

Dear Delburne School Community,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! All of the staff at Delburne School are so excited for the upcoming year! We want to extend a very warm welcome to our returning students as well as the students who will be joining our school community for the first time.

This year, we will continue to focus on the academic achievement of our DCS students. Our school team is filled with passionate and dedicated individuals who will do everything possible to support our students as they work to acquire new knowledge and skills. In addition to our academic pursuits, we are dedicated to nurturing the social and emotional well being of every student. We understand the importance of creating a safe and inclusive space where students can express themselves, build meaningful relationships and develop essential life skills.

Students can once again look forward to a wide range of extracurricular activities and events being offered at Delburne School. These activities and events will allow students an opportunity to explore their passions, develop leadership skills and make lasting memories.

You will soon be receiving a Delburne School Handbook. This handbook will come home with your youngest or only child in the school. The purpose of the handbook is to provide you with information pertaining to the school and the education of your child. It also contains rules and regulations related to Delburne School as well as some district policies.

Communication between home and school is essential for a successful educational journey. We encourage parents and guardians to actively engage with us, ask questions and seek clarity when needed. We will provide regular updates through our weekly parent updates as well our online monthly newsletter, The Trojan Tribune. In addition, we will provide our families with updates through our Delburne School Facebook page and we will provide 24-hour online access to information and documents via the website at www.delburneschool.ca. Open communication is so important to us so please do not ever hesitate to reach out and connect with someone at the school.

On **Thursday, September 7 from 4:00-6:30** we will be having a Back to School BBQ. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, beverages and cookies. The school and classrooms will be open and you are more than welcome to tour the school and visit your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you all then!

This year, we will have some new people joining the DCS team. The list below highlights our staff assignments for the upcoming school year. In addition to the staffing update below, please note that Mrs. Bourne will be taking a leave of absence until Sept. 22 and Mr. Dreschler will be taking a three month leave of absence. We are excited to welcome Ms. Germain who will be filling in for Mrs. Bourne and Mrs. Botha who will be filling in for Mr. Dreschler.

K - 4 Team

- Mrs. Stephanie Vanderneut - Kindergarten
- Mrs. Janet Pisko - Grade 1
- Mrs. Stephany Dreeshen - Grade 2
- Ms. Tracy Kozey - Grade 3
- Mrs. Pam Dudar - Grade 3/4
- Mr. David Dale - Grade 4

5 - 8 Team

- Ms. Amy Gardner - Grade 5
- Ms. Chey Cocke - Grade 6
- Mrs. Courtney Biggs - Grade 7 and 8 Language Arts and Social Studies
- Ms. Germain and Mrs. Cheryle Bourne - Grade 7 and 8 Math and Science

Grade 9 - 12 Team:

- Ms. Melissa Abbott - PE 7 - 12, CALM, SEW and Athletic Director
- Ms. Kaytlin Betts - English 9 - 12, Fine Arts and Options 9 - 12
- Mrs. Leanne Botha and Mr. Adrian Dreschler - Biology, Social 9, Science 9, High School Options, Grade 4 & 5 PE
- Ms. Emily McArthur - Industrial Arts 7 - 12, Math 9, Grade 4 & 5 PE
- Mrs. Deirdre McEachern - Credits and Careers (Grade 9 - 12)
- Ms. Tracy Ray - Social 9 - 12, Career Counsellor
- Mr. Nicholas Schultz - Math 9 - 12, High School Options
- Mr. Rob Simpson - Chemistry, Physics, Science 10 & 24, Math 10-3, High School Options
- Mrs. Jackie Smith - Elementary PE and Grade 7 - 12 Foods

Administration Team

- Mrs. Jocelyn Pennock - Principal
- Mrs. Tricia Simpson - Vice Principal

Administration Support Team

- Mrs. Jill Bellerive
- Mrs. Kim Page
- Ms. Robin Ritchie

Educational Supports

- Ms. Lena Jackson
- Ms. Rachelle Hughes
- Ms. Krystal Stackniak
- Mrs. Donna Peterson
- Mrs. Bev Christensen
- Mrs. Tina Muir
- Mrs. Leslie Raniseth
- Ms. Robin Ritchie
- Mrs. Tasha Senecal
- Mrs. Debbie Wilson
- Mrs. Karen Wood

Custodial Staff

- Shauna Dorsey
- Jennifer Lukenbill
- Cassandra Hancher

Chinook's Edge School Trustee

- DeAnne Hutchison

We are truly excited to welcome you all back to Delburne School! We look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, discovery and achievement! Please know that you can always reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Your child's education and well-being is very important to us and we are more than happy to talk things through over the phone or meet with you at the school to answer your questions or provide clarity if needed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jocelyn Pennock, Principal

Mrs. Tricia Simpson, Vice Principal