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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jun 25 Report cards
(emailed out)
Aug 28 Late Registration
Sep TBA First Day of School

We will certainly let parents know what next year will look like as soon as we can. We hope to see you all in person in September but realize things may look different.

Stay tuned and continue to monitor our website!

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BSS School Changes:

Well, Bedford South will definitely have a new feel next year with only students from PP-4. We will have different spaces to spread our wings and learn!

We have many new staff and lots of familiar faces who are staying as well.

We will welcome:

Ms. Sharpe	Grade 2
Ms. Power	Grade 3
Ms. Hart	Grade 4
Ms. Delano	Learning Centre
Ms. Cooper-Linney	Reading Recovery / ELS
Ms. Suzanne Hawkes	Vice-Principal

Our school will also change hands from Scotia Learning Centre to Halifax Regional Centre of Education. We wish Kathleen Cameron and her crew farewell.

Combined Classes:

I want to remind parents once again about combined classes. It is reasonable to expect your child may be assigned to a combined class. Combined classes are created as a result of cap guidelines instituted by the Department of Education. These guidelines are a result of parental concerns and teacher concerns regarding the number of students in a P-6 class environment. We are mandated to keep numbers at 22 in P-2 and 27 for 3-6 classrooms. While it is of benefit to have lower numbers, combined classes are the resulting reality. We do try and consider how many times a child has been in a combined when creating class lists but sometimes it is unavoidable.

HOW WILL A COMBINED CLASS AFFECT MY CHILD?

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Several studies have found that students in combined classes do just as well as students in single-grade classes. In fact, some students actually do better in language and reading.

IMPROVED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Canadian studies show that children in combined classes have **more opportunities for emotional and social growth**. The rich social environment helps students:

- Learn how to work on their own and as part of a team
- Build leadership abilities as they work together and help each other
- Develop decision-making skills, and become more self-motivated and responsible
- Learn in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives.

Class Lists / Supply Lists for September 2020:

Class lists will be posted by student number, found on your child's report card, on the front door windows, September 4th at days end. If you have your PowerSchool log in for your child you can also access your child's class from home or work.

School supply lists will be posted on our school website. Please note that we have divided the supply list for you so that we do not have students bringing in all of their supplies all at once for the year.

Farewell:

June is always a difficult time of year in some ways. While we celebrate the beginning of summer, we end the school year saying goodbye to some of our colleagues and our students. This year has been extremely unusual with a pandemic upon us and navigating remote learning.

I know the grade six teachers are doing special closing videos and we will be sending closing certificates via email.

We also want to acknowledge that fours and fives will be leaving Bedford South as well, to head to the new Rocky Lake Elementary. How exciting to have your own school of just grade five and six students! You will also have one-to-one technology! We will miss you but we are sending you off in the hands of several familiar BSS teachers. Our loss is your gain...

Ms. Bembridge	Grade 6
Ms. Wamboldt	Grade 6
Mr. Miner	Grade 6
Ms. McCormack	Grade 5
Ms. MacDonald	Grade 5
Ms. Althouse	Music
Mr. Dimoff	Band
Ms. Crewe	Vice-Principal

We wish them all good luck in their new location!