

Ellendale Elementary School

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School Fees Notice to Parents/Guardians for 2017-18

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year! We are extremely thankful for the generous support of our PAC to help keep field studies costs at a minimum.

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$2.00. "<u>As part of</u> the provincial student learning grant, the student planner has been reduced from \$5 to \$2 for the 2017-18 school year. <u>The remaining funds from this learning grant have been used to provide learning resources to schools.</u>" Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8.00 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Pre-packaged School Supply Service: For students in grades 1-7, parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience, you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through Creative Packs. Payment is made directly to **Creative Children**. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. If you are interested in purchasing schools supplies through Creative Packs, please return the completed school supplies form to the school by Wednesday, June 14th. Please ensure all **cheques are made payable to <u>Creative</u> Children**. Supplies ordered through Creative Children will be delivered to the school in September. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Please note that specialized items may be requested by individual teachers when classes are organized in September. The school will be collecting \$35 for Kindergarten students to purchase supplies for the students to use in their class.

Thank you.

Ms. Sayson Principal