

Dear Families,

Starting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Division 13, 14 and 15 will be starting our weekly wondering walks **every Wednesday morning from 11:15 to 11:45 am**. We will be participating on our walks in all weather conditions. If there are harsh weather conditions, we may have to cancel some walks.

**It is important to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.** For example, on rainy days, we are asking for rubber boots, rain resistant jackets with a hood, and rain resistant pants). Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school.

Please review safe behaviour with your child at home. Our expectations are:

- We stay with our group.
- We can see an adult at all times.
- Do not touch any garbage that you see.
- Nothing goes in our mouths.

The purpose of these walks is to get the children outdoors, develop a connection with nature, and observe the world around them. We want them to develop the ability to wonder and create their own theories for how things work. The best way to encourage wonder is to ask questions such as:

- What do you notice?
- What do you wonder?
- Why do you think it is that way?

Please refrain from giving them the answers. Instead, encourage them to be more curious.

*“Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).” – First Peoples Principles of Learning*

There are some walks where we will be looking for volunteers to join us and to help assist during our activity. We will reach out the week before if parent volunteers are needed. On the morning of the walk, you are welcome to come with us to help facilitate our walk, learning and safety. **Please be aware we are not able to accommodate siblings.**

Many thanks,

Ms. Chan, Ms. Santorelli and Ms. Tai