

June 29 Newsletter



Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed,
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed:
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Principal's Message

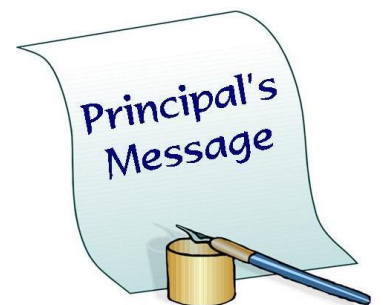
Thank you for a wonderful, busy, activity and fun year! I just love our kids and our staff AND our families!

A huge thanks to all parent volunteers and helpers- we could not do the things that make our school wonderful without you. Big thanks to our PAC for your leadership, long hours and great results.

Grade 7s- we wish you the very best for a wonderful summer and a great time in high school!

To the families leaving us for other schools- all the best!

To our new people- welcome!



Have a wonderful summer and we will see you on the first day of school, Sept. 4 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. only. Parents- please enjoy some coffee and goodies from our PAC while your students are in class for this very important first hour.

Wed. Sept. 5 is the first full day of school- 8:30 a.m. – 2: 25 p.m.

- New Kindergarten students: *please see item below for details.

Thank you all for another great year at Erma. This is truly a great place for kids.

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES

The following fees for the 2018/2019 school year are **optional**, as you may provide your own if you wish:

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY FEE \$40.00

RECORDERS (GRADE 4) \$7.00

PLANNERS (if your teacher requires them) **\$3.00**

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities, which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, an educational program will be provided at the school.

Fees may be charged for the following:

GRADE 7 BAND: All Erma Grade 7 students take part in Grade 7 Band. Instrument rental, music book and reeds as necessary, are purchased by the parents.

Where the ability to pay school fees is an issue, reasonable alternatives will be created or the fee will be waived. Please let the Band teacher or Principal know.

Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or, for your convenience, you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through SchoolStart. Payment is made directly to SchoolStart. Cost for supplies vary based on grade. As part of the provincial student learning grant, the student planner has been reduced to \$3 for the 2018-19 school year. The remaining funds from this learning grant have been used to provide learning resources to schools.



THANK YOU

We would like to say a big Thank You to Nesters, Starbucks and Tim Hortons for their wonderful support once again, for the Parent Appreciation table on Sports Day. It was fabulous to see so many parents come and have a coffee and a goodies, thanks to our local community partners.



SEPTEMBER and SCHOOL OPENING



As the summer begins to wind down, parents and children's minds will turn again to school.

We will look forward to seeing you in September after you have enjoyed your summer vacation. Information will be posted by the front entrance during the last week of August.

You DO NOT need to register your child if he/she attended Erma Stephenson this year.

The schedule for **Grades 1-7** will be as follows:

FIRST DAY BACK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 9:00 - 10:00 - NEW students will register
- 10:00 - 11:00 - ALL students go to classroom
(Room # will be posted by grades)
- 11:00 - DISMISSAL

SECOND DAY BACK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:35 - 2:40 - Go to the same room as yesterday.
Teachers will give instructions.

On Wednesday, students will be placed in temporary grade groupings which will continue until classes are set. We will work as quickly as possible to form classes. This could take a week or longer. We ask for your patience and understanding as we wade through the complex process of placing students. Staff are committed to organizing classes, which are balanced in terms of student performance and behavioral characteristics.

KINDERGARTENS

Kindergartens are on a gradual entry program.

Please follow the schedules you were given for Groups A or B.

Dates



September 4, 2018	First Day of School 10:00 - 11:00
September 20, 2018	Welcome Back Evening (PAC BBQ) 5:00-6:00
	Meet the Teacher 6:00 – 7:00
September 24, 2018	Non-Instructional Day #1
September 29, 2018	Terry Fox Run
October 8, 2018	Thanksgiving
October 10, 2018	Individual Photo Day
October 19, 2018	Non-Instructional Day #2
October 24, 2018	Early Dismissal 1:25 (Parent- Teacher Conferences)

GOODBYES



Inevitably each year brings changes, and this year we have to say some special goodbyes. Goodbye to all our Grade Sevens! We will miss you and we wish you all the best! We shall also be saying goodbye to several students within the school. To them too, we hope you carry happy memories of your time at Erma Stephenson and all our very best wishes go with you!

Goodbye and thank you to parents whose child(ren) will be going in to high school.

Thank you and goodbye to the following staff. It has been a pleasure working with you.:

Ms. Thiessen Grade 6/7

Mr. Wyatt Grade 5/6

Ms. Fong Grade 3/4

Ms. Howes Grade 1/2

Ms. Lazarowich Grade 2/3

Ms. Chen Grade 1

Ms. Lindsay Childcare Worker

We wish you the very best next year, wherever you may be!

Summer Memories

A wonderful, easy, fun activity for families is to make a Summer Memory poster. Simply take a sheet of paper and add things to it over the summer- photos, brochures, movie tickets, feathers, candy wrappers- things that remind you of what you did over the summer. It's fun!



Summer Sun

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.

Have a wonderful summer! See you in September 😊



