



Sunset Elementary School

NEWS

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome all our new families to Sunset, and welcome back our familiar families! We have an exciting year of learning ahead of us and are truly glad to take this journey with you and your children.

We have some new staff members this year. Mrs. Fletcher is on staff once again, teaching grade 6/7. Mr. Merle Hubbard is our new vice-principal and comes to us from Okotoks, Alberta. Mr. Hubbard also teaches in a grade 6/7 classroom. Ms. Catherine Zydyk is teaching grade 5/6 and comes to us from Ahousaht, B.C. Ms. Tracy May is joining us from Alert Bay Elementary school and will be our grade 3/4 teacher as well as our librarian. Finally, Ms. Anne Rowsell is our new Learning Assistance Resource Teacher, who joins us from Cheslakees. We are pleased to have these professionals join our team!

We want to work in partnership with you, so if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher. Also, please read the monthly newsletter and check the PAC Facebook page for information regarding your child's learning, special events, and general announcements.

Schools cannot function without parent volunteers. Sunset has a number of events during the year in which parent volunteers are necessary. Please think about helping out with cross-country, swimming lessons, track and field, or the Fun Fair. We know your time is valuable and appreciate your support.

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Upcoming Events

- Hot dog day.....Sep 21st (Thursday)
- Meet the teacher.....6:30-7:30.....Sep 25
- Orange shirt day.....Sep 27
- Terry Fox Run.....Sep 28
- Thanksgiving.....Oct 9
- Provincial Pro-D—no school.....Oct 20
- School Photo Day.....9:00 amOct 23



Vice Principal's Message

Hello! My name is Merle Hubbard and I am the new Vice Principal of Sunset Elementary. I am very excited to be here, and my first two weeks here have been wonderful. The staff are caring and conscientious, and the students are welcoming and eager to learn. Just a little about myself. This is my twentieth year of teaching - wow, that sentence just made me feel old. I have taught from grades 3 to 7, with my last couple of years teaching grade 6. I spent my first 3 years teaching in the Gold Trail school district west of Kamloops, and the last 16 years teaching at a middle school in Calgary. I am looking forward to meeting parents at the upcoming meet the teacher night, September 25, and getting to know the students throughout the year.

In the Event of an Emergency



The care of your children during an emergency situation is very important to us and following are our emergency procedures. These emergency procedures are practiced at school in order to have your child become familiar with them should an event happen.

Power Outage:

As you know we occasionally experience power outages. The decision to close schools is generally not made until the duration of the power outage is communicated to us. If a decision is made to close the school, all parents will be contacted and arrangements made for student pick up.

Fire and Earthquake:

Should either of these events occur, our classes will exit the building in a safe manner. Attendance will be taken and unaccounted for students will be tracked down. Students will remain with their class until they can be picked up by a parent.

Lockdown:

Should the school be required to go into lockdown, we have procedures to follow to keep your child safe. In this event do not attempt to contact your child via cell phone. Cell phone use during a lockdown is banned for all since a ringing cell can alert an intruder to students whereabouts. When the RCMP give the all clear, parents will be contacted and arrangements will be made to release your children into your care.

PAC News

Thank you for those parents who attended our first PAC meeting of the 2017/2018 school year. The meeting went very well however it did run a little long which is to be expected for a first meeting. We would like to remind parents that there is a structure and rules to follow while attending our meetings and that if you have questions please limit them to one per person per subject. There is also a scheduled section for parent questions at the end of the meeting that we ask parents use for their questions and concerns. PAC meetings are not the place to bring your complaints and if you do have concerns please email the chair or the principal so that they can be addressed accordingly.

In the next month or so we will be starting our fundraisers which supplies our schools with extra's that are not covered by school funding. With that being said, last year we really struggled with volunteers committing to help make these events happen. The PAC would like to let everyone know that if we cannot secure enough volunteers for each event by a specific deadline, the event won't happen. Watch for upcoming call outs or if you know you want to take a specific event head on or volunteer please email the Chair-Jaime Gabrielle @ jlmc_17@hotmail.com.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 16/2017. We look forward seeing parents there!

PAC

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

The front of Sunset School can be very congested both in the morning and after school with students and busses. In an effort to maintain safety for our students, we ask that you observe the signage in our driveway and drop off and pick up your children in the designated

zone.

Thank you

