

Welcome back West Kent students and families and a big welcome to our new kindergarten students! We are looking forward to another awesome year!

The first day of school for students is Thursday, September 4th – staff will be outside to direct students to their teachers. Staff will be on duty at **8:00am** with the first bell ringing and students entering the school at 8:20am.

Important Information:

- **School supplies:** School supplies for our students are provided by the provincial government. Parents are responsible for sending in a backpack, morning snack, lunch, eating utensils, water bottle, and indoor footwear.
- **Peanut/Nut Free School:** Our school is peanut/nut free. Please make sure that any food sent to school is peanut/nut free as we have students and staff with life threatening allergies.
- **Water Bottles:** Our school has water bottle filling stations. We encourage all our students to bring a filled water bottle to school each day.
- **Labelling Belongings:** Please remember to label all your child's belongings: water bottles, footwear, clothing, kitbags, lunch bags, etc. This helps us return lost items to the rightful owner.
- **School Day:** Students can be dropped-off between 8:00am - 8:20am in the morning. It's important that all students arrive no later than 8:20 am. Morning announcements will take place at 8:25 and classes start at 8:30. At the end of the day kindergarten students will dismiss at 2:20, bus students will dismiss at 2:25 and all walkers/pick-ups will dismiss at 2:30pm.
- **Lunch Program:** There are two different options for ordering food;
 - Lunches can be ordered on The PEI School Food Program at <https://www.peischoolfood.ca/> starting August 30th. This is a pay what you can program, run by the Province of PEI.
 - Milk, ice cream and monthly pizza can be ordered on The West Kent Hot Lunch Program <https://westkent.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Instructions for the hotlunch program will be going home with students next week. The access code to register is **Kent**. Both school food programs will begin on Monday, September 8th. Please ensure your child has utensils each day as the vendors and school do not provide these.

- **Breakfast Program:** The Breakfast Program will start on Monday, September 8th. Breakfast program is open to all students and will happen each morning between 8:05-8:20 in the front lobby.

- **Breakfast Program Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to assist in getting breakfast ready for students each morning. If you or someone in your family is interested, please reach out to the school or email our Youth Worker, Marin McCabe mmccabe@edu.pe.ca Volunteers need to have an up-to-date criminal background check and can receive a letter from the office. Volunteers usually arrive at the school around 7:45am, and finish at 8:30am. We need volunteers to ensure that we can continue to offer the breakfast program to students. Thank you for your support with this.

- **Bussing:** Please make sure that you know what bus your child is taking home prior to the first day of school and communicate this with your homeroom teacher(s). You can find out bus pickup and drop-off times, register for busses and locations by accessing the Bus Planner website at <https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca>.

Homeroom teachers will be in touch with more information next week.

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West Kent Administration,

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Elizabeth MacKenzie – Vice Principal