



## **DANTE SCHOOL**

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Monday October 3, 2016

Dear Parents,

Please take note of the following.

1. Monday October 10, 2016 is the statutory Thanksgiving Holiday for all teachers and support staff. Consequently, there will be no school for students.
2. The first Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 7:00 in the staff lounge.
3. The first Parent Participation Organization (PPO) meeting will be held on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 6:15 in the staff lounge. Those who wish to join should present themselves at that time.
4. On Friday October 14, 2016 the students will be receiving their interim report cards.

5. Lunch Supervision Fees:

The lunch supervision program provided at the school is intended to be a self-financing one. This means that the salaries paid to the lunch monitors comes from the parents of the children who are using the service. It is therefore, very important that all parents pay their lunch supervision fees, otherwise we could find ourselves in a deficit at the end of the year and we would have to cover the monitors' salaries from other funds earmarked for student activities. Consequently, please make every effort to submit your lunch fees to the school as quickly as possible. Should there be some problem concerning the payment of your fees, please contact the office so that we can discuss the matter and come to some arrangement.

6. School Discipline:

As a parent we sometimes become very upset when our child comes home complaining about being aggressed, teased or bothered by another student in the school. We understand those feeling and the desire to protect our child. Those feelings, however, in no way gives us license to confront the troublesome child in the school yard. I am sure that you would not like it some parent started yelling at your child while he/she was at school. So don't do it to other children. It can be very traumatizing and intimidating. If your child has a problem with other students bring it to the attention of the school administration. We will handle it but in no way should you do so on your own. Also, you could find yourself in hot water with the police.

7. Entry to the School Yard

All students must enter the school yard on Come Street. Please do not use the entrance near the staff parking lot due to safety concerns for the children.

8. Buses

At dismissal, students cannot be picked up at the bus area. No student will be given to a parent at this time due to safety concerns. Please pick up your child at their bus stop.

Any changes must be written in agenda. Last minute changes should be made only before 3:00pm. Please refrain from calling the office after 3:00pm for changes, they will not be honoured.



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Tuesday September 7, 2016

- Principal's Message:

I'd like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacation. I hope everyone had a good time and that all is well with you and your family. We are looking forward to a good year filled with plenty of learning opportunities and educational activities that will provide lifelong memories for everyone in the Dante Family.

- Extremely Important Message:

The Administration has made every effort to grant our parents' wishes with regard to who their child's teacher will be this year. Many changes were made as long as there were no mitigating reasons not to do so. Now that classes have begun and the students have met with their teachers, the administration will not make any more accommodations. **All students will remain in the classes and the teachers they were assigned to. Please do not call the school asking us to put your child into another class. We will not do so!**

- Very important Notice:

A curriculum night will be held on **Thursday, September 22, 2016**. This is an opportunity for all the parents, except kindergarten, to meet their child's teacher and to provide you with important information for the school year. The teachers will meet the parents, in two sessions, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- Governing Board Elections & PPO

Following the meeting with the teachers, there will be a meeting of the parents to elect 7 new representatives to the governing board for a two (2) year term. We will also hold a vote to determine if the parents want a Parent Participation Organization. This meeting will be held from 7:15p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Please make a note of this event on your agenda.

Any parent of a child attending Dante School may stand for election for a position on the governing board. All nominations must be seconded by another parent who is in attendance at the election meeting. You may also declare your intention to run by filling in the form below.

- Dante Welcoming Activity:

On Monday, September 12, 2016 we will be having our annual Welcoming Day Activity. All our students will be served fresh corn, apple juice and popsicles compliments of the PPO & GB. The children in grades pre-k to grade 2 will be served one ear of corn each. The rest of the children will receive two ears each. If you feel that this is sufficient, you do not have to provide your son or daughter with a lunch on that day. After lunch, the rest of the afternoon will be spent doing various outdoor activities.

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Walkers, children who go home for lunch, are not to come back to school before 12:29 pm Parents of students who return to school, after having eaten lunch at home, who return before 12:29 must pay \$ 2.00 per day for lunch supervision as their child is being supervised by a lunch monitor. After 12:29, supervision is done by teachers so there is no charge.

Please make every effort to submit your lunch fees to the school as quickly as possible. Should there be some problem concerning the payment of your fees, please contact the office so that we can discuss the matter and come to some arrangement.

**Parents whose children are in daycare have already paid for lunch supervision with their Daycare fees.**

- Supervision of Students in the Morning:

I would like all the parents to be aware of the following. Students who attend daycare are supervised by the daycare educators every morning from 7:00 am until 8:42 am.

At 8:42 am, the bell rings to enter school, all the students are supervised by a team of teachers who have been assigned to bus and yard supervision.

Students who come to school before 8:42 am and who are not in daycare are not being supervised by an adult who is responsible for their welfare. Parents cannot assume that because they drop their child off at the school before 8:42 am that their child will automatically be supervised by an adult. This is a huge responsibility that cannot be involuntarily foisted upon someone. If your child is not in daycare, please refrain from dropping your child off at school before 8:42 am.

- Please observe the traffic signs posted around the school. In areas where the signs say "Débarquement" please remember that there is 15 minute parking. Do not stop in the bus zone in back of the school, as that is now a no stopping space. If you do, the police will issue a ticket. Also, passing a school bus when its lights are flashing merits a fine and the loss of 9 demerit points.
- Lastly, please refrain from hanging around the gate and chit chatting with your friends once you have dropped off your child. Doing so blocks the entrance way into the school and creates an unsafe situation for the children.

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Nomination for Parent Governing Board Position

I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to nominate myself to be a candidate for a position on the Governing board (Child's name and class) \_\_\_\_\_.

My nomination is seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_