

Week of September 8, 2020

Dear Half Moon Bay students and their families,

Happy Sunday of a beautiful long weekend!



**to all of our students!** We are all preparing our classrooms for the arrival of YOU, the best students in the universe. We are designing our classrooms to optimize your safety and learning, meeting with your teachers to plan amazing lessons, and practicing some outdoor learning activities so you can learn and move outside! Mrs. Lira, Mrs Nesrallah, Mrs. Nascimento and Mr. Harry will be teaching us this week on some safe and creative ways to get moving outdoors. We will share some pictures with you. See you all very soon!

**For your parents/guardians:**

## What we know:

The confirmed start dates for all Half Moon Bay students:

Thursday, September 10	Friday, September 11	Tuesday, September 15	Wednesday September 16	Thursday September 17	Friday September 18
Kindergarten Intakes	Kindergarten Intakes	Grade 1 Grade 2	Grade 1 Grade 2	Grade 1 Grade 2	Our First Friday together!
Year 1 JK students	Year 1 JK students		Grade 3 Grade 4	Grade 3 Grade 4	
			All Year 1 (JK)	Grade 5 Grade 6	
			All EDP SK Students only	All Year 1 (JK)	
				All Year 2 (SK)	

\*\*\*\*Note: Students enrolled in EDP may only attend on the day that they are in school.

- **JK STUDENTS:** Our Year 1 (JK) students will receive an e-mail from our Kindergarten team and an invitation to attend a VIRTUAL intake meeting this Thursday or Friday. Watch your inboxes, coming soon!
- **STUDENT BELONGINGS/CHROMEBOOK PICK UP/DROP OFF**

On Wednesday, September 9 from 8:30 am to 5 pm, you are invited to:

Pick up ChromeBooks for Remote Learning
Drop off ChromeBooks from Remote Learning from March-June 2020
Collect student belongings (not picked up in June)
Collect missing items in our LOST and FOUND

We will be following covid-19 protocols and will have all items set up outside. Please follow signage when you arrive at the school.

- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** The OCDSB has shared the school supply list (see below), and The Four Most Important Things for Students to Bring to School Each Day are:
  1. Backpack and lunch
  2. Mask (Grade 4-12, school supplied and reusable, bring daily)
  3. Refillable water bottle- LABELLED
  4. Dressing in layers

School supplies are voluntary. The school will have supplies available for students. Some families prefer to buy them, and if so, this [voluntary supply list](#) provides an idea of the kinds of supplies that are used by grade.

School supplies cannot be shared between students in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

If a student brings supplies, they should be labelled and stored in a pencil case (or a resealable plastic bag) for personal use.

Students will be keeping all supplies at their desk. If you choose to send supplies, keep it to a minimum and replenish throughout the year.

READ MORE ABOUT [Elementary School Supplies](#).

**What we are working on:**

- Teachers are creating classroom setups to ensure that social distance is maximized in each classroom;

- Staff are preparing protocols for safe arrival and dismissal for students and their families;
- Homeroom teachers are working on welcome letters to send to their students before the first day of school;
- Staff are collaborating on a video to give you a view of our classroom environment, our hallways and entrance and exit procedures. Lights, camera, action!

## What you can be working on with your child:

- Talk with your child about returning to school with a focus on the joy of learning, seeing their friends and reconnecting with staff! (Staff are so excited about your children returning to school. We have missed our students so much!
- Practice hand washing;
- Practice wearing a mask;
- Watch our welcome video (when it arrives in your inbox) with your child.

Best of luck to VP Loretta Dupuis who is the new VP at Jockvale Elementary School.

Wishing you a lovely week ahead,



Aisling O'Donnell & Harry de Roo

Proud Administrative Team of  
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