguish whether the spread a student has in their lunch is a real nut butter or an imitation, due to the similar colour and consistency it has to peanut butter;

In order to most effectively reduce the element of risk to students with allergies, and to continue to try to create an allergen-safe environment, we are asking that schools do not promote the use of imitation peanut/nut spreads and request that students who are bringing imitation spreads to school choose different lunch alternatives.



Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held at the school on Thursday, September 29th beginning at 12:00 in the afternoon. More details to follow.

Milk

Order forms will start to come home at the beginning of each month. Milk will be available starting in October.

Pizza and Pita Orders

Forms will come home at the beginning of each month. Please send exact change and deadlines are firm. The first day pizza will be available will be **Wednesday, October 5, 2016** The first day for pitas will be **Monday, October 3, 2016**.

Lindsay Exhibition September 21 to 25

Its fall which means the Lindsay Ex will be in town soon!!!! The Ex will be taking place September 21st-25th at the Lindsay Fairgrounds. If students are interested in making an entry you will have to sign up for a Student Id number and get some tags. Please come and see Mrs. Dunn in room 114 or ask Mrs. Armstrong.

All student Art and Craft exhibits must be delivered to the Commonwell Exhibition Building on Monday September 19th between 3PM and 8PM. Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables must be delivered on Tuesday September 20th between 3PM and 8PM.

Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up any student entries.

We can't wait to see the amazing work and creations at the fair! Look for our school display when you go.

Thanks, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Dunn

Safe and Inclusive Environment

Clearly defined expectations will be shared with each classroom in the first few days of school so that all students will be clear about the behaviours that are acceptable. We will be working towards creating caring individuals who are making good choices and demonstrating good character development. We will keep close communication with our parents and guardians, and as always, we appreciate your support.

Open House

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7:00-8:00



Our Open House will focus on Feed All Four .
Please join us for some new learning

