



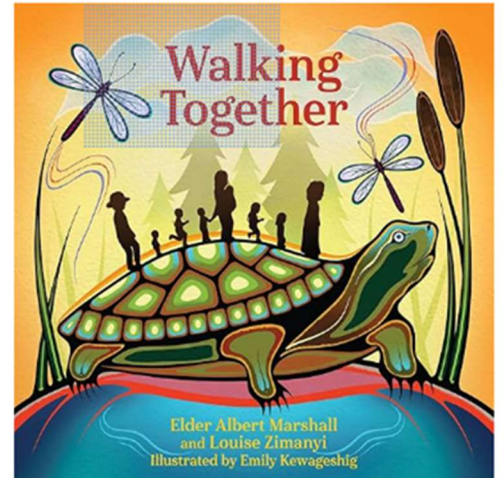
## Mile 108 Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

The new school year is off to a fantastic start! We are thrilled to have everyone back in the building, bringing our school community to life. It was wonderful to hear all the laughter and see the big smiles as we reconnected with one another. At our assembly today we focused on the importance of building positive school culture around mutual care and respect. We used the beautiful picture book, "Walking Together" as a springboard for rich discussions about how we work as a team to support each other so that we ALL learn and grow together and achieve our best. The students then created an art piece that will come together on a bulletin board to show how we are all connected and that each one of us plays an important role in our school community.



**Thank you to students and staff for such a wonderful day!**

### **BIG Thanks**

A big thank you to our custodial team, Ms. Sedford and Mr. Michaloski, for all their hard work over the summer making our school shine!! Looks amazing 😊

### **Bus Passes**

To help make daily attendance on buses go smoothly the student will be receiving a individual bus pass. Families, please expect the bus passes to come home with your child(ren) this week. The passes can be directly attached to backpacks so that students can scan as they board the bus. Please see information about the app StopFinder on the back side of the pass.

If you have not yet registered your child on the bus, please call the Bus Garage at 250-395-2230

### **Staffing Update**

I have some updates on staffing. This year we have several new faces joining our team at Mile 108 Elementary. **Our Support Team:** I would like to welcome Ms. Taylor and Ms. Jade as new members of our support team. Ms. Nichol, Ms. Alexander, and Ms. Wells are returning to us again this year. We have yet to fill our Youth Engagement Worker position but are hopeful this will happen soon. **Our Teaching Team:** I would like to welcome Ms. Raine as a new intermediate teacher to our school and to Ms. Pellizzari who is returning to our kindergarten four days a week. At the end of summer there were unexpected changes to staffing that has resulted in a reorganization. I am happy to share that Ms. Pennock is taking on a primary placement leaving an open spot that is now posted at the intermediate level. I am currently working very hard to get this position filled as soon as possible. Great news is that Mr. Nelson has come aboard as our new teacher-librarian. As I get more info regarding staffing, I will share out asap.



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### **Classroom Configurations**

Our class lists are carefully planned as a team and includes extensive discussions regarding the best possible configuration to enhance learning. Several factors are considered including best fit with teaching style, social dynamics within the environment, learning styles, strengths, and stretches. Balanced classrooms with mixed ability groupings are the goal. When planning classroom placement, we work with class size and configuration standards. Based the numbers in our building our configuration is posted below. Tomorrow morning your child will learn about who their classroom teacher is and will start to settle into the new school year.

This is always an exciting day but learning a new classroom can also cause some stress. Please help your child(ren) to embrace the changes they will be experiencing and help them to work through the natural response of feeling a bit uncomfortable or nervous on the first day or two was they get to know a new classroom community.

As you will notice we are very full! We have a three-grade split in primary and this is a necessary configuration to accommodate our student population.

**Kindergarten** – Ms. Pellizzari (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) \*Wednesday position - TBA

**Kindergarten / Grade 1** – Ms. Keller

**Grade 1 / 2 / 3** – Ms. Pennock

**Gr. 3 / 4** – Ms. Fast

**Gr. 4 / 5** – Open (Ms. Hougen will be in this week to help)

**Gr. 5 / 6** – Ms. Johnson

**Gr. 6 / 7** – Ms. Raine

As always, please reach out with questions or concerns as they come up. Have a great evening!