

September 2017 Newsletter



Jack Kemp Community School

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September Important Dates

- Sept. 12 Muffin Morning 8:00 to 8:50 AM
- Sept. 13 Early Dismissal 2:30 pm
- Sept. 19 Picture Day all students
- Sept. 20 Picture Day for K1 Kindergarten
- Sept. 20 SCC Meeting 12:10pm
- Sept. 22 Terry Fox Walk
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and that you are as excited as we are about a super year of learning, fun and achieving our personal best! Welcome, also, to our many new Jack Kemp families. We look forward to getting to know you.

I encourage all families to participate in making our school year a success. Please plan to attend school events, and encourage your children to become involved in our school clubs and sports teams over the course of the year.

All parents & guardians are invited to join us for Muffin Morning on Tuesday, Sept. 12th from 8 - 8:50 a.m. This is a chance to see your child's classroom and to meet his or her teacher. It is a come and go event. Hope to see you there!

New School Nutrition/Breakfast Program

JKCS is fortunate to have received a special grant from the Alberta Government to enhance nutrition for our students. We are just getting this exciting program planned and off the ground, but here is what students can look forward to this year:

- breakfast available in the servery from 8:30 - 8:50 a.m. daily
- nutritious breakfast options available to all students in every classroom prior to first recess

Please note the new start time for our Breakfast Program. Students are welcome to arrive any time beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is no childcare or supervision available prior to 8:30 a.m. each morning.

Welcome to our new & returning staff:

Miss Woodbury - Grade 6

Miss Watson - Grade 3

Mrs. Wirachowsky - Grade 1

Mrs. Bishop - Grade 1

Mrs. Labonte - Grade 3

Mrs. Richards - Literacy Lead Teacher

Ms. McLean - Grade 3 Intern

Mrs. Dembicki - EA

Ms. Belsheim - EA

Mrs. Kluk - EA

Mrs. Williams - EA

Mrs. Thoresen - Library Technician

Mrs. Korn - Nutrition Worker

Here's to a great start to the school year! Please feel free to contact me and the staff at the school any time to share questions, ideas or concerns.

Jack Kemp School Forms New registration forms have been sent home. All parents /guardians must update and return them as soon as possible. **Please remember to sign in the two highlighted places.**

School fees are due: Grades 1 to 6 students pay a \$20.00 registration fee. If you have not given the school a copy of your child's birth certificate please bring one to the office for your child's file.

Early Dismissal Days Again this year, students will be **dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.** All other days will go to 3:30 p.m.

Student Attendance Students are most successful when they attend school regularly and on time. At JKCS, we expect students to arrive at school every day on time. Please plan for your child to arrive at school no later than 8:53 a.m. If your child will be away, please call the school between 8:00 and 8:53 a.m. to notify our secretary.

Photo Day is Coming

- Tuesday, September 19 for Tuesday Kindergarten classes, and Grades 1 to 6
- Wednesday, September 20 for the Wednesday Kindergarten Class

Flyers will be sent home from Life Touch and should be returned the day of pictures to the photographer. Please choose the pose and color for your child's picture. Proofs will be sent home at a later date and at that time you can choose to order or not. Please do not send money on picture day.

Milk Sales Chocolate and white milk will be sold at lunch hour for \$1.00. A punch card for 10 milk can be purchased at the office for \$10.00.

After-School/Pick-up Plans

When at all possible, please plan ahead with your child about after-school plans and rides home. Writing a note in your child's agenda is also helpful. Thank you for your help with this.

Bus Zone

Jack Kemp Community School has various transportation plans throughout the entire school day including the regular busing schedule, busing for our prekindergarten program and many fieldtrips. The bus zone in front of the school is to be reserved for busses only, including before and after school.

Please do not park in this area at any time.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Crosswalks and Safety Patrollers

Many students and families frequently use the crosswalks in front of and around our school throughout the day. Please be mindful of the 30 km/hour speed zone, yield to pedestrians and respect the signals of our student Safety Patrollers.

Our Safety Patrollers 'point' their arms to indicate someone wants to cross, call across to each other when it is safe, then extend their stop signs when pedestrians may cross.

Thank you for keeping our students and families safe!

Please avoid parking in marked crosswalks and respect laws for leaving distance between your vehicle and the crosswalks.

School Community Council We encourage parents to attend our School Community Council meetings and to volunteer to assist with activities. The SCC works to support school goals for learning and student wellness. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with our first meeting being on Wednesday, September 20th from 12:10 - 12:55 p.m. Lunch will be served and childcare is available.