

# PROGRESSIVE ACADEMY

PARENT ORIENTATION 2015



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# WELCOMES & INTRODUCTIONS

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# PROGRESSIVE ACADEMY SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

## 1. Education is a partnership

- School
- Home
- Student

**We are here to  
work with you**



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# PROGRESSIVE ACADEMY PHILOSOPHY

## Communication is Vital

- Teacher ↔ Home
  - Agendas, E-mails
- School ↔ Home
  - Weekly E-mails

Please take time to keep up on teacher & school communication



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# PROGRESSIVE ACADEMY PHILOSOPHY

## 2. We are a student-centered school

- the bottom line is what is the best for a student
- each child is unique
- academic prep is important ...
- but we are also teaching skills for living



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# HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

1. **Drop-off & Pick-up**
2. **Uniforms**
3. **Homework**
4. **Student Code of Conduct**
5. **Out-of-School Care**
6. **Casino**
7. **PD for Parents**
8. **Additional Programs**



# DROP-OFFS AND PICK-UPS

**For safety reasons, do not use the staff parking lots**

**The west door is preferred for JK's in the Acorn and Rainbow Room, The southwest door for grade 3-9's and the southeast door for K - 2's and JK's in the Sunshine and Sunflower Rooms.**

**The speed-limit is 30 km/h in School Zones. Police will be enforcing. Construction likely until Oct. 30. Give yourself an extra 10 minutes.**



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# UNIFORMS

**Mondays are  
formal days**

**The website  
contains  
uniform details  
for each level**

**If in doubt, consult  
the teachers**



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# HOMework

**Views on homework vary tremendously from family to family and culture to culture**

**PA general guidelines – 10 minutes/grade level**

**PA encourages families to engage in many embedded learning activities ...**



# HOMEWORK

## **Embedded learning suggestions:**

Reading – silently, aloud, with partners, with questions.

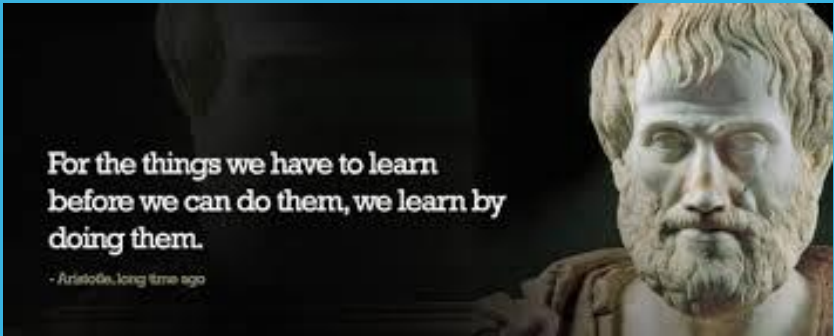
## **Every activity a learning activity ...**

e.g. Math in the supermarket, on the road, at the arena.

e.g. Family discussions about movies and TV programs to promote critical thinking.

e.g. Advance research prior to family travels – history, culture, etc.

e.g. Planning family outings to develop organizational skills, research skills, financial management skills.



For the things we have to learn  
before we can do them, we learn by  
doing them.

- Aristotle, long time ago

# HOMEWORK

**Should you wish additional homework for your child, talk with the teachers. They may be able to suggest or provide you with resources.**



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# Student Code of Conduct

**The Province requires each school to have a Code of Conduct that is annually communicated with students, parents and staff.**

**Student Code of Conduct**



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# Out-of-School Care

- Spaces are limited as we are limited by licensing
- 7:30 to 8:45a.m.
- 3:45 to 5:30p.m.
- Space permitting, parents can register children for casual attendance

## Activities include:

- Group activities
- Clubs
- Study Hall



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# Casino - Barb Smyth

Our largest fundraiser of  
the year

Dates: October 12 & 13

18 - 20 volunteers  
needed each day

On the job training

Low stress

Volunteer Positions:

Banker

Cashier

Chip Runner

Money Counter



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# Parent Professional Development

**Jolly Phonics** for  
parents of JK & K

September 8 @ 4:00  
p.m.

**Achieving Educational  
Results**

September 23 @ 7:00  
p.m.

**Contact Ellie at the reception desk to sign-up**



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# Additional Programs

1. Mountain Adventure School
2. Robotics
3. China Spring Break Trip

Check the PA website for more information.



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The beginning of a school year can be a stressful time for you as parents and for your children. We encourage you to let your children develop their independence as they progress through school. Often, young people can learn much from having to deal with stressful situations or conflict, as long as they have adults to provide guidance. For some of you as parents, each new level is another first, and the anxiety you feel is very real. Feel free to talk about this with your child's teachers and with the administrators in the school. With your knowledge of your children and your passion for parenting, and our experience as educators, we can usually find positive ways to guide your children in developing the skills that lead to academic success and to the development of life competencies.



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