

ARROW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

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WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES

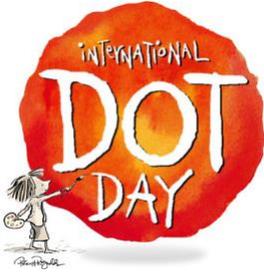
What a great start to the 2019-20 school year! We have lots of new faces who have been warmly welcomed by students and staff. Classes are settling in and are getting used to their new routines. The fall season is definitely one of new beginnings and a time to embrace change. At AHE we will be continuing to foster a sense of belonging to our AHE community and working on developing students' core competencies of communication, thinking and personal and social responsibility. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season as we look ahead to a positive new school year.

Mme. Tedesco☺

2019-2020 AHE STAFF LIST

Principal	Mme. Tedesco	EA's / Noon Hour Supervisors:
		Mrs. Curran & Ms. Ehlers
K	Ms. Tedesco	EA: Mrs. Madlung, Ms. Kaler
K	Mrs. Andrykew	Secretary: Mrs. Rollo
1	Mrs. MacLeod/Ms. Lacroix	Custodians: Mr. Hill , Ms. Pratico, Mr. Canceillere
1/2	Mrs. Vickers/ Ms. Lacroix	Counsellor: Mr. Borthwick
2/3	Mrs. Uremovich	Bus Driver: Ms. Cinelli
3/4	Ms. Leach	Library Clerk Mrs. Irving
4/5	Mrs. Gadbois	Indigenous Ed. TBA
5/6	Mrs. Thompson	Speech/Lang Ms. Penner
6/7	Ms. Johnson/Mr. Cadegan	
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Learning Support	Mrs. Just	<u>SCHOOL SCHEDULE</u>
Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Draboczi	School Day 8:30 am- 2:30pm
Gr 6/7 Music	Mr. Sternloff	Recess 10:00 am - 10:20 am
		Lunch 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY: Monday September 16th



We can all find our passion. We just need a champion! International Dot Day based on the children's story "THE DOT" is about a little girl who think she can't draw. It's not until her teacher teaches her to believe in herself that she unlocks her real potential and "flies". Celebrate this notion with us on September 16 and wear your dots to school. WE ALL CAN LEARN AND GROW. We've just got to believe in ourselves!



TERRY FOX RUN

September 27, 2019 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 16. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.



Orange Shirt Day: Monday, September 30th



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.



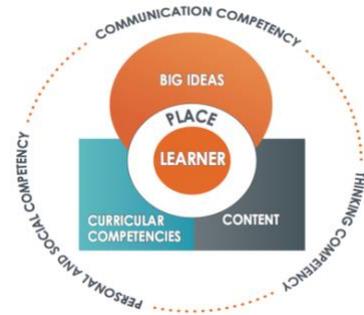
The **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB** will be holding their practices on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:15. This fun after-school activity will be run by Ms. Johnson and Mrs. MacLeod. It will be open to Grade 4 and up students. Information has been sent home to interested students. Race schedule is as follows:

Sept. 19 – BVE Sept. 26 – AHE Oct. 3 – CPE Oct. 17 – 5k Loop

REVISED CURRICULUM

Family Conferences, Early Dismissal

(Communicating Student Learning)



We are continuing to explore how best to make communication of student learning a continuous and ongoing process. Early dismissal to allow for Family conferences will be scheduled for **OCTOBER 10** with early dismissal at 12:30 on this day. In November there will be an additional afternoon to allow time for teachers to meet and prepare for progress profiles. The first week of December families can expect a written student progress profile indicating their child's growth at that point of time. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher as we get closer to the dates for this first part of the school year. You are always encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher and check in, whether it be in person or via email. Working together to help our kids in their learning is valued and appreciated.



STUDENT VERIFICATION AND CONSENT FORMS

Student Verification and consent forms went out to each family yesterday. Please ensure all the information is correct, sign where appropriate and return to our office by Friday September 13th.

BREAKFAST CLUB



We are excited that the breakfast program will be running again in our school this year and will officially get started on **September 16th**. We will be serving breakfast outside at the west and north entrances to the school and all students are welcome to enjoy a nutritious snack before the bell rings. Last school year our program served over 5000 breakfasts to Arrow Heights students! Our new program coordinator is Melissa Kennedy - stop by and say hello when you see her next.

This program couldn't happen without a dedicated team of volunteers. We are seeking parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members to volunteer with us. Our shifts run from 7:45 -8:45 am, each school day and involve preparing, serving and cleaning up the foods that we serve. To volunteer, please send Melissa an email at melissajkennedy@gmail.com and she will find a shift that suits you. Food Safe certification is not mandatory, but if you wish to gain your certification, we have a free course offered to volunteers on September 21st - let Melissa know if you're interested.

The other key element to our program is funding. The program is currently supported by generous funders like Columbia Basin Trust, and we always welcome financial support from families and businesses that would like to contribute. Donations can be dropped off at the School Board Office at 501 Eleventh Street.

PICTURE DAY- OCTOBER 9



School photos are scheduled for October 9th. All students will have their photo taken -- purchase is not necessary.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

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.



SAFETY REMINDERS

A reminder to all of our families of the following safety reminders:



- Please walk bikes as you enter and exit the school grounds. Our parking lot is a busy place!
- Please remind your child about the importance of road safety. A number of students are blindly riding or walk into traffic. Using the designated cross walks are the safest option.
- Please make every effort to park in designated parking only or Park Dr., ensuring that access is not blocked to emergency vehicles if ever required.
- Please remind our kids about being BEAR AWARE. (Garbage in receptacles, travelling together and making lots of noise!)

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 everyone, and a special welcome to the new families at the school! AHE PAC meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the AHE library. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings with our friendly group. We support school events and run a few events of our own. This year we are again planning hot lunches, a book fair and a Christmas craft fair. Stay tuned to our AHE PAC Facebook page for updates and volunteer opportunities. Our executive this year is listed below and are happy to answer PAC questions. Wishing everyone a great school year, and hope to see you at the next meeting on Oct 7th at 6:30pm in the AHE library. (Childcare provided by our Grade 7 students!

STAY CONNECTED!



Just a reminder to visit our website arrowheights.sd19.bc.ca

Also on the homepage is the AHE Twitter feed [@ahcares](https://twitter.com/ahcares) which will give you a look into some highlights of day to day activities here at AHE.

Did you know that the AHE PAC has a Facebook page? Go to the following website for more information and to stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/AHEPAC/>



Important Upcoming Dates:

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| September 16- | DOT DAY |
| September 19- | X country run @ BVE for Gr 4-7 |
| September 26- | X country run @ AHE for Gr 4-7- we host! |
| September 27- | Terry Fox Run 1:30pm |
| September 30- | Orange Shirt Day |
| October 9- | Picture Day |
| October 10- | Family Conferences- more info to follow and Book Fair day too |