

Colonel Cameron News

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to our returning Colonel Cameron Cougars and welcome to our new students and families who have joined us this year. We are very excited and pleased that you are joining our school community! We hope that you and your families have remained safe and well during our time apart and have had an enjoyable summer! We have certainly missed our students and look forward to working and learning alongside them! Hopefully everyone is looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year after enjoying a fun and relaxing summer break.

Our School: A very big thank you to Mrs. Alderman, Mr. Slaney, and Ms. Ward for their tremendous efforts over the course of the summer. The school looks wonderful for our first day back. Our floors are shining, desks are clean and the school is so very tidy! Thanks to their work the learning experience at Colonel Cameron has been made that much brighter. Thanks!

This year will start off with kids going right onto the playground in the morning. They will have this time to visit with friends that may not be in their classes. Parents that drive the kids are reminded that they need to drop them off out front or in the parking lot. Parents that walk students are reminded to drop them off at the gate. If your little one needs help beyond the gate, staff will be there to support.

Newsletter: In the interest of making an effort to reduce the amount of paper used and in keeping with our School and Board wide movement towards increased use of technology to engage and connect, Colonel Cameron will be moving away from the use of paper newsletters. We will be sending newsletters out using the emails that were provided to the school. Newsletters can also be found on our webpage. [Colonel Cameron Public School](#)

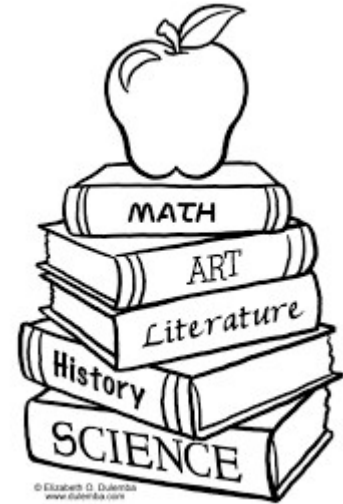
School Hours

8:45 Playground Opens
9:00 Classes Begin
9:00 - 11:00 . Instructional Time
11:00 - 11:40... Nutrition Break/Recess
11:40 - 1:20 . Instructional Time
1:20 - 2:00 Nutrition Break/Recess
2:00 - 3:20... Instructional Time
3:20 Dismissal



Staff Members at Colonel Cameron:

Ms. T. Miller and Mrs. K. McGee.....	FDK
Mrs. J. McLaughlin and Ms. J. Leavoy.....	FDK
Mrs. S. VanHooft.....	Gr. 1
Ms. E. Scott.....	Gr. 1/2
Ms. L. Vlcek.....	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. M. Schenck.....	Gr. 3/4
Miss N. McLean.....	Gr. 4/5
Mr. S. Steeves.....	Gr. 5/6
Mr. M. Charron.....	Gr. 6/7
Mr. A. McEachran.....	Gr. 7/8
Mr. A. Nicholson.....	Gr. 8
Mrs. S. Henderson.....	Resource
Mme. L. Harrison.....	French
Mr. G. Core.....	Prep
Mrs. A. Mayea.....	PM Prep
Mrs. E. Osborne.....	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Leitch.....	Educational Assistant
Ms. J. Chalcraft.....	Educational Assistant
Mrs. J. Doucet.....	Educational Assistant
Mrs. B. Alderman.....	Custodian
Mrs. Ward.....	Custodian
Mr. M. Slaney.....	Custodian
Mrs. D. McLaughlin.....	Secretary
Mrs. D. Ladd.....	Principal



Leaving School at Lunchtime: Students may leave the school to go home for lunch this year. They will leave at second break and should have a note from their parents/guardians.

Parents and Visitors: To maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and greater school community, all visitors and parents must enter through the front doors and sign in at the office unless you are visiting for a large, planned event such as Parent/Teacher interviews. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

School Advisory Council: Our School Advisory Council is made up of a group of parents, teachers, and a community representative who meet during the school year for the purpose of providing positive input to the principal on school-related educational issues. Council meetings are open to all members of the school community. Please watch for information about our first meeting. Subsection 4 (4) of O. Reg. 610/00 states that an election for the current year's school advisory council will be held "during the first 30 days of [the] school year, on a date that is fixed by the chair or co-chairs of the school council after consulting with the principal of the school." If you are interested in a position, or just joining us to be part of the conversation, please complete the attached School Council Nomination form and return it to the school to express your interest.

Parent Council September Fundraisers: Our Parent Council is excited to offer two fundraising opportunities during the month of September. Please stay tuned for more information that will be sent out about purchasing apples from Zekveld's Garden Market and Colonel Cameron Spirit Wear from Team Outfitters. Thank you for your support!



Milk, Popcorn and Special Food Days: We will be offering milk, popcorn and lunches from Pizza Hut, Corunna Foodland, Boston Pizza and Subway again this year. These items will be available to purchase through our School Cash Online program. If you need to register with School Cash Online, please review the attached documentation for step-by-step instructions. An email from School Cash Online will be sent to all parents/guardians when these items are available to purchase. Please note that the meals that are purchased are non-refundable.

We know that our school community enjoys these opportunities to have special treats throughout the school year, as well as raising funds for many great initiatives at our school! Thank you for supporting all the wonderful things that are happening at Colonel Cameron!

Breakfast Program: Our Breakfast Program will be starting on Monday, September 11. Students are welcome to join us for a nutritious breakfast at 8:40 in the Professional Learning Room. If you granted your student permission to participate in the Breakfast Program last year, they will be able to access this program right away. If your student is going to attend for the first time this year, the office will be calling parents/guardians for verbal approval. We would like to thank all our volunteers for their dedication to the Breakfast Program and to our school community ... we appreciate you!

Allergy Alert: Please be advised that Colonel Cameron is a Nut Aware school. We have students and staff with life-threatening allergies to certain foods and scents. We ask that the following products not be sent to school:

- Peanuts and all nuts
- Foods containing nuts
- Soya peanut butter, WOW Butter, etc.
- Shellfish
- Scented products (cologne, perfume, etc.)



Prevalent Medical forms were sent home with report cards in June. Please return those to the school by the end of the month. If you need one, please let us know and if your child has out-grown their condition, please also let us know that.

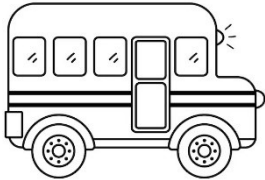
Medication: If your child needs prescription medication administered during school hours, please contact the office for an "Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication" form. It must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician and forwarded to the Principal for each school year. Over-the-counter medications (e.g., Tylenol, Advil) will not be administered by staff and should not be sent to school.



Student Absences: Regular school attendance is extremely important to the success of all students. As difficult as it can be some days, starting the school day on time is important. Our Safe School Policy requires that parents or guardians notify the school through the School Messenger App if students will be absent or late. Please see the attached School Messenger documentation to register for this convenient App. It is essential for safety reasons that we are aware if your child is not at school. If we have not heard from you, School Messenger will send an automated phone call and email to parents/guardians. Please help us by contacting the school before our morning or afternoon bells ring to report absenteeism. Should you need to pick up your student before the end of the day, please notify the school office before 2:00 pm. Late students need to report to the office before going to class. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Pediculosis / Head Lice: During the course of the year, we will be checking students for head lice in an attempt to reduce the potential spreading within the school. We kindly ask that should you detect lice in your child's hair that you notify the office. We appreciate your support in working to reduce the instance of head lice. All incidents are kept confidential.

Inclement Weather: In the instance of inclement weather (fog at this stage of the year), buses may be cancelled for safety reasons. We kindly ask that on mornings where you may be uncertain to listen to local radio or check <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com/> for inclement weather. Colonel Cameron is located in Bus Zone 3. Should there be a cancellation due to fog, buses will not run in the morning but will return the students home in the afternoon. Bus cancellation due to snow will not have the buses available all day. On these days, schools will remain open unless notified.



Please note the message from the CLASS bus Services.

Good morning and Welcome to another school year!
This email is to inform you of a new upgraded version of our MySBI app for weather cancellations and bus delays. The new app has improved speed and reliability but will look and function the same as our current app.

Unfortunately, the app currently installed on your phone will NOT automatically update to the new version, so all users must download the new app from the App/Google Play Store before September 29th to continue receiving school bus delay and cancellation notices. The current 'old' version of the app will no longer function after this date.

Need help downloading the app? [Step-by-Step Instructions here!](#)

We are excited to begin a new school year that promises to be a year of learning and growth for all. Together we strive to continuously improve the educational opportunities available to all students. At Colonel Cameron Public School, we look forward to working with each child and family to ensure an excellent education for **Every Student, Every Day.**

Important Dates:

Sept 5.....First day for Students in SK-8
Sept 6..... First day of school for some JK's
Sept 7.....First day of school for other JK's
Sept 8..... All students attend
Sept 15.....PA Day
Sept 15-25.....Book Fair
Sept 18.....Spirit Wear Online Store Opens
Sept 19..... Meet the Staff Night
Sept 28..... Picture Day
Sept 29.....Pizza Hut Lunch
Sept 30.....Orange Shirt Day
Oct 6.....PA Day
Oct 9Thanksgiving
Nov 17 & 18.... Parent Teacher Interviews
Nov 17.....PA Day
Dec 25 - Jan 5.....Holidays



For a detailed list of all calendars and important dates for the entire year, please go to the [LKDSB website.](#)