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Welcome to the excitement of "back-to-school"! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer. The 2009-2010 school year holds the promise of new and renewed friendships as well as positive learning experiences for our students, staff, and parents.

Once again this year, we are happy to announce the completion of a construction project... our school Library has been totally gutted and re-built, and will house our school Computer Lab. This project is in the final stages of completion and still needs to be re-stocked, meaning that our Library will not be available during the first week of classes and possibly in to the second week. It will be worth the wait! Just a heads-up that Open House will be on Thursday October 1st, which will be the perfect time to visit the Book Fair in the Library.

You will also see that our playground now has several games painted on the tarmac and a new wall basketball net for the enjoyment of the students, thanks to the generous donations from parents, made via School Council fundraising events.

The Trelawny staff have engaged in two intense but rewarding days of professional development on September 2nd and 3rd. We have discussed school and student success, and have delved into the sensitive topics of equity and diversity. Our intent as educators is to help all students to be successful. Throughout the year, you may notice that staff are absent from time to time due to continued professional development. We participate in workshops and conferences, furthering our knowledge about such topics as literacy, autism, technology, and much more. As a staff, we stand by our school mission, which you will see on page 2 of the student agenda.

Our staff work hard in preparing to deliver meaningful programs to the students. They are to be commended for the caring, dedication, positive attitudes, and professionalism that they show every day.

We are also very proud of our custodial staff. They have worked very hard throughout the summer months to ensure that our building is safe, clean, and well-organized. Thank you Mr. Rahaman, Mr. Chiu, Mrs. Amarelo, and your wonderful team!

Whether you are new to the Trelawny community or you have been here for many years, we would like to welcome you to our school. Please take a moment to consider the many ways that you can become involved in your child's education. Perhaps you will join the parents' School Council this year... perhaps you will offer to volunteer with the Arrival Check program, the Literacy program, or pizza days... or perhaps you will vow to read every night with your child... There are many ways in which you can be a part of helping all students be successful.

If, at any time, you have questions or concerns, please feel free to phone or drop by. We encourage you to develop clear communication with your child's teachers and with our Parent School Council.

The staff at Trelawny are honoured that you entrust your children to us, and we look forward to a rewarding year of...

Creating our futures together ... Learning with hearts, hands, and minds!

*** Please note: Lunch hour this year is from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. ***

STUDENT ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students coming to school should use the white sidewalks, and should never walk on the driveway. All students should proceed to the east side of the school, where they will head to the back tarmac and entry doors. There is no staff supervision along the west side of the school, which is why all students should access the yard via the east walkway. Teachers will instruct students as to which will be their entry door for the year (Door C, Door D, or Door E).

STUDENT DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed from the back of the school, from the same doors as they use for entry. The exception to this will be any students who attend PLASP and those who take the bus. As well, our Kindergarten students enter at the side of the school, and use entry doors that are specifically designated for them.

ARRIVAL CHECK

If your child will be absent, please either phone the school at 905-824-0360 and press 1, or go to our school website at www.trelawny.ca and click on Arrival Check, to input your child's absence.

At the time of printing this newsletter, we do not have volunteers to perform the tasks of checking late and absent students. If you have an hour to spare, morning or afternoon, and would consider helping out in this volunteer capacity, please contact the School Council Chair, Mrs. Daniela Schulze, at www.trelawnyps.council@peelsb.com Thank you in advance!

ACTION FOR PARENTS

* Our Kiss'n'Ride program will be operating during the mornings, from 8:30 to 8:45, effective Tuesday September 8th. Kiss'n'Ride is run as a service to facilitate student drop-off. Therefore, please abide by the following:

- * ensure that students are ready to disembark from the **passenger** side of the car
- * students are expected to open and close the car doors
- * four to five cars should unload at the same time
- * please follow the directions of the staff, student and/or parent helpers

* We wish to welcome parents to our school, but we would ask that all parents report to the office. We request that parents do not walk in the halls or go to their children's class, unless accompanied by a staff member. Parents should only enter the school via the front doors. We are committed to providing a safe environment for our students and staff and we thank you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.

* If you would like to volunteer at Trelawny this year, please ensure that you have an up-to-date Criminal Reference Check. Forms may be obtained at the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 25 – Reorganization Day – **no school for students**

– Picture Day

Oct. 1 – Open House & Book Fair

Oct. 2 - Terry Fox Walk/Run

Oct. 7 - School Council – elections

SCHOOL HOURS

Our school hours for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Grades 1 – 5		Kindergarten	
Entry	8:45	Morning	8:45 – 11:15
Lunch	11:45 – 12:45	Afternoon	12:45 – 3:15
Dismissal	3:15		

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Parents are reminded of the distances the Board uses to determine eligibility for bus transportation. Some students who were in SK or Grade 4 last year and transported to school by bus, may no longer be eligible this September.

Kindergarten	1.0 km
Grades 1-4	1.6 km
Grade 5	2.0 km

Grade 5 students are not eligible for bussing.

MEDICATION

In order for the school to dispense medication to students in September, an "Administration of Prescribed Medication" form must be completed by your physician. You may pick up a form in the office. If you have had a form completed over the summer, please return it to the office with the prescribed medication. New forms must be completed yearly. Medications not picked up in June have been removed.

We are not able to provide medication to students without this form.