



## From the Desk of Kim Ellis

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Thank you, parents, for your enthusiasm expressed over the recent letter announcing some of the new plans for next year! With new procedures, we expect some questions about the implementation details for the fall of 2018. In fact, a few parents have already posed a few. The administration of the preschool and elementary school, in anticipation of your questions, have compiled a few questions and answers to assist you in having a clear understanding of the goals we expect to accomplish. After reviewing the Q&A, please feel free to call, email, or schedule a personal meeting with Kim Ellis, Director; Becky Chapron, Assistant Director or Kathy LeBlanc, President.

**Q: How will the arrival and departure schedule affect my 4 and/or 5 year old child?**

A: The 4 and 5 year old classrooms will be in the main building of the elementary school beginning fall of the 2018-2019 school year. The children will have the opportunity (but not required) to arrive as early as 8:00 am **without any additional early morning care charges.** The carline, with two teachers on duty, begins as early as 7:40 am and ends at 8:05 am. **Arrival for the 4 and 5 year old students will be 7:40 am – 8:40 am.** Children will be engaged in early open learning centers and recess outdoors or in the school's gym. Parents not wanting to use the carline are welcome to walk their children into school.

**Q: Can I walk my child into school each day instead of using carline? Can I pick up my child each day instead of using carline?**

A: Absolutely! We encourage you to choose what schedule works best for your family! Walk your child into school each day or use carline! We would love to see you and we know you will want to see their work on the school bulletin boards inside the classroom and outside of the classroom. The teachers are always happy to see you too!

**Q: What is the purpose for changing the dress code for preschool children?**

Over the years, we have had many requests from parents for us to consider allowing preschoolers to wear some kind of uniform to help make the morning dress routine less complicated. The requests have been for a “child friendly” casual uniform to promote independence with young children while also promoting school pride and a full sense of community within Cedarwood School.

**Q: Will I need to provide a “backup uniform” for my child’s change of clothes.**

A: No. We will ask that you send in a change of clothes just like you have always done in the past. It will not be necessary to send in an additional uniform”.

**Q: What is an example of a child friendly uniform?**

A: We are currently meeting with our uniform supplier to select affordable choices that promote independence for toileting and dressing themselves. We also will be mindful of durability and flexibility. We will display samples as soon as we receive them.

**Q: What special benefits will my 4 and/or 5 year old have by being in the elementary building?**

**A:** 4 and 5 year old children will have **three enrichments** instead of two next year.

Music – Iris Vacante (every day)  
Spanish- Alicia Ford (once a week)  
Physical Education – Coach Morgan  
Spencer (twice per week)

**Q. When can I expect to have a copy of my child’s daily schedule?**

A. Schedules are finalized during the summer for the fall session. With the addition of the three enrichments, the current 4 and 5 schedules will change slightly, but the instructional times will be the same as the current schedules for 4s and 5s.

**Q: Will the school continue to provide the morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch?**

A: Yes, your child/children’s snack and lunch benefits will not change. They will continue to receive the daily morning and afternoon snacks that are published on the monthly Lunch/Snack Menu.

**Q: Will my child use the same restroom as the older students at Cedarwood?**

A: No. Your child will use the restrooms that are designated for fours, fives, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade only. Teachers will monitor the children as they take bathroom breaks during the day.

**Q: Will the parents see Preschool Administration in the mornings or afternoons?**

A: Each day the Preschool and Elementary Administrators will welcome families at the front desk of both buildings to ensure that you see a friendly face during this transition. We anticipate families will enjoy meeting new friends in the hallways as well.

**Q: Will the recess schedules be changed due to the change?**

A: Your child will continue to have morning and afternoon recess times. Cedarwood School values recess time for children because research shows that play is an essential part of a child’s physical and cognitive growth and development. In fact, they will have dedicated recess time available to them in both playgrounds as well as the gym.

