



Ponoka Elementary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The design of our newly renovated building features collaborative learning communities with flexible learning spaces. Since moving into our new home, we have learned many things about learning & teaching in a highly collaborative environment. One of our key lessons has been with regards to student supplies, primarily in our Kindergarten, Gr. 1-2 and Gr.3-4 learning communities. Within each of these communities students no longer have their “own” desk, rather they rotate throughout their community, getting to take advantage of all the different learning spaces. We quickly discovered that it was necessary to pool general supplies, helping students to embrace a community setting where they learn to share community supplies.

Students in the above grades will be charged a “Supply Fee” which will cover all general student supplies (ie: pencils, erasers, glue, crayons, markers, etc.). We did our background work and have learned there are benefits to families as well! No need to battle your way through the crowded aisles searching for all those “back-to-school” supplies. And with our ability to bulk order we are saving our PES families money. (ie: the cost of purchasing previous student supply lists ranged from \$50-\$80!! per child!).

As with all fees, this “Supply Fee” is **required** and payment can be made starting late August through **Acorn Online Payment** once fees are applied to all students. We realize this is a new and possibly different approach to student school supplies, but we are confident that this will help simplify for students, staff and families!

***Students will still be required to bring their own: backpack, indoors runners (non-marking), headset and water bottle.**

Fees: (supply fees noted here are a range of what you can expect in August, exact fee totals to be determined)

Kindergarten	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3 & 4	Grade 5 & 6
Supply Fee = \$20-\$25 Student Agenda = \$8 Student Portfolio = \$7	Supply Fee = \$25-\$30 Student Agenda = \$8 Red Cross Swimming = \$40 *New Students: --Portfolio = \$7	Supply Fee = \$30-\$35 Student Agenda = \$8 Red Cross Swimming = \$40 Recorder = \$6.50 *New Students: --Portfolio = \$7	**Supply Fee = \$0 Student Agenda = \$8 Red Cross Swimming = \$40 Gr.5 Science Car = \$5 *New Students: --Portfolio = \$7 --Recorder = \$6.50
		**Gr. 4 requires individual student device at school. Chromebooks can be purchased online through our website, click on the “Chromebook Parent Purchase” button.	**Gr. 5 & 6 requires individual student device at school. Chromebooks can be purchased online through our website, click on the “Chromebook Parent Purchase” button.

****Students in Gr. 5 & 6 will continue to be provided a Supply List and are expected to purchase their own individual supplies.**

Effective July 3rd



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