August 29, 2022 BACK TO SCHOOL!

Hello Everyone!

We are very excited to start back to school in person and to welcome your children into the building! This is a quick note about a few start up items. I will post information on our website as well (<https://egr.bwdsb.on.ca/>).

**WHAT TO BRING?**

We will provide your child with all the essential learning materials but please read through personal essential items as well as optional items.

**Items that all students need on a daily basis**

-Lunch bag

-Water Bottle (please wash regularly at home with warm, soapy water)

-Back pack

-Appropriate outerwear for the weather (rain, snow, temperature) every day rain, shine or snow!

-Kindergarten: change of clothes, extra socks and extra mitts in winter

-Indoor shoes appropriate for participating in physical education

-Outdoor shoes appropriate for participating in outdoor physical activity

***\*We have access to funding should anyone need support with any of these items (cathy\_griffin@bwdsb.on.ca)***

We will provide what your child needs for learning but recognize that many of you would like to send your children in with their own tools. This is optional! These are some items you might consider:

-pencils

-eraser

-crayons

-markers (please not for Kindergarten)

-scissors

-glue stick

-rulers

-highlighters

-headphones/earbuds

It is helpful for **Junior/Intermediate students** to have their own calculator, ruler, binder, highlighters and headphones or earbuds. However, we will provide these to those who do not have their own.

**WHAT CLASS WILL MY CHILD BE IN?**

An email will be sent out Friday night from either your child’s teacher or myself to let you know which class they will be in on Tuesday September 6th. If for some reason, you miss this communication, we will have lots of staff on hand to get your child to the correct place on Tuesday (see next section).

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN THE MORNING OF TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH?**

We will have staff to meet students at the driveway sidewalk (walkers or students dropped at the Optimist Centre) and on their busses. Classroom teachers will be positioned with signs to meet their students: Grade 1-3 students at the back door of the school and Grade 4-8 at the front door of the school (nearest the road).

We will send Kindergarten students first to meet their teachers at the back door of the school. Then the Grade 1-3 students and finally, Grades 4-8. All our staff will be wearing their orange vests to make us more visible!

Students may be dropped off in the bus loop AFTER all the busses have left. When given the OK signal, please move as far forward as you can before unloading so we can unload everyone as efficiently as possible. We will make sure students get to their class. Please DO NOT unload students anywhere but to the sidewalk beside the school.

We encourage all parents/family to say goodbye to their children at the road but understand that new students may need the reassurance of their parent taking them to their line. However, the students will need to go into the school on their own.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** [**https://egr.bwdsb.on.ca/**](https://egr.bwdsb.on.ca/)

-Egremont School Handbook with Code of Conduct and Dress code will be posted to our website this week

-School Year Calendar is attached to this email and posted on our website1

I could use your help to make sure other parents received this email. To receive school emails, parents have to share their email addresses with Mrs. Timmins in the office. Once we have it in the system, they can register with school messenger ([www.schoolmessenger.com/start](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/start,)). Please feel free to contact me with questions by phone or via email at [Cathy\_griffin@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:Cathy_griffin@bwdsb.on.ca)

Sincerely,

Cathy Griffin

Principal – Egremont Community School