



Welcome to the **PACK!** **KINDERGARTEN @JHM**



Hello everyone! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the LoboPup family!

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and important moment for both you and your child. As we continue to navigate through the Covid pandemic, we are finding creative ways to introduce all of you to the school and to our early years programming. We want you to know that our school is a safe, loving, and nurturing place. We believe that coming to JHM should be a joyful experience for everyone and we will do our best, as part of a positive learning community, to help your child reach their full potential.

A series of videos have been posted to the JHMoore Elementary Facebook page. They were created to give you and your child the chance to see what their new classroom will look like and some of the ways that they will be engaged in learning next fall. We hope that these 'sneak peeks' give your family something to watch together and to talk about during the summer.

We have plans for an Open House at the end of August. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to come to meet your teacher, Ms. Nicola Schwartz, and to visit the classroom and school. Details at this time are not confirmed, but we hope that there are minimal restrictions due to Covid. We will send out Open House Invitations - most likely around mid-August.

The rest of this newsletter is just to answer a few of the frequently asked questions we often hear from new families. If you have any other questions, you can call the office 306-285-3200, or email jhm.school@nwsd.ca to reach us. You can also reach me at susan.plant@nwsd.ca.

I encourage you to follow us on Facebook to enjoy all the school news, happenings and photos. We have a lot to be proud of!

Along with the rest of the JHM staff, I can't wait for you to begin your exciting learning adventures in Kindergarten!

With warm regards,

Susan Plant
Principal,
J.H. Moore Elementary School

SCHOOL SUPPLIES / FEES

We ask that families provide good quality athletic shoes with non-marking soles, a good quality backpack, lunch kit (including a thermos for hot foods) and water bottle.

A School Supplies/Activities Fee of \$60 per student covers all other school supplies and extra-curricular, special guest and/or event costs.

A cost analysis presented to the SCC shows that, for most grade levels, the amount you would pay in stores is more than the price the school is able to secure through our bulk ordering. We buy high quality pencils and erasers, pens, highlighters, art supplies, notebooks and binders and save you from the crowds at the stores. Arrangements to pay in 3 instalments for the school year (Sept/Nov/Jan) can be made by contacting the office.



Pay for student items online

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for all your child's school fees. After registering an account you can make secure payments with various payment methods for all your children's fees, hot lunches, and milk cards. Register at <https://nwsd.schoolcashionline.com> or from the school website. We do not accept cash for payment of school fees.

School staff will be returning to the building on Thursday, August 26th. If you are new to our communities please stop in with any questions you have about registering!

The first official student day is Thursday, September 2nd. We are so excited to welcome everyone! If you love a good first day of school picture as much as we do, please remember to share your pictures with us on social media using:

#back2nwsd
#back2JHM
#back2thepack

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#BACK2THEPACK #BACK2JHM
#HAPPYBACK2NWSd



In order to comply with School Fire Safety Codes updated by the province, a directive from the Ministry of Education means that we are no longer allowed storing and using microwaves in classrooms and hallways in Saskatchewan schools.

Commercial grade microwaves are the only approved ovens allowed in schools and their cost is beyond a budget that would be an option for the school to provide access for students in the time assigned for lunch.

Based on this directive, we are no longer able to offer microwave ovens for warming lunches. We regret the inconvenience this may cause JHM families. Please do not send lunches to school that require heating (including pre-packaged soups that require hot water to cook or soften noodles)

Heating food at home and sending it in a Thermos is a possible solution. We also expanded our hot lunch program to try and help with this new reality. If you are interested in volunteering with our hot lunches, grilled cheese day, or salad bar prep please contact the school. We are always happy to have more volunteers!

One of our students has a severe food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, pecans, pistachios, walnuts). Because his allergy can be life threatening he carries an Epi-Pen at all times.

We need your help creating a nut-aware environment at our school. The allergy can be triggered by directly eating or coming into contact with peanuts and tree nuts, and also through cross-contamination. Since even small amounts can cause a reaction, keeping it out of his classroom is our best method of preventing a serious reaction at school. We ask that all our JHM families avoid sending snacks, lunches and treats that contain peanuts or tree nuts. If your child does bring a food to school containing these products, please ask him or her to let their teacher know.

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how important these guidelines are. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

