



Garden Avenue Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009 - 2010 school year! We have all been working very hard to get ready for all the students and their families. Thank you to Luba, our office administrator, all our teachers and Alex and Al, our custodians, for all their efforts! I look forward to working with you, as we have an action-packed year planned. **I would like to mention a few activities which are coming up in the near future: the Parent Council general meeting (Sept. 17); the QSP magazine fundraiser kick-off on September 28th and Picture Day (September 30th).** I encourage you to get involved with the School Parent Council. Our School Council Co-chairs are Carole Reynolds and Jennifer Sutherland, who have already started planning for the year.

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer and I am sure the students are excited to see their school friends and teachers. Certainly, the students have been reading and learning all summer and are ready to continue their learning at school.

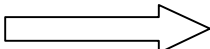
The new Junior Kindergarten parents will have received a letter indicating the date of their child's staggered entry. **All** Kindergarten students are met and dismissed by the teachers in the Kindergarten playground.

JUNE / SEPTEMBER CLASS PLACEMENTS

Class placements may be temporary until our actual student population re-enters the school. In an effort to equalize class sizes and respect the primary classroom caps, **students may find that their class placements may change in the next week or so.** Also, our staffing model may have to change in order to facilitate this. We endeavor to make as few changes as possible, as this helps the students and their teachers. **If your child's placement changes, you will be informed by telephone call and a follow-up letter.**

STUDENT PACKAGE

You will receive a student package of information by the end of the week. This information is very important and we ask that, parents fill out the forms and review the information with their child before sending the completed forms back to school.

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The registration form for our School Lunch Program will be sent home shortly.

Please note that our Lunch Program is available for those students in Grades 1-6 who have no other supervision available, for example, no parent or guardian at home. Our lunch program is significantly over-crowded and children who can go home for lunch are expected to do so. (More information is in the Parent Handbook)

Safety Note: We try to be a "peanut, nut, sesame seed and hummus free environment", to reduce the chance of life-threatening reactions, as we aspire to make the school environment safe for all students.

"New" Day 1-Day 5 calendar cycle

This year Garden Avenue P.S. will be operating with a Day 1-Day 5 calendar as opposed to a Monday-Friday calendar. We will be sending home monthly calendars which indicate this cycle. This will ensure that activities rotate more equitably throughout the year.

Join us for an action packed September. Thank-you for your support and please drop by the office to say hello as we begin the year!

Sincerely,

Martha Peterson

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Principal