Soaring into a new school year - September 2012

To those of you who are returning to Esker Lake - Welcome Back! If you are new to our community - Welcome!

The entire staff have worked to make the school ready for the start of a new school year. We are set to soar and move into another exciting year in the education of your child!

Our school hours have changed! Please note that the school day begins at 8:35 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. Staff are on duty for supervision starting at 8:20 a.m. and students enter the school at 8:30. The full timetable is available in the agenda/parent handbook.

Esker Lake is a caring community where the partnership between home and school is valued and encouraged. We look forward to building a strong bond in order to ensure the success of your child while they are a student at our school. Children do better in school when parents and teachers work closely together.

We have a fine staff working to ensure the best education for all children.

The first Friday of every month is a SPIRIT DAY at Esker Lake. Students are encouraged to participate by dressing according to the special event and bringing a loonie donation. At the end of the year, the collected monies will be used to purchase toys and games for Brampton Civic Hospital Pediatric Ward. This Friday will be School Colours Day (green and blue).

We believe in responding to and reflecting the needs of our community, and, as such, we value open and ongoing communication between home and school.

Agendas will come home today with students in grades 1 through 5 and parent handbooks will come home with our kindergarten children on Friday. They provide valuable information about how our school and our board operate as well as providing a vehicle for ongoing links between home and the classroom.

Please make a commitment to reading a few pages each evening this week to ensure understanding of school policies and procedures and then use the agenda daily to maintain the connection between home and school.

Permission forms are also coming home this week and need to be completed and returned to the school where we will keep them on file for the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns and are unclear about anything, please contact the classroom teacher or the principal. We are here to serve you.

We are requesting a $5.00 donation from each child to cover the cost and appreciate your support of this valuable communication and organizational tool.

Friday Folders:
We will begin our Friday folder program this week with more information sharing about school start up. Please remove the information, sign and return the folder on Monday. These will come home every Friday for the entire year.
Being good for the Environment

In our ongoing effort to provide environmental stewardship to our community, we will be posting all newsletters on our website @ http://schools.peelschools.org/1475 no later than the last Friday of each month. If you require a printed copy, please complete and return the slip below to your child’s teacher. Don’t forget to bookmark our website for easy access and register to receive updates!

Join our school council—share your ideas

Every Peel school has a school council—a group focused on helping students succeed. School councils provide a voice for parents and the community and offer advice to the school principal on a number of topics.

We are holding our school council election on Thursday September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in our school library.

If you would like to know more or are interested in joining our council, please contact the office or visit the board or our school website.

Best wishes are extended to the staff, students, parents and community members who will be celebrating special days during September.

On Our Website

- This newsletter
- September calendar
- Copies (and links to translations) of permission forms
- Days of Commemoration and Celebration

Important Inserts:

Please read over the following additions to this newsletter:

- letter regarding duty to report children in need of protection from Tony Pontes
- letter regarding students with life-threatening allergies and safe foods from Mrs. Muma
- envelope regarding student insurance
- Safe Schools Brochure
- Permission forms package

Happy New Year! Here’s to a great 2012-2013 school year!

Request for printed copies of newsletters

I require a printed copy of the newsletter and calendar.

Student Name: ........................................................................................................

Teacher: ..................................................................................................................

Parent Signature: .................................................................................................

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