



Uniacke District Newsletter September 2020

Welcome back to a new year at UDS! We know there were a lot of uncertainties as we started back up, but after settling in we feel everything is running smoothly. Even though we have different policies and procedures our main focus has always been and will remain the social emotional and academic wellbeing of our students!

Morning Arrival



School doors are locked and **do not** open until 7:40am. Students enter the building at or after this time and go directly to their classrooms. This creates a calm, smooth start to the morning and provides time for students to visit the breakfast program, settle in, and get ready for the day's start at 8:00. If you need to drop off before this time you should contact our before school program to organize a drop off with them. This year we hope to drastically reduce the number of students arriving late in the morning. Parents, we need your help for this!

Late arrivals cause disruption in the morning routine and learning in the classroom. A late student interrupts the entire class and the teacher. When students are late they are missing valuable instructional time. **We ask that parents help us with this issue by ensuring students are in school and settled by our 8:00 a.m. start time.** We appreciate your support with this matter.

Please remember we are now using the entrance to the right of our main entrance to help with traffic flow. Buses are the only vehicles that should be entering via our main entrance. When dropping off your child in the morning please pull your car up to the drop off sign outside the front doors to ensure a safe drop off. If you plan on getting out of your vehicle to see your kids off we ask that you please park your vehicle on the side of the building. When you have finished dropping off please exit via the bus

lane when there is no bus unloading. Our main goal is to ensure children are safe and therefore it is very important for everyone to remain patient during this time. If you are in a rush in the morning we recommend your child come on the school bus.

Dismissal



Dismissal time for students is 2:00pm. The end of the day can be busy with 450 students packing up and heading to buses. If you are picking up your child we ask that you wait until **2:10 pm**, after buses have departed. ***We ask that parents not arrive to pick up their child between 1:45 pm and 2:10 pm.***

Every time a student is picked up early it disrupts the teacher and the entire class. Students usually need help to get organized and ready to go home and that means their teacher has to stop teaching and attend to one child to prepare them to leave ahead of everyone else. We also request that you make every effort possible to have afterschool arrangements organized with your child before they come to school.

Bus Notes

Students are to ride their assigned bus to and from school. We ask parents **NOT** send in notes requesting their son or daughter to get on different buses to travel to different locations after school for play dates, activities, or parties.

CCRCE expects students to travel from their own house or daycare to and from school.

We understand that there are ***extenuating circumstances*** when your child must take a different bus home to be dropped at a location other than their usual stop. In this event, please include **the name and address and phone number** for where their stop will be that day. Please respect our request and have your child travel on their regularly assigned bus.



Allergies and Nuts

According to medical information filled out by parents on student registration forms, we have determined that we **have students with severe or anaphylactic allergies or reactions to NUTS.**

We do not allow nuts and peanuts, nor peanut butter in the school. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Breakfast Program

At this time we are pleased to offer a healthy breakfast program for our students. It consists of grab and go items like granola bars, apples, oranges, bananas, yogurt, etc. Students can grab items as they enter the school from the main foyer by the office or in the foyer by the cafeteria. This is not a replacement for a home supplied breakfast.

Running such a program for over 450 students is a big undertaking that requires many volunteer hours. If you would like to volunteer your time helping our breakfast program, please contact the school at 902-866-5100 to find out more. Thank you!

Breakfast food items: As we have students with various food allergies, we are specific with what types of food items we can safely offer students. Therefore, we ask that prepared food items such as homemade muffins or breads, not be donated to the program. We welcome prepackaged items such as yogurt tubes, apple juice, Nutri-Grain bars, and granola bars. Thank you for your understanding.

LUNCH

Due to new policies students are eating their lunches in their classrooms. We are not offering our cafeteria services during the month of September and will reevaluate before October. We will however provide lunch for any students who are in need. If you would like support please reach out to Mrs. King, Mr. Horne or Mrs. George at the main office. Students have staggered lunches to allow maximum play space on the playground. Microwaves are not available for use this school year. Please pack a lunch that does not require the use of a microwave.

We are looking for Noon Time Supervisors to help out at school. If you are an individual interested in becoming a Noon Hour Supervisor please contact Paula at the office 902.866.5100 for more information.

Cell Phone Policy NO PHONE ZONE

Students are NOT to use cell phones during the school instructional day, which includes hallway time and morning recess breaks. Cells are to be stored out of sight during the instructional day. During lunch time and after school waiting for the second bus run, cell phones are permitted if they are appropriately used. **Students are not to take photos or videos, nor record any person on school property.**

Uniacke District School Teaching Staff

Primary: Nicole Sanson & Patti Williams

Primary/One: Marilyn Lilly

Grade 1: Kara Jessome

Grade 1/2: Michaelaa Isenor

Grade 2: Andrea Beaton

Grade 2/3: Emma Bishop

Grade 3: Jillian Locke

Grade 4: Rebecca Sharkey & Haley MacDonald

Grade 5: Craig Daniels & Katie Smith

Grade 6 Intensif: Sam Gilliss

Grade 6: Amy Crowell

Grade 7: Tempestt Bartlett & Mike MacDonald

Grade 8: Judy MacDonald & Brittany Garvie

Grade 9: Erin McNulty (Jeanna MacAvoy)

Guidance: Matt Cohen

Music: Mandy Brown

Phys. Ed: Rodney Myers & Hannah Williams

4-6 French: Erica MacNeil

Elementary Resource: Jillian MacLaughlin

Reading Recovery/ELS: Jennifer MacMaster-Steele

Grade 4-6 Resource: Erin Van-Deusen

Grade 7 -9 Resource: Amanda Kincade

Learning Center: Amanda Lindsay(Jennifer Bell)

Youth Practitioner: Brennagh MacDonald

African Student Support Worker: Mikida Green

Speech Language Pathologist: Dana Fergusson

School Psychologist: Ashley Monk

Educational Assistants:

Diane MacKenzie, Charlene Corbin, Sherry Curry, Joanne Haley, Tonette McPhee, Linda Mitchell, Paula Gilby, Nicole MacDonald

School Maintenance: Steve Mitchell

School Custodians: Nancy Clarke, Lavinia Hibberts & Jim Hibberts

Sickness and School

As you all know we are in a different time here at school and we want to remind families to remember to do their health checklist each morning before coming to school.



If your child(ren) are ill and they stay home please contact 811 and respect their guidance. Please contact the school if your child is ill and away. When calling safe arrival please indicate if they have COVID symptoms or something different (ie dentist appointment/tummy issues).

Once you have contacted 811 can you please call the school to let the office know their directions.

Important Dates to note:

- September 28 - Inservice - No school
- October 1- Treaty Day
- October 2- Orange shirt day
- October 12 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 11 - Remembrance Day
- November 13- Inservice- No School
- November 27- Inservice- No School
- December 23-Jan 1- Christmas Break

In effort to reduce vast quantities of papers being sent home several times a month, we will be using electronic communication. We ask parents to start visiting the school website regularly for all news, important dates, school calendars, cafeteria menus, upcoming events, and general school information.

The web address is <http://uds.ccrce.ca>

We look forward to working together for a great 2020-2021 school year!