

Dear families,

Welcome to Verdun Elementary School!

VES is a wonderful, community school focused on educating the whole child. We are committed to providing a quality learning environment in which all students feel safe and are motivated to achieve academically, socially and emotionally in preparation for the challenges and expectations of higher learning in an evolving society. At Verdun Elementary, the students, parents and personnel come together as educational partners to initiate and to improve upon the learning process and are excited to welcome you to our family!

What makes Verdun so special?

Dedicated staff: Our staff is committed to your child and their education. They are energetic, caring and patient, and believe in our school, in our approach to learning and in maintaining strong ties to our families and our community.

L.E.A.D.S approach to learning: Our school is focused on teaching valuable skills to becoming a strong and courageous person. Through this approach, students will gain perspective taking, understanding and friendship with their peers. The program looks at leadership, executive functioning skills, active learning, developmental approach and social emotional learning. **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**: Social emotional learning is a strong focus for all students at Verdun Elementary. We have seen that students have more success when they have explicit learning lessons focused around their emotions, self-awareness and self-control. Students learn about these emotional regulation responses through the zones of regulation, classroom meetings and peer-mediation.

Extra-curricular activities: Our school offers many extra-curricular activities such as Music/Band classes, where students can learn to play an instrument from the many choices we have available! This is quite special as our band program looks very similar to that of a high school program, which is extraordinary for an elementary school. We also offer homework and technology support clubs, science clubs, yoga as well as friendship clubs.

As part of our Virtual Open House, we will be available to answer any questions you may have during our zoom session – details regarding how to access this session will be available on the site you are visiting. We look forward to opening our doors to you virtually on the 19th. We love our school and are sure you will too!

Looking forward to meet you,

Christine Dane VES Principal