

Paris Central Public School

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Open Concept School Messenger - Paris Central School

Subject: Renovations at Paris Central beginning mid-May

Dear Paris Central School Families,

We are pleased to announce that Paris Central School has received funding from the federal government for some long-awaited renovations. This is exciting news for our school and we are thrilled about these changes as it will enable us to better serve our students, families and staff.

As you know, Paris Central is currently an open concept school with three enclosed classrooms. The upcoming renovation will include updates to the building walls, windows and doors to reconstruct individual classrooms. These renovations are planned to take commence in mid-to-late May. As students continue to learn remotely, these renovations will not disrupt our classrooms. The renovations will continue over the summer and students will be able to see a newly-renovated and transformed Paris Central School in the 2021-22 school year.

Currently, students continue to learn remotely. However, if the Ministry of Education advises students to return to school in-person before the end of the school year, Paris Central has developed a plan with the health and safety of students and staff in mind. Below are the following changes you can expect during this renovation if school re-opens before June:

- Grade 6, 7 and 8 French Immersion classrooms and the regular Grade 7/8 classrooms will temporarily attend
 <u>Paris District High School</u> (students will remain in their contained cohorts in separate classrooms/portables);
- The rest of the classes at Paris Central will temporarily attend school at <u>Cedarview Church</u> in Paris (students will remain in their contained cohorts in separate classrooms):
- There will be no change in school and classroom schedules;
- To ensure families would not be impacted, <u>all students will be bussed from Paris Central</u>. This means that families will continue to drop off and pick up their child(ren) at Paris Central;
- A bus rehearsal will be implemented to familiarize students and staff with the busing guidelines;
- There will be no interruptions in transportation schedules for students who regularly take the bus;
- Students will continue learning with their teachers and classroom cohorts; and
- All health and safety guidelines will continue to apply, including daily screening prior to attending school, maintaining physical distance and mask wearing requirements.

Please be reminded that the above situation will take effect **ONLY** if we return to face-to-face learning for the 2020-21 school year.

We appreciate the patience and flexibility of our students, families and community throughout this process. This is good news and we look forward to seeing our newly-renovated school that we can all be proud of for many years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email latha.reuben@granderie.ca.

Thank you, Latha Reuben, Principal

