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## Newsletter 1

September 6, 2016

**Sept. 7-** Office needs to know of any late returning students.

**Sept. 16-**Terry Fox Run

**Sept. 20-**PAC meeting at 6:30

**Sept. 22-** Meet the teacher Details to follow

**Sept. 23-** PRO D all day  
No school for students

## This Week at Bridge



**Wed., Sept. 7** - First day of regular school hours (below)

8:40 am Warning Bell

8:45 am Instruction begins

10:25-10:40 am Recess

12:13-12:58 pm Lunch

2:38 pm Dismissal

**Fri., Sept. 9** - Students move to their new classes after lunch

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this is already my fifth year at Bridge. For the past four years, I have watched as you have trusted your children with us each and every day. The entire staff at Bridge has worked as a team to support each child's learning and to bring out the best in each one. We look forward to another year of discovery and learning together.

Last year, we began implementing the new BC curriculum and this year is the official implementation year. This does not mean that everything is going to change overnight, rather that you will see changes as the year progresses. Our staff spent time working collaboratively to explore the new curriculum and what it might look like at William Bridge. Last year, it was exciting to see classrooms fill up with loose parts and more inquiry based learning. Embedded in the new curriculum as well is a greater emphasis on Aboriginal perspectives with stories and content woven into daily teaching rather than as a separate unit of study. As with anything, change can be difficult. Please remember that we are here to support families and to answer any questions that you might have. We love teaching and we want your children to love learning.

I would like to extend a warm Bridge welcome to our new families. I know that this will be an exciting year for you, meeting new friends and teachers. You will soon find out why we are called the Bridge family. Welcome also to our new staff members, Mrs. Ward, Ms. Lang, and Mr. Pelletier and as well returning staff members.

Tomorrow will be the first day of regular school hours, for students in Grades 1-7. Last year's students from Miss. Kishi's class will meet in the library and students from Mme. Chicanot's class will meet in Room 15. Kindergarten students should follow the gradual entry schedule that was mailed to you. Please check with the classroom teacher or the office if you are unsure of the schedule. Everyone please remember to bring a water bottle to fill at the filling station as there is a problem with the water fountains and they are not being used.

I look forward to another year of learning together, caring for your children, and connecting with Bridge families.

Kind regards, Wanda Salewski, Principal





**PAC CORNER**