



Dear Trailblazing Parents and Families,

We loved welcoming your kiddos back to school this week. It was nice to see students settle in and build relationships with their peers and teachers, learn routines, and participate in some welcome week activities like the grade level capture the flag, scavenger hunts and our welcome assembly. There is lots happening as we head into our second week of school. Grade 8 classes are off to our Outdoor Learning Center this week for the *Pauw Leadership Program - a program designed for students to learn more about themselves as leaders: leaders of self, their peers, their community, and their local environment*. Grade 7 & 8 students will begin options this week and there will be a whole school evacuation practice later in the week as well.

A Few Things

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 11th from 7-8:30pm** in person at LGMS. All parents are welcome to attend.

Open House

We are excited to welcome our families into the school on **Thursday, September 18th from 6-7pm** to meet our teachers. Teachers will be in their classrooms and would love to share with you the day in the life of a Trailblazer and ways to get involved in our school community.

Food for Learning

Food for Learning is a program available to students at Lawrence Grassi Middle School. The purpose of the program is to provide a nutritious snack and lunch to children who may not always have access to a nutritious, balanced meal. This program is supported by community and corporate donations. It is a no-fee initiative and it is available to families who self identify a need. If your child needs to access this program, please contact our Counsellor via email chaim.spallino@crps.ca. The program will begin September 3rd.

Circle of Support (Formerly Rainbows Program)

The Circle of Support is a support group for children and youth experiencing separation and divorce. It runs in all schools in Canmore (K-8) and is facilitated by a trained facilitator. The group is an open group and students can register throughout the school year. The programming is delivered in schools, during school hours. To access this program please complete the attached letter which allows parents to self-identify if the program is a fit for their child(ren). Participation in this program is confidential and private. The letter can be submitted directly to the Circle of Support Program at FCCadmin@canmore.ca. Program Letter - [Circle of Support](#)

Other Resources

[Schools Healthier Together - Parent Resources](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Healthy Together](#)

Important Dates in August/September

Wednesday, September 3 - Evacuation Practice

Thursday, September 4 - Lifetouch Photo Day

Thursday, September 11 - Parent Council 7-8:30pm

Thursday, September 18 - Open House/Meet the Staff - drop-in between 6pm - 7pm

Friday, September 19 - Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 19 - PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm

Tuesday, September 30 - School Closure - National Truth and Reconciliation Day

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school either by phone (403) 678-6006 or email.

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