

1. Welcome Back to Onoway Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. We hope all of our children and families have a fantastic school year. We have an amazing staff ready and willing to support all children to be successful. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or our administration team.

2. Individual school photos will be taking place this week. Monday, September 11 will be K1, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 3 and Gr 4. Tuesday, September 12 will be K2, Gr 5, Gr 6, Gr 7 and any students who are absent on Monday.

3. Attached you will find the OES September calendar of events. Please note that calendar event dates and times are subject to change. For the most current information, please view our website at [www.onowayelementary.ca](http://www.onowayelementary.ca)

4. We are holding a volunteer orientation on Monday, September 11th, from 9:10-10:00 am. Anyone new to volunteering within the school and on field trips require a criminal record check and Volunteer Service Confidentiality Undertaking form. If you have previously volunteered at the school, or have provided a criminal record check your information may be still current. Please note that the NGPS Volunteer Service Confidentiality form must be completed each year prior to volunteering. We have added both forms to our website under the "For Parents" portion. When the Criminal Record Check form is taken to the RCMP they will complete your check free of charge.

5. There has been a change in dismissal time and process:

a. Our school day ends at 3:20 and all children are dismissed at the same time. We have made some small adjustments to our dismissal process to accommodate for this change. We have added a safety patrol at the four way stop at the corner of Bigway to monitor if our town students are ahead of the traffic so that they are able to arrive at home safely. So far, they have been well ahead of the buses.

b. Another small change is that all parents that are picking up their children at the end of the day, are asked to wait in our main atrium hallway by the office and the teachers will direct students to meet you there. This will help to avoid the additional congestion in the hallways.

Thank you so much for supporting these changes.

6. Northern Gateway Public Schools has changed the assessment and reporting practices so all schools are using the same system for reporting assessments, grades and progress. Very important information about this new system will be shared by Jennifer Ferguson, Learning Services coordinator, during the Parent Council meeting on September 14 at 7 pm in our learning commons. Please come and attend this important meeting.