

# The Pines Gr. 5-8 Transition Update

Clarke Family of Schools: Newcastle PS, Orono PS, The Pines, & Clarke High School

## What Are We Working on for the Transitions this Week?

- Transition Educator Team meeting: discussed recess & future goals for meetings.
- Furniture organization and ordering for both The Pines and The Pines @ Clarke
- shared google form for class requests to parents at Orono, NPS, and the Pines
  - Survey to NPS families inquiring about childcare needs.
- Newcastle PS Classroom Visits from Mr. Avery (Principal of the Pines). Orono visits will be happening in the upcoming weeks



Photo Update: Fencing Plan for the Yard at The Pines

## FAQ

- 1. What will recess look like?**

Students at The Pines will use the newly fenced yard (fencing will go in during this summer). Students will continue to have access to activities like soccer, baseball, foursquare, volleyball, and basketball. Students at The Pines @ Clarke will make use of a pavement area, as well as the grassed space to the back of the school for the same activities.
- 2. I am worried about rotary, is that happening?**

No, both locations of The Pines will be using homerooms. This means that students will have their teacher, as well as a French and planning time teacher. This is the same model that is followed in all elementary schools across KPR.

## Clarification from last week's FAQ:

We heard from some families that they were worried that there would not be access to outdoor recess for grade 7/8s. Our intent was to emphasize that students would not be moving between the two buildings during recess or other times. **There will be outdoor recess for grade 7s and 8s attending The Pines @ Clarke.**

