



## R.M. Grauer Elementary School

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### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND A BRAND NEW YEAR!

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to all of our returning Grauer families and a special welcome to the many families that have joined the Grauer community this school year. We hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer! We look forward, with excitement, to the upcoming school year. We are so happy to see you after the summer holidays looking healthy and re-energized!

I have always felt it as a privilege to be working with the wonderful Grauer community for the past few years. With anticipation I am looking forward to continually working very closely with students, parents and families, and serving the community this coming year. At our school, we see education as a partnership process and one of our main jobs will be to facilitate this vision. We encourage parents to continue to be part of your child's school experience. We wish for an excellent year for each member of our "Team Phoenix". Please do not hesitate to approach us for any reason throughout the school year, as your partnership is a vital part of our community.

As always, with support from the parents, this year we will be working diligently on our school goal of getting better at numeracy, i.e. extending reading for information strategies into the subject content area of mathematics and communicating mathematical thinking and processes using mathematical language. Social Responsibility and Healthy School will remain as our maintenance goals.

As of today we are still registering new students at Grauer, and students will not be assigned to their classroom for the year until Friday, September 11th. During this first week however, all students will be actively engaged in learning activities with their teachers. Please take note of the plan below that outlines our first few days of school. On Tuesday, September 15th, we will send home a full newsletter with forms and other information.

Sincerely,

Anna Ho, Principal



### PLANS FOR THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL Tues., Sept. 8 – Fri., Sept. 11, 2015

**Returning Grade 1-7 students** will be with their former divisions until Friday.

We will place **new students (Grades 1-7)** in a temporary division until we have organized classes for the year.

**New Kindergarten students** will be introduced to Grauer via a gradual entry schedule until Sep 16<sup>th</sup>.

For the first week, the students will be working through a series of activities focused on respecting themselves, others and the world around them. Our STAR program (Safety, Teamwork, Action, Respect) will be the emphasis for the week. Our goal is to have students (Grades 1 - 7) move to their new classes and meet their new teachers on Friday afternoon.

*Parents, please arrange a designated place to meet/pick up your child on Friday as they will be in their new classroom.*

### PLEASE NOTE



#### **Monday, September 14 @ 6:30 pm**

**First PAC Meeting** – This is a fantastic opportunity to meet parents and become involved in our school community. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us as we kick off our PAC activities for the year. Our senior students will provide child minding, for children over age 3.

#### **Thursday, September 24 from 5:00-7:00pm**

#### **Meet The Teachers Night, Open House, Multi-Cultural Dinner & Used Book Sale Library Fundraiser**

This is a great opportunity to meet our wonderful staff & Grauer families! Stay tuned for further details about this night!

**Please note, our first Pro-D day will be on Friday, September 25** – school will not be in session

#### **Safety In and Around the School**

Please drive slowly and carefully around the school grounds. The school zone speed limit of 30 km per hour is in effect from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Parents, please be reminded not to park in the Drop Off Zone. If you can walk your children to school this would encourage physical activity and reduce our carbon footprint.

#### **School Hours**

Please take note of our regular school hours from Monday to Friday – 8:42 am to 2:35 pm. (Kindergarten parents have been advised of hours of gradual entry until Wednesday, September 16).

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