



CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Canterbury Elementary School Families,

Greetings from your school! Welcome to our new school year and welcome to our newest families! Thank you for your responses on our survey. We look forward to welcoming you back to school. **We have missed you.**

In this summer packet, you will find important information to start the year, including your child's teacher. All students are assigned a homeroom teacher if you have selected the Hybrid or Full Remote option. Please see the outside address label of this mailing for the abbreviation of your child's teacher. Enclosed is a staff list to assist you with full names. We will help children locate these teachers' rooms when they arrive on their first day.


Open House = Orientation 2020	
Since we cannot conduct Open House in our usual manner, we are preparing for you...	
1. Remote grade level introductions	Next Wednesday, August 26th , we will post Power Points so that you and your children can view them. You will meet the teachers at the grade level and see pictures of what our classrooms now look like.
2. New arrival and dismissal practice	Next Thursday, August 27th , we will provide an opportunity for you to practice our new routines. This will happen at the normal times for arrival and dismissal (8:00 AM and 3:00 PM) On Tuesday, August 25th, specific instructions for these protocols will be posted and available to you. During practice, students will remain in the cars.
Please see Superintendent Rioux's letter posted 8/14/2020 for details of our opening and how our school will look differently	
3. Computer trainings for families will be offered	We have selected a new program for our youngest students because it is more user friendly for them. It is called SeeSaw. We will use it for grades PK-2. Google Classroom will continue to be used in grades 3-8. Classroom Dojo will also be used by all grades in the building. More information on the trainings to follow.

In the hybrid model, Cohort A (Families with last names from A-L) will start school in person on Monday, August 31st. Cohort B (Families with last names from M-Z) will start school in person on Thursday, September 3rd. Students on the Full Remote schedule will begin school that week. More details to follow next week directly to these families.

We welcome three new staff members in the building. Ms. Huband joins us from Baldwin Middle School as our new 4th Grade Teacher. Mr. Burke joins us as our new Special Education Case Manager. Ms. Teper joins us from the middle school as a paraprofessional. We bid a fond farewell for the year to Mrs. Fitch and Mr. Gibson, two of our paraprofessionals who will be joining the middle school staff this year. In addition to new teachers, existing staff have taken on new roles in the building.

Mrs. Pisowloski, Grade 2	Mrs. Goodwin, Grade 2
Mr. Kolodziej, Grade 3	Mrs. Bahre, Special Education Case Manager

I know that you have many questions and we will continue to reach out to you. Together we can practice protocols that will protect us and our community. Thank you for your continued support and for all the ways in which you nurture your child's education and well-being. It is a pleasure collaborating with you.

Respectfully,  Sarah Cary, Principal