



## WELCOME BACK AND WELCOME TO BEACON HILL

It is that time of the year already! School starts next week, and the staff has been working hard getting ready for the return of students.

I would like to welcome all our new and returning families back for another wonderful year at Beacon Hill. We are very excited about the year ahead.

### CURRICULUM EVENING

Curriculum evening will be held on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, in person, at the school. There will be sessions for you to choose from (or in the case of more than one child): 6:00 – 6:30 and 6:40 – 7:10.

These sessions are intended for parents / guardians **ONLY**.

The Grade level teachers will be presenting together. Staff members will be in the front foyer to help guide you to the classrooms. Please remember that this an evening where the teachers will explain and share the curriculum and classroom expectations. Please follow the link below to access the evaluation and reporting document for Grade 1 to Grade 6 for the 2023-24 school year:

<https://beaconhill.lbpsb.qc.ca/Portals/beaconhill/Documents/Evaluation.pdf?ver=2023-07-04-192433-797>

Please feel free to bring in your child's school supplies at this time in a bag with your child's name clearly indicated. As well, please be sure to label all items. The supply lists are still available on the school website.

If you choose not to bring them on curriculum evening, please be sure to send them in on the first day of school.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The K4 and K5 students have their separate progressive entry schedules. Grades 1 – 6 will have a full day of school and resume their regular routine (daycare and bus). The media will be here in the morning, and we will be on the news! They would like to capture the excitement of the first day of school at Beacon Hill

## LUNCH – SNACKS – WATER BOTTLES

Don't forget to pack a lunch and snacks. We ask that you please refrain from sending nut products to school as we have students with serious allergies. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

It is very important that every student brings a refillable water bottle to school every day. Students have access to the water fountains to refill their water bottles, and as well to drink from.

## ALLERGIES

If your child requires the use of an epi-pen/ asthma pump please be sure to send it in for the first day of school. We ask that the epi-pen / pump be clearly labeled with your child's name. Please check the expiration dates. You may also come to drop it at the office in person as of Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any other medical concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school at any time.

## MORNING DROP OFF FOR STUDENTS ARRIVING BY CAR

The drop off zone is around the back in the staff parking lot. A staff member is there to greet your child and to help escort them out of the car. Please make sure that they are ready to exit the car on the right side, along with their school bag and what they need for their day.

If you are driving your child to school, please see the procedure below:

MORNING ENTRY PROCEDURE FROM 7:50 – 8:00 – staff are on supervision.

Students are expected to arrive to school by 8:00 am. Please help us help your child off to a great start to the day by arriving on time. It is very disruptive when students arrive late as the teachers begin the daily routine at 8:00. As well, students begin Phys. Ed, Music and Drama at 8:00 – and if your child is late – the school needs to locate where their class is, which is also disruptive to your child's routine and that of the other

students. We do understand that late arrivals do happen occasionally, however, please make the effort to arrive on time.

The school busses will use the semi – circle in front of the school. Please do not enter this area with your vehicle during this time.

If your child arrives late (after 8:00 a.m.) we ask that you please use the semi – circle in front of the school to park and drop off. Please accompany your child to the front door and wait to be greeted by a staff member before leaving.

## PARKING

There is plenty of parking areas available for parents around the school. There is also a large parking lot behind the soccer field off Elgin. You may park on the side streets around the school but please pay attention to parking signs and restrictions that may apply.

There is absolutely NO PARKING in the staff parking lot off Harwood Gate. The staff population has grown once again, and we need every parking spot for staff members. We ask that you please respect the NO PARKING in the staff parking lot – it is essential that all members have a parking spot upon arrival to school each day. They do not have the time to circle the neighborhood waiting for a spot to be available. We need to ensure that staff are here on time and ready to start the day with their students. This applies to before and after school as well.

## SCHOOL PROPERTY

We ask that parents please do not stand or walk through the asphalt area where the students are. We have adequate supervision with our daycare and teaching staff. Parents should be away from this area and should not be interacting with students. We ask that animals be always kept on a leash and away from the staff and students.

Our staff's focus is to supervise the students and keep them safe. That is and will always be our priority.

During morning entry – please stand up on the hill by the Grade 1 door, back near the drums for the K4 door and on the grass for the other grades.

We rely and depend upon your support and cooperation.

## WELCOME BACK PACKAGE

All students will receive a package on the first days of school. Please take the time to look through all the forms and return them to the school promptly. The consumable fees and instructions for payment will be included as well.

August 29th: Curriculum evening – parents / guardians only

August 31<sup>st</sup>: First day of school (full day for Grade 1 – 6)

Scheduled days for K4 and K5.

September 11<sup>th</sup>: Home and School AGM and Meeting (7:00)

September 13<sup>th</sup>: School Photo Day

September 22<sup>nd</sup>: PED day

September 28<sup>th</sup>: Governing Board AGM and Meeting (5:30)

September 29<sup>th</sup>: Orange Shirt Day – STUDENT COUNT DAY

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. Please never hesitate to reach out to the school should you require any further information – we would be happy to help.

Have a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

*Natalie Maurice*

*Principal*

*Beacon Hill Elementary School*