Dear Families,

Welcome “back” to school! This year is already proving to be one for the record books, as we learn to navigate virtual learning and remain flexible and open to what the future will bring. As a fifth grade team, we could not be more excited for what’s to come and truly believe that these circumstances will provide us with opportunities to be more innovative and to build resilience and independence in unprecedented ways.

This year the 5th grade team includes Jennifer Hahn, Sarah Werstuik, and Melissa Lee. We’ll be sharing more information with you soon about how our team will function, our goals and expectations, and an overview of Term 1 learning at home. For now, you can find the most important information below:

**Virtual Home Visits:** During week 1 (8/31-9/4), all ECE – 5th grade families will participate in virtual “home visits.” The central focus of these conversations will be relationship building, launching a year-long collaborative relationship between families and teachers. You can sign up for a virtual home visit using this SignUp Genius link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A45A5A82EAAF49-virtual](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A45A5A82EAAF49-virtual)

If none of the time slots work for you, please reach out to us at [5thgradebrentteachers@gmail.com](mailto:5thgradebrentteachers@gmail.com).

**Asynchronous Open House:** On Friday, we will have an asynchronous “Open House” presentation. Your family will be able to watch a short video introducing students to their new grade. Please keep an eye out for this email on Friday.

**Morning Meeting/Closing Meeting:** We will have morning meeting (8:30AM) and closing meeting (2:45PM) each day during Week 1. Students will need to log on to MS Teams to participate in these meetings.

**Small Groups:** Our grade level schedule has small group times across the week. During the first 3 weeks of school, your child will be in the same small group. Students will participate in a Teams meeting with a teacher during their small group window. The attached document titled "Grade 5 Wk 1-3 SG and Term 1 Specials Plan" includes your child’s small group assignment for weeks 1-3.

**Specials:** Specials will start on the first day of school. The fifth graders will be divided into three groups for Specials and students will log into specials classes directly from morning meeting. Please find your child’s Special’s assignment for Term 1 in the attached document (titled "Grade 5 Wk 1-3 SG and Term 1 Specials Plan").

Information about logging on for all components of the schedule will come in Friday’s email and be shared with students at morning meeting and throughout Week One.

**We know this is a lot of information to digest, so thank you for your time and attention. We know that a partnership with you is essential to your child’s success this**
year. We will primarily use this email to communicate so our entire team can stay in touch. Please be on the lookout for Friday's Asynchronous Open House email from this account and feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!

Best,
The Fifth Grade Team
Jenn, Melissa, and Sarah