

## FORT MCMURRAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to Grade 5 and the 2020-2021 school year. This year is going to be a very different year, but I know that it will be exciting and successful. I look forward to meeting your son/ daughter on September 3rd as part of our staggered entry. My name is Katie Lemon and I will be your child's teacher this year. I have been at FMCS for five years now. I love that God has called me to be part of this family, and I love bringing my skills and supporting students.

Due to COVID-19 there are some changes that are going to be taking place. The classroom will no longer have a microwave in it for students to use. Students are asked to bring with them a thermos if they require a heated lunch and utensils. Please make sure that your child is able to open the food that they are sent. Also this year parents will not be allowed to drop off food in the office or bring it to the classroom. Students must bring with them a water bottle that can easily be refilled. The water fountain does not work, but the filling station is available for use.

Another one of the bigger changes that will be taking place this year has to do with drop off and pick up. This year we are asking that children stay with their parents until 7:45am when supervision starts. Parents must stay in their vehicle while students make their way to their assigned door. Once there, they will line up and wait to be entered by the teacher. At the end of the day, students should go directly to their vehicle if they are being picked up. Students that are playing on the playground may stay till 2:55pm, but parents must remain in their vehicle to wait. Students will need to make sure that they have a mask on when they enter the building until they arrive at their desk.

When school was dismissed for the summer students were given a supply list inside their report card. At this time it is being asked that students only bring with them certain items on the first day. They should bring 1 duotang of yellow, green, blue and whatever extra color is going to be used for health, all 3 of the 1.5-2" binders, 1 pack of paper, all of their colouring materials, and fill their pencil box with enough supplies.

The school building may look different, but with trust in God I know that this year will be a special one. I am looking forward to meeting students that first day, hearing about their summers, and finding out how they are feeling. We will take things slow. We will focus on getting back into the routine of school. We will focus on mental health. I will take care of your children. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is katie.lemon@fmpsd.ab.ca. I want us to have an open door policy. Please sign up for Remind. I use that daily to send out reminders about tests, memory work, and other events happening at the school. The code is @missklemo.

