



Our Agency Connection— A Grove Perspective October 2019

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Staffing

On behalf of Grove staff, and with a heavy heart, I would like to wish Lynn Gittens all the best as she moves on to new adventures at McLaughlin SS in Oshawa. Lynn has been a fixture here at Grove for over 10 years providing students with learning opportunities that were innovative, engaging and meaningful. Lynn taught from the heart. She came to work each day to make a difference for kids. She is loved by students and very well respected by her colleagues here at Grove. She will be truly missed.

Chromebooks

Chromebooks have been issued to most of our Grove students. In some cases we have experienced difficulties with connectivity and we are addressing these issues as they arise. Please share with your support workers that these devices are for class use only. The cost of repairs and replacement is not within our budget so we have to be extra vigilant with safe and appropriate use of these devices.

We are working on a procedure to accommodate those students who are taking credit bearing courses in our host secondary schools. We have some older **EDUGear** Chromebooks that will be issued to these students on a needs basis.

Monitoring classes

All ministry monitoring sessions that were to take place in November have been rescheduled for the spring of 2020. I will share the dates with you as soon as they have been confirmed and released by the ministry of education.

Student Reviews

Reports will be issued to students the week of November 15th. Joanne and I will be meeting with all teachers to discuss each student's progress prior to the 15th. If you have any concerns with a student's progress or if you have any concerns you wish to share with Joanne or myself please do not hesitate to call.

Dual Enrollment

Recently we have had numerous requests to accommodate students' gradual transition back to their home schools as part of their transition planning. In many cases it requires a student to be registered in two schools at the same time within the DDSB, and other times dual registration with our coterminous school board. Although this is possible, it does raise some questions around exposure to liability in this dual or cross-enrolment situation should a student sustain any type of injury while registered at two locations. We are awaiting some direction from our legal department at the DDSB and we will share more information as it comes our way.

Reminders

We continue to build our WEBSITE with important information about Grove. We encourage our agency partners to log on periodically for updates. Copy the following URL into your browser to access the Grove website: <https://grove.ddsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

Classes on the Secondary **modified calendar** will be closed the week of November 4th. Classes will resume Monday November 11th.

Have a wonderful month....Patrick and Joanne