



ÉCOLE ARTHUR MEIGHEN SCHOOL

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Dear EAMS Families,

We hope everyone has had a great summer and is looking forward to returning to school! Below is information about our upcoming **Meet the Teacher** event tomorrow, as well as some **general information** you may find helpful before your child returns to school.

Meet and Greet Event

Our **Meet the Teacher** event will take place on **Wed., Sept. 7 from 1:30-3:30pm**. (It is a come and go event.) This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's new teacher, see their classroom before students officially start back (Thurs., Sept.8), get some information, and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to bring any items your child has that you would like to drop off. Families can enter and exit through their child's **grade door** (see below).

Grade Doors *These exterior doors will have signage/the **grade** on them.

Gr.4's (4B,4G,4M) – **South Garden/Courtyard doors** (behind school)

Gr.5's (5B,5D,5K,5E-Imm,5M-Imm) – **NW bus door** (closest to playstructures)

Gr.6's (6C,6D,6M,6T-Imm) – **SW parking lot doors** (Gr.6 hallway)

Gr.7's (7B,7D,7Dr,7R-Imm) – **NE bus doors** (Gr.7 hallway)

Gr.8's (8H,8J,8N,8KH-Imm) – **SE parking lot doors** (Gr.8 hallway)

Though **fees** are not due at this time, families wanting to pay for fees in person to the teacher or to the Office on this day may do so. Cheques can be made out to École Arthur Meighen School/EAMS. Cash payments may also be given to the teacher, however, exact amount is appreciated if paying on this day. (If paying cash at a later date, we will be able to provide change more easily then.) New this year, we have e-transfer!— eams.united@plpsd.net. If paying by e-transfer, please include your child's name and what fee you are paying for, ie School Supplies, Guitar, Home Ec./IA.

Fee/s: Gr.4-8 School Supplies fee - \$25.

Gr.7/8 - \$40 for Band/Art/Guitar option

- \$30 Home Ec./Industrial Arts

If paying for all three Gr.7 or 8 fees, one cheque can be made; separate cheques are not required.

Locks are available for \$8 from our office (but may also be purchased elsewhere—just no key locks please)

Parking: For the Meet the Teacher event, parking is available *along the fence at the entrance* to the school/parking lot, or in the *Visitors' Parking* area near the entrance/crosswalk, or as well, in the *bus loop* (for this day only). Please avoid parking at the front of the school as that is staff parking.

Peak Hours: Something to note--throughout the school year, if leaving the school between 8:15-9:00 and 3:15-4:00, you may only **turn right** out of the parking lot. (Please note that you may be fined if turning left during these times.)

First Day Back

Students' first day back is **Thurs., Sept. 8** (Day 1). Students will report to the field at the back of our school as they did last year. They will report to their homeroom area (spraypainted in orange on the grass). All staff will be wearing high-visibility vests, so staff will be available to help students find where they need to go. These marked areas will be where students will gather every morning before 9am. Homeroom teachers will take students inside, together as a class, at 8:50, through their assigned grade door. **Please note that there will be no staff supervision outdoors prior to 8:30.**

*School starts at 8:57 (classes begin at 9:00) and finishes at 3:30.

*Gr.4-6 Lunch Hour 12:25-1:20

*Gr.7-8 Lunch Hour 11:50-12:40

*Home Ec./IA and Band do not start on the first day. These courses will start on Fri., Sept.9.

*Canteen services will start Mon., Sept. 12.

Bussing/Transportation

If your child uses the in-town shuttle bus, please call Shelley Anderson at Operations at 857- 5841 if you haven't yet, to confirm if you are eligible, and to sign up for the shuttle bus. All students transported on a shuttle must be registered to ride.

New Websites

Some information updates are still being made, but check out the new look of our school website at eams.plpsd.mb.ca/!

Should you have any questions, please contact our office (204-857-3405) or e-mail us at (new e-mail addresses) --- kristin.zwarich@plpsd.net doyle.moar@plpsd.net, or marley.whincup@plpsd.net

We look forward to welcoming our students back and to meeting our new students and families!

Sincerely,

Kristin Zwarich

Principal/Directrice

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