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Dear Parents / Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back. I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year.

This fall brings with it many changes and new challenges. Grade seven is an important step in a student's transition to high school. It requires teamwork and organization to develop their independence. Our goal is to help them become successful and confident learners as they learn to capitalize on their strengths in a stimulating and creative environment. We look forward to working with you to meet this goal.

Classes at **LDH** will be operating on a five day schedule. Your child has been given a copy.

<http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/images/classtimetable2024.jpg>

I am in **room 172**. For our homeroom class **EMF7B**, I teach [English](http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/SubjectLinks/english/english.html) & [Math](http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/SubjectLinks/math/math.html). I teach English, Math & [Visual Arts](http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/SubjectLinks/art/main.html) to class **EMF7C** (Mme Pavic’s homeroom class from rm 263).

Feel free to send in a note if there's anything that you would like us to know about your child. Any information i.e. likes / dislikes & how you view them as a learner is appreciated.

 Our **Class website** is: **Mr. Fitch’s World** <http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/>

Lots of useful info & assignments are available. This includes important dates for homework, guide sheets for projects, online tests & examples of student projects. Considerable class material is available. I recommend that you review it with your child.

**Impt. Dates:** <http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/Misc/news.html> -includes our class **Google Calendar**, class schedule and OCDSB Calendars.

**Email**: dave.fitch@ocdsb.ca is the *best way* to contact me. It is difficult to call out from the school. When calling home I use my personal cell phone (number ending in 8350). It is a Quebec number (819). I ask that you not call this number though. Thanks.

**Homework:** To consolidate learning each week students are to spend ½ an hour each on their [**https://www.prodigygame.com**](https://www.prodigygame.com/)(Math) & [**www.readtheory.org**](http://www.readtheory.org/)(English) account. (October – May)  

 I accept old/broken, unused [laptop donations](http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/Misc/flyer.png). I repair, wipe & fix them up for student use. I do NOT have *re-tests* for students. Extra help at recess is available most days. For mathematics, I have created a number of [practice tests](http://www.downwindkennels.com/me/SubjectLinks/math/practicetests/main.html) with answers that students may try at home before announced tests.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Dave Fitch 