



Principal's Message September 2021

Welcome back!

Welcome to Pine Street Elementary. If you are returning to the school, we are thrilled to welcome you back, and a huge Pine Street welcome to our many new families as well. The staff are excited about beginning the new school year and working with you and your children. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children during these unique times. By working together, we can ensure that all our students, your children, receive an excellent education and have a wonderful experience during their time at Pine Street.

We have had a busy summer with our custodian and teachers busy getting the school ready for the return of our students. We are maintaining our current timetable to allow us to somewhat cohort our students and staff to make Pines Street as safe and welcoming as possible during these unique times with the Covid-19 pandemic. Everything has been cleaned, sterilized and the classrooms have been reorganized to get ready for our amazing students and make sure they are safe.

September is an exciting time for children especially this year coming back from the restrictions we had last year to a somewhat restriction reduced school. Teachers are also excited to see their students again face to face. All of us are embarking upon a new school year with a lot of changes but also with eagerness and anticipation to be back. We are looking to forge new friendships, meet new teachers and learn new routines. Pine Street Elementary is a safe and caring learning community that values parental input be that in person or electronically. We work together with our families to make sure we are making the absolute best educational decisions for all students, your children. Teachers will keep you informed of classroom activities and write classroom newsletters regularly. Every second week the "Bears Blog" is posted on our website and emailed out to keep you informed of school news, events, and meeting dates. As well please feel free to phone or email your child's teacher to share your ideas on how to best help your child be successful, or with any concerns in the classroom. Thank you for partnering with us to make Pine Street Elementary such a wonderful place to learn, grow and prepare our student to have amazing futures.

We would also like to encourage parents and guardians to be part of our (SAC) Pine Street School Advisory Council. All parents are part of this parent group and are welcome to attend the SAC meetings to share in the development of School Advisory Council business, fundraising or just sharing how to make our school a better place. Our first meeting will be September 14 online.

I look forward to meeting all of you. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to discuss, please feel free to call me at the school or schedule an appointment. Again, welcome to Pine Street Elementary and thank you for entrusting your children to us! I am looking forward to having a great year of learning with all of you. For more information, please visit our website www.pinestreet.ca

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Principal