

Dear Division 8 and 9 Parents,

Over the next few weeks, your child will begin taking part in a weekly activity which we are calling **Nature School**. On Tuesday mornings, the students of division 8 and 9 will be spending the first part of the day outside taking part in a variety of activities that are connected with the curriculum. Our intention in doing this is to give children a chance to be outside, connecting with nature, and connecting with the place that they live and go to school. Please see the attached brochure for a more detailed description of the benefits and reasons for *Nature School*.

Our regular *Nature School* time will be on Tuesday mornings throughout the year. **We plan to go outside rain or shine.** We ask that you please dress your child appropriately to be outside on Tuesdays.

**Your child should be wearing a waterproof coat with a hood, rain boots, and as it gets colder they will need winter gear such as gloves, hats, etc.**

We are lucky to have many natural areas within walking distance of our school and we will be exploring these areas throughout the year. We may also plan field trips to other outdoor locations later in the year. You will receive more information and a permission/volunteer form closer to the date of any planned field trips.

If you would like more information about this activity or if you have any questions, please speak to one of us.

Thank you,

Ms. McKenna and Ms. Fischer