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WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES

Arrow Heights Elementary has had a great start up to the 2017/2018 school year! It was wonderful to see the excitement for all as we embark on a new school year. We have had a handful of new families to our school. We welcome them to our community. This will be the only paper copy of the monthly newsletter this year. Future newsletters will be sent via email and posted on our website. Please check your email or the web at the beginning of each month. It's going to be a great year of learning at AHE as we focus on having a growth mindset. AHE CARES!

Mme. Tedesco☺

Principal	Mme. Tedesco	EA's / Noon Hour Supervisors:
		Mrs. Madlung & Mrs. Reed
K	Ms. Tedesco	EA: Mrs. Laurie Jones
1	Mrs. MacLeod/ Ms. Mortell-LeBlanc	Custodian Staff: Mr. Hill & Mrs. Buffett
2/3	Ms. Maitland	Secretary/Library TBA
2/3	Mrs. Uremovich/ Ms. Lacroix	
4/5	Mrs. Thompson/ Ms. Lacroix	AbEd support Mrs. Stewardson
5/6	Mrs. Gadbois	
6/7	Ms. Johnson	SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Learning Support	Mrs. Just	School Day 8:30 a.m- 2:30pm
Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Draboczi	Recess 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
Gr 6/7 Music	Mr. Redding	Lunch 11:50 a.m. - *12:40 p.m.

RENOVATIONS



Our school looks amazing with the facelift that we have received. We are just waiting for our new doors to arrive! The work is expected to continue until the beginning of October. Next up is the gym and change rooms which will be freshly painted and renovated. Thank you to our staff and students for demonstrating that the C in CARES truly means COOPERATION!

TERRY FOX RUN

September 27, 2017 1:30pm

Toonies for Terry!

Our school will be collecting donations for cancer research in honor of the Terry Fox Run. Each toonie donated by a student will give him/her a foot to go up in the school. We are trying to make our path of feet in the school to go all the way around the building. Toonies will be collected each day for 2 weeks starting September 13. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Friday September 29

Orange shirt day is a movement to remember victims of the Residential School system. The day officially began in 2013 but in reality it began in 1973 when six year old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School, outside of Williams Lake, BC. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand new orange shirt for her first day of school – new clothes being a rare and wonderful thing for a First Nation girl growing up in her grandmother’s care - but the Mission Oblates quickly stripped her of her new shirt and replaced it with the school’s institutional uniform. While she only attended for one year the impact affected Ms. Webstad’s life for many years. “I finally get it, that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don’t matter.” We wear orange to honor our first peoples.

REVISED CURRICULUM

Student-Led Conferences, Early Dismissal Days (Communicating Student Learning)



We are making some changes to the way we communicate student learning at AHE. Family conferences will be scheduled for **November 7-8** with early dismissal at 12:30 on both days. In the third week of January families can expect a written mid-year student progress profile indicating their child's growth thus far. Each class will then hold student-led conferences to further communicate learning and growth on **April 11-12** with early dismissal as well. At the end of June you will receive a summative report. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher.



The **Cross Country Running Club** will be holding their practices on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:15. This fun after-school activity will be run by Ms. Johnson and Mrs. MacLeod and Ms. Mortell-Leblanc. It will be open to Grade 4 and up students. Information has been sent home to interested students. Race schedule is as follows:

Sept. 21 – AHE Sept. 28 – BVE Oct. 5 – CPE Oct. 12 – 5k Loop

PICTURE DAY- OCTOBER 19



School photos are scheduled for October 19th. All students will have their photo taken -- purchase is not necessary.

Ambulance Service at No Cost

In the unlikely event that we need to call an ambulance to the school to transport a child to the hospital, and a family does not have extended health coverage, there will be no cost to the family.

Student Verification Forms

Student Verification forms have been sent out to each family. Please ensure all the information is correct, sign where appropriate and return to our office as soon as possible.

Community School Threat Assessment: Fair Notice

Our school community is committed to creating and sustaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. All reported threats and incidences of violence will be investigated. The purpose of the threat assessment process is to use the best knowledge, skill and experience available to assess high-risk behaviors so that appropriate interventions can be identified to protect individuals from harm and ensure a climate of safety in schools and the community. Any student whose behavior or actions appear to pose a high risk to self-harm or who threatens harm to others will undergo the threat assessment process. This assessment will be extensive in scope and may include the involvement of community partners such as MCFD and the RCMP. High-risk behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of weapons
- Bomb threats
- Any threats to kill or injure others or self (threats may be written, verbal, drawn, posted electronically, or made by gesture only and may be direct, indirect, conditional or veiled).

Duty to Report: To keep school communities safe, staff, students, parents, and community members will report all threat related behaviors to the school principal.

PAC NEWS

Welcome Back AHE Families! We hope you all had a great summer and PAC looks forward to helping to make this a great school year for your kids.

Along with hot lunches, the Scholastic Book fair and Christmas Craft fair, PAC will be offering other fundraisers such as Purdy's Chocolates and Stoke Coffee. Check out our Loveable Labels facebook page if you still need some labels for your child's school gear.

PAC elections will be held at our next meeting on October 2 at 6:30 pm. Getting involved with your PAC is a great way to be involved with your child's school experience, stay informed about upcoming events and make a difference in your school community! And, as always, child minding is available during PAC meetings. Have a great September and see you in October!

STAY CONNECTED!



Just a reminder to visit our website arrowheights.sd19.bc.ca Also on the homepage is the AHE Twitter feed @ahcares which will give you a look into some highlight day to day activities here at AHE.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 21- X country run @ AHE**
- September 25- Pro-D Day-no school for students**
- September 27- Terry Fox Run 1:30pm**
- September 28- X country run @ BE**
- September 29- Orange Shirt Day – Please wear orange to school**
- October 2- PAC meeting 6:30pm- PAC elections**