



A Note from the Principal

Ms Pam Woronko

Dear Parents,
This just may be the most excited I have ever been for a new school year. We have a new school building and the space is going to be amazing to learn in.

Every time I think about our new school year, it sends goosebumps up my neck.

Our school, at the Italian Cultural Centre, was wonderful... but this new home, you walk in through some beautiful glass doors with our reception area on the other side.

The school has blue feature walls throughout that match the carpeting and all of the lockers and cabinets. The blue is a very calming shade.

There are hallways!

I know that sounds ridiculous, but there were not many places to go in our old location. At our new location, the library, kitchen and art room are stunning.

I particularly love the open concept of the library and how it is a central area for the whole school.

All the classrooms have big, amazing windows that provide beautiful lighting, as well as some pretty great views.

My favourite part, though, is my very own office! I cannot wait for you all to see it.

Ms Sarah and Ms Andrea have had an up-and-down summer with the location project, and I am personally extremely thankful for all of their efforts and for all they have gone through to make the continuance of WMA a reality.

The school, upon opening on Sept. 5, will still have a few finishing touches needed, but it is right now a safe and comfortable learning space for all of our students.

As I said, I am excited, but I am also aware that there will be some things that we will have to iron out as a school community. As you will read in this parent handbook, we have a drop-off and pick-up policy or plan, but this may very



well be a work in progress. We will need to give it a couple of weeks and see what works well and what may not be working. Please provide feedback and ideas with patience and understanding at the forefront. We have done a lot of research on how to do this best, but do understand that it may need tweaking.

Our opening day is going to be an open house with orientation information given to you by your classroom teachers. Please come anytime throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We want you all to come and see the space, and have some time to chat with your teacher and allow all the students to see their new school. And please feel free to bring siblings that do not attend our school along with you.

I hope that you all had a good summer and that you and your families or loved ones were not affected by all the fires in B.C. (The Canadian Red Cross is accepting monetary donations either [online](#) or you can call 1-800-418-1111.)

I look forward to seeing you all and watching you take in our wonderful new space.

See you on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

– Ms Pam