

Hello to our CMES Families,

Welcome back to the 2019 - 2020 school year! We hope you had a restful and fun holiday. A special welcome goes out to our new families joining our CMES community.

On the first day of school, we ask that students in grades 1 – 8 gather at the back of the school. Students should look for their grade sign. Teachers will be in orange vests, holding up grade signs. Students should go to the grade sign they are in and teachers will call out names of who is in each class. When the entry bell goes, students will head in the assigned entry/exit door. New students not registered, should go to the Library Learning Commons. If it rains, the same procedure is in place, but will happen in the gym. Kindergarten students will meet in the front Kindergarten yard. If it rains they will go directly to their assigned classroom.

Classroom reorganization, may happen and is prompted by Ministry-mandated caps on primary class size. Student placements in all classes are tentative during the first two weeks of school. To meet Ministry guidelines pertaining to fixed class sizes. All schools in the UGDSB will be reviewed by a central staffing committee and decisions regarding specific class sizes will be made. Please be prepared for changes to be made to your child's placement if CMES must reorganize. We are not able to take parent requests for placement.

CMES Parking update, we have an increase in staff due to our growing student population. Our parking lot in front of the school is for staff (UGDSB Staff, including YMCA Staff), special needs parking, and emergency vehicles. We have a Kiss and Ride at the front Kindie Yard for a quick drop off in the morning only, this is a NO PARKING ZONE. We ask that parents/guardians, and visitors to CMES, use the North parking lot (located to the right side of the school) if you are visiting the school or if you feel more time is required for your child to enter/exit the car. The South side of CMES has an inlet with a large number of parking spots next to the sidewalk. A short walk to the crossing guard (by College Ave.) who will assist students to cross safely to CMES. For the safety of our students, we are trying to decrease the number of moving vehicles in our front parking lot. Thank you to parents, guardians, and visitors, for your cooperation.

\*Please Note: The parking lot at the front of the school was closed last year to all traffic at dismissal for the safety of our students. Only special needs buses, buses coming back from school trips, people with accessible parking permits, and emergency vehicles will be allowed to enter at dismissal. Maps were sent home showing walking routes and parking areas off property.

Our CMES Team is looking forward to a great year of teaching and working together with our Credit Meadows Community.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lagundzija-deFreitas and Ms. Federico (P and VP)

