



Principal's Report To School Council

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Welcome Back

Some Things to Celebrate

It's great to be back again. It has been a busy start-up, but we are up & running! Here are some things to celebrate:

- We have over 430 students registered in our school - a new record!
- We have reached our goal of having two classes per grade!
- We have an extra outdoor play space!
- The Nighthawks are back!

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Assessing Students

We are currently in the process of assessing students in Language Arts and Math to help identify gaps and provide appropriate support if necessary.

- Reading
 - Writing
 - Numeracy (Math)
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Extracurricular

Extracurricular mixed-grade activities have begun for Junior High Students

- Drama Club
- Ukulele Club
- Choir
- Boys Volleyball (EICS League)
- Girls Volleyball (EICS League)

Other activities will be coming on board soon.

Grade 5/6 Volleyball in the EICS league **will not be occurring this year.**

Traffic and Parking Management Plan

Traffic Congestion

- There is increased traffic congestion due to our population growth both in the morning and after school
- The school is currently exchanging ideas to deal with the County, but the options are very limited because of volume. Other options may be considered if we had more volunteers in the morning.

Pedestrian Safety

With the new bus lane, it is now possible to see if we can have the AMA School Safety Patrol Program help with pedestrian crossing at Strathcona Drive and Hawkins Crescent. They will be sending representatives to study the site later in the fall.

In the past, we were unable to use the program because the buses obscured the view of the westbound traffic.

Playground Update

Benches

The playground is finished except for the benches. We will be installing 2 benches in trees by the basketball courts. The other three were going in front of the modular classrooms. Last year, that was a common hang-out area for Jr. High students because it is protected from the wind & is a warm & sunny area.

With the arrival of two new modulares this year, we are also removing the gravel out from the base of the modulares and covering the surface with asphalt. When the surface has been resurfaced, we will install the last three benches.

Finances

We had some setbacks this summer including an issue with the sand which caused a three week delay in the project completing and a slight cost increase (approximately \$500.00).

The budgeted amount presented at the May School Council meeting was **\$101,020.04**.

- The amount paid to date is **\$97,275.18**.
- Because of the project delays, I expect the fencing cost to add an extra **\$200-\$300**.
- The available revenues were **\$108,984.00**