



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

September has arrived! On behalf of myself and the entire Mary Street CS Staff, we are excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Class placements are now available in the *Parent Portal*. You received an email this week on how to access this info. We can also share class placements on Tuesday when you arrive. A lot of consideration went into creating balanced class placements that will help all students find success and connections.

With the return to school, it's a time of new routines, different sleep patterns, and different opportunities and demands throughout the day. As the first few weeks pass, the changes will settle in and the journey will blossom. Stick with it! Attendance is critical.

Have a *Wonderful* September! It's an honour to serve the Mary Street Community and work with you and your children.

Paul Reed
Principal

QUICK REMINDERS

- **School Hours.** Drop off is at 8:40am. There is no supervision prior to that. The entry bell is at 8:50am. Dismissal is at 3:10pm.
- **Water bottle or cup.** Students must bring one from home. We have water bottle-filling stations but *no* water fountains.
- **Food.** Please send snacks *and* lunch, for those who stay for lunch.
- **Clean set of clothes.** For younger students as well as older ones who require it, please send a change of clean clothes. This will save you a trip to the school if your child has a bathroom accident or spill.
- **Indoor Shoes.** Students require shoes for gym class and for indoor use during wet and snowy weather.
- **Parking lot.** The parking lot is now on Colborne St. If you drive to school and park on the road, or in the lot, you will need to walk around the school to the main entrance.
- **Breakfast Club** will start later in the month.

Classes:

Kindergarten—Room 1
Mrs. Boekee & Ms. Blakely

Kindergarten—Room 8
Ms. Munawar & Mrs.
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Grade 1—Room 2
Ms. Kipp

Grade 1 / 2—Room 5
Ms. Fantaske

Grade 2 / 3—Room 7
Ms. Heath

Grade 3—Room 6
Mrs. Do

Grade 4 / 5— Portable 2
Mrs. Mitchell

Grade 5 / 6—Portable 1
Ms. Meadus

Grade 6 / 7 - Portable 3
Mr. Rowntree

Grade 8—Room 3
Ms. Jerva / Mrs. Deklerk



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

With the construction project, the year ahead will be filled with changes and challenges. Together, we will navigate things to make sure that *everyone* is safe and informed.

Entrances

The Main Entrance is now on the corner of Mary St. and William St. Please use the buzzer and we will welcome you into the building. Students will exit the building through the north doors near the library (On Colborne St.). Classes in the portables will enter and exit directly from the portable.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up—Grade 1 to 8

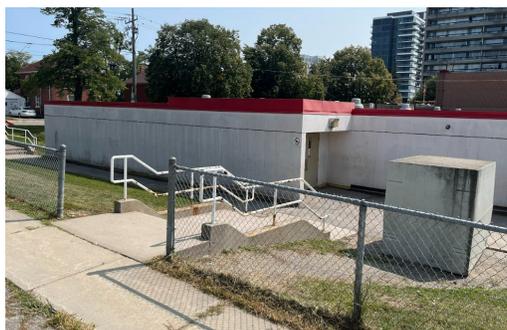
During these times, students can come and go through two locations: 1) the stairs on Colborne St. Or 2) the gate on the corner of Colborne St. and Ontario St. With our reduced yard space, adults will be required to **remain on the sidewalk** during drop-off and pick-up times.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up—Kindergarten

Our new kindergarten pen should be built next week. Until then, kindergarten pick-up and drop off will be at the Main Entrance. In the morning, you can drop your students off at the gym. In the afternoon, we will hand your child off to you at the main entrance. Once the pen is complete, we will transition to our normal outdoor routine.



Main Entrance
Mary St. and William St.



Drop-Off / Pick-Up Location #1
Colborne St. (Gr. 1-3 will be here at 3:10pm)



Drop-Off / Pick-Up Location #2
Colborne St. and Ontario St.

Again, for student safety and to reduce overcrowding, **adults are required to stay outside the fence. Thank you!**