

NMPPS Weekly Message – Last Day of School Edition
June 28, 2024

To start, welcome to the new Nelson Mandela families joining our school this September. This is your first message, and we can't wait to have you here!

School is out for summer! We witnessed remarkable achievements and milestones in our students' learning and development. Their enthusiasm and curiosity continue to be inspiring. Thank you to the Nelson Mandela community for its continued support and involvement in school life. It was wonderful to see our building filled with people for events such as our two Community & Allyship Nights, Grade 8 Graduation, Kindergarten Step Up and the Pride Viewing Party.

As we head into the summer break, I hope you and your family have a safe, restful and enjoyable time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall for another exciting year of learning and growth.

With the end of our school year, we do have some goodbyes to say. We say goodbye to our grade 8s and their families along with several staff members who are leaving at the end of this school year. Please take a minute to say thank you and goodbye to Linda Bell, Anjali Pain, Alessandra Kennedy, Lisa Sookhoo, Alejandra Aguilera, Julia Nicastro, Latoya Williams-Swaby, Leeza Carlucci, Hannah Naylor, Angela Wells, Jeffrey Veroff, Stacy Artuso Godoi and Joseph Trinh.

We continue to plan and prepare for September. See below for the complete list of teachers and classrooms for September. Please keep in mind that student placements and school organization are tentative until enrolment is confirmed mid-September.

The office will open on Monday, August 26th with the first day of school being Tuesday, September 3rd. You will hear from the school prior to the first day of school. Class placements will be shared at that time.

Staff List – Nelson Mandela 2024-2025

Kindergarten Division		DECE	
Christina Burk	JK/SKA	Mitaly Hasna	JK/SKA
Julia Sardinha	JK/SKB	Roy Bailey	JK/SKB
Adele La Croix	JK/SKC	Connie Stringer	JK/SKC
Primary Division		Prep/Special Education/ELL	
Julienne Smiley	1/2A	Alok Premjee	Gym
Rosemarie Palmer	1/2B	Cecil Dwyer	French
Sharmila Xavier	1/2C	Marissa Sansalone	Gym/Arts
Lula Yerakarakos	1/2D	Mary Bridget-Tuffner	Resource
Sarah Kamrad	2/3A	Peter Palantzas	Resource/ELL
Karrin Huynh	3A	Nicole Arena	Kinder Prep
Steve Morrison	3/4	Hanna Merkley	Library AM
Junior Division		School Support Team	
Althea Brown	4/5A	Angela Lenis	Spec. Ed Consult.
Aislinn Mason	5/6A	Jodie Hunter	Social Worker
Faranak Ardekanian	5/6B	Dan Balk	Psychologist
Intermediate Division			
Bektonja Ishak	7/8A		
Michelle Baker	7/8B		
Hann Merkley	7/8 LOI		
Intensive Support Programs		Support Staff	
Anna Jessup	Pri DD	Hani Afrah	Pri DD
Natalie Chalcraft	Jr DD	Anne Marie Boone	Jr DD
		Gerald Marcial	Jr DD
Joanna Braund	KDP	Sayeda Begum	KDP
Nikki	Pri ASD	TBD	Pri ASD
Sarah Dorman	Jr ASD	Claudette William Lewis	Jr ASD
Lunchroom Supervisors		Anju Chowdury	EA
Amathun, Rafikan, Margaret		Dawn Walsh	SNA
Shana, Lul, Shajeda		TBD	SNA
Kevin and Muna		Kimber Tzogas	SNA
Noon Hour Assistant		Nutrition Program	
Hawo Ahmed		Jami Shamsunnahar	
Holly Barwell		Shana Omar	
TBD			
Caretaking			
Dave Guha (Head Caretaker)			
Peter Ansara (Day)			
Darrel Macneil (Evening)			
Administration/Office Staff		Community Agencies	
Sameen Ali	Clerical	Zizi Putra	St. Mike's Clinic
Donna Cameron	OA	Michelle Woulfe	Parenting Centre
Patrice Pusey	VP	Raizell Slobodsky	Daycare Office
Sudeep Sanyal	Principal		

Message from School Council and Summer Play Dates

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, the School Council would like to extend our warmest wishes for a wonderful summer to all students and staff. Thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout the year!

A special congratulations goes out to our Grade 8 graduates! Your achievements are truly remarkable, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you. You will be missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

We are grateful to everyone who supported our events this year, including those who purchased Mandela t-shirts. Your participation helps make our school community vibrant and supportive. Stay tuned for more exciting activities in September, including our school BBQ. Consider joining the council next year and be part of planning these events!

This summer, we invite you to join us for two outdoor Saturday morning playdates for both new and returning students. It's a great opportunity to meet other families and build connections within our community. Please refer to the attached poster for details.

Additionally, we encourage you to join us on Wednesdays throughout the summer at Taste of Regent Park. It's a chance to enjoy meals together, meet our neighbors, and watch outdoor movies under the stars. We hope to see you there!

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and terrific summer break!

[Flyer - Welcome to Mandela -Summer Play Dates](#)

**NELSON MANDELA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL (NMPPS)
COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**



**SUMMER PLAY
DATES!**

New and returning NMPPS families are invited to join us to play in the school yard.

Come meet other kids and families!

**SATURDAY JULY 27 AND AUG 17
10:00AM - 12:00PM**



Find us outside in the Shuter street school playground
(across from Sumach Espresso).

Any questions?
Email us at:
nmpps.community@gmail.com

Theatre Workshop for Newcomer Youth

Join interactive games and fun activities to practice teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. See the flyer for details. [Flyer SWIS SSP 2024 - Final](#)



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