

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Connect

We are looking forward to getting to know our new students and families, and becoming reacquainted with our entire school community. It is our hope that the start of the school year has been an energizing and rewarding experience for you. The following information will orient you to some important events and meetings taking place at Connect Charter School in the coming weeks.

Meet the Teacher – Thursday, August 24 4-8 pm

Grade level math/science and humanities teachers will provide a combined 45-minute information session, staggered with the presentations of the fine arts teachers as well as our phys ed teachers. Sessions will be repeated according to the schedule below to allow parents with more than one child in the school an opportunity to hear from all of their children's teachers. In each of the sessions, teachers will:

- introduce themselves and present a course overview
- discuss expectations for classroom work, behaviour, homework, etc.
- provide information on upcoming overnight outdoor education trips
- describe the ways they will be communicating with parents
- provide opportunities for parents to ask questions.

In between the scheduled presentations teachers will be in their classrooms and available to talk with parents. Parents can still schedule a parent-teacher interview for a future time to discuss individual student needs, if required. Specific locations for each session will be made available by the teachers and we will have maps and the schedule posted that evening.

Meet the Teacher Schedule

Grades	4:00pm	4:45pm	5:30pm	6:15pm	7:00pm
4		Gym (stage side)		Gym (stage side)	
5	Gym (stage side)		Gym (stage side)		
6		6.2 and 6.4 homerooms			6.2 and 6.4 homerooms
7		Learning Commons		Learning Commons	
8	8.2 and 8.4 homerooms		8.2 and 8.4 homerooms		
9		9.2 and 9.4 homerooms			9.2 and 9.4 homerooms
Phys. Ed.	Gym (office side)		Gym (office side)		
Fine Arts		Band Room		Band Room	
Volunteer Orientation	Learning Commons (will be video-recorded)				

BBQ during Meet the Teacher August 24.

Our School Council is again organizing a BBQ for those who may not have an opportunity to get everyone fed and then get to the meet the teacher sessions they want to attend. If you missed pre-ordering your burgers, there will be a limited amount of burgers available for people who missed the ordering deadline.

Picture Day – Friday, August 25

Retakes will be on November 2 for those who were absent or would like a new picture taken.

Camp Sweet Work Bee – Saturday, August 26 10am-2pm

As only the grade 6 and 7 students are attending Camp Sweet this fall, we are hoping to have a great turn out from parents of those children to help set up the camp. It is a considerable undertaking to get the camp set up so it is clean and safe. This year's work bee will begin at 10am and will likely go until mid afternoon. Lunch is provided. Please bring a water bottle, bug

spray, sunscreen, and appropriate clothing for the weather, as the work bee is happening rain or shine. Maps are available. To register, please go to <https://www.volunteersignup.org/A7PAE>

Parent iPad or Laptop Orientation* – Thursday August 31 6-7pm

Before grade 4-9 students are permitted to take their iPads (grades 4-6) or laptops (grades 7-9) home, parents and/or guardians must attend or have attended in the past the orientation session and also complete and submit the following forms (coming home within the first few days):

- ⇒ Personalized Learning Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- ⇒ Connect Laptop Insurance Agreement
- ⇒ Take Home Procedures

**Please note that this session is only mandatory for parents or guardians who are new to Connect and have never attended an iPad or laptop orientation session in the past. Parents and guardians who have been to this session in past years are not required to go to this orientation, but are welcome to attend.*

School Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 5 7-8pm

The first school council meeting of the year will be held in the library on this date. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting to connect with other parents and learn a little more about some of the initiatives the school and the school council are undertaking this year.

Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 29

We will once again host our grade 4-6 run in the morning and our grade 7-9 run in the afternoon. We will have more details forthcoming once we can confirm a date. Parents are invited to participate in our run.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Thursday, October 5 (evening) and Friday, October 6 (morning)

Approximately a week prior to the interviews parents will be invited to sign up online for an interview time. These are not mandatory meetings, and many parents will find that they do not require a meeting at that time. For those who have questions about how their child is doing, or who would like to discuss any concerns they may have, the parent-teacher interviews are timed so that there is ample opportunity to make any necessary changes prior to the report cards coming out in November. I strongly encourage parents to contact their child's teachers with any questions or concerns they may have and to not wait until parent teacher interviews.

For more information about our school, you can consult the Parent Handbook which is now available on our website under publications>handbooks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 403- 282-2890.

Thank you,
Phil Butterfield, EdD
Principal