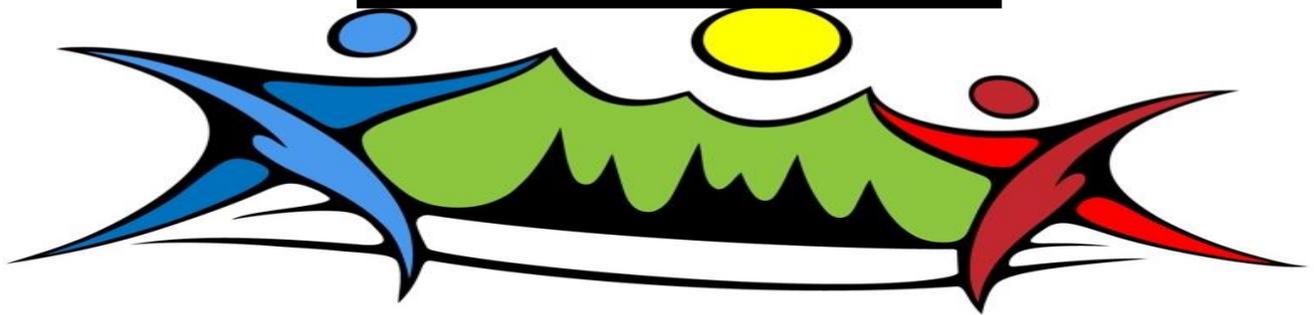


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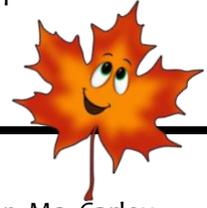
# ARROW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

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## WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES

We send a warm welcome to all of our families. Our staff has worked hard and thoughtfully to help restart our school this year in a way that feels safe, warm and welcoming. We know and understand that we are all at a time in our lives that we perhaps never thought we might experience. Living through a pandemic has tested our humanity as a society and has shown to us that in times of adversity we are stronger together, unified and supporting each other. Now more than ever, we need our school to be a place of belonging, safety and care. We will continue to move forward in our learning focusing on understanding ourselves and our needs, accepting others and meeting each and every learner where they are. AHE is special place created by those who work and learn here. While we approach our start carefully, we look ahead to an exciting year filled with many new school memories and connections. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season as we look ahead to a positive new school year. We are truly all lucky to be part of the AHE community. Kind regards,

Mme. Tedesco ☺



### AHE STAFF LIST 2020-21

Principal	Mme. Tedesco	EA's / Noon Hour:	Ms. Kaler, Ms. Carley
K	Ms. Tedesco	EA's:	Mrs. Madlung, Mrs. Ehlers
1	Mrs. MacLeod/Ms. Lacroix	Secretary:	Mrs. Rollo
1/2	Mrs. Gauer/Mrs. Ashford	Custodians:	Mr. Hill, Mrs. Kolt
2	Mrs. Vickers/ Ms. Lacroix	Counsellor:	Mr. Borthwick
3	Mrs. Uremovich	Bus Driver:	Ms. Cinelli
4	Mrs. Thompson	Library Clerk	Mrs. Irving
5	Mrs. Haworth	Indigenous Ed.	Mrs. Krug
6	Mrs. Gadbois	Speech/Lang	Ms. Penner
7	Ms. Johnson/Mr. Cadegan(+PE)		
Learning Support	Mrs. Just	<b>School Day</b>	<b>8:25 am- 2:30pm</b>
Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Draboczi	<b>Recess</b>	<b>9:55 am - 10:15 am</b>
Gr 7 Music	Mr. Sternloff	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 pm - 12:50 pm</b>

## LEARNING GROUPS

A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school year and who primarily interact with each other. AHE learning groups are also created for the purpose of mini assemblies where teacher partners will be collaborating on curricular goals or projects. Learning groups were recommended by the Provincial Health Officer to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and help to contact trace. Learning groups can be more relaxed with their physical distancing. Groups that cross over and those staff that work with all groups or multiple groups must practice physical distancing and make use of outdoors as possible. They may also be wearing a mask. Our learning groups are as follows:

Kindergarten and Grade 1	(40 plus adults)	Front playground and zone 1 of forest (1's only)
Grade 1/2 and Grade 2	(39 plus adults)	Side playground (part 1) and Zone 2 of forest
Grade 3 and Grade 4	(41 plus adults)	Side playgrounds (part 2 and Zone 3 of forest
Grade 5 and Grade 6	(49 plus adults)	Back field zone 1
Grade 7	(26 plus adults)	Back field zone 2



Learning groups will be assigned to the above-mentioned designated play zones during recess and lunch to begin the year. These zones will be revisited for variety and organization. Our recess and lunch times are only staggered from Ecole des Glaciers. There will be other play spaces where cohorts may cross over, with greater physical distancing emphasized and sanitation of sports equipment maintained.

## MEET AND GREETs- SEPTEMBER 14-17

Teachers want to meet their parents and parents want to meet their child's teacher. Our teaching staff are holding informal meet and greets in the field rain or shine so that 1 parent from each family can connect in person (physically distanced) with their teachers. The purpose of the meet and greet is to connect and put a face to the name of your child's teacher. After you have had a chance to say to say hello, students can go home with their parents. Here is our schedule for the week:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>2:10 pm</b>	<b>Grade 1 Side Field</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Grade 4 back field</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>2:10 pm</b>	<b>Grade 2 Side Field</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Grade 6 back field</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>2:10 pm</b>	<b>Grade 1/2 Side Field</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Grade 5 back field</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>2:10 pm</b>	<b>Grade 3 Side Field</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Grade 7 back field</b>

If you are unable to attend, no need to worry. You can give your child's classroom teacher a call at the school or send an email to arrange a different time to connect.

## **PLANNER PAYMENT, TERRY FOX DONATIONS AND FUTURE PAYMENTS...**

With COVID 19 being part of our lives, we are trying to discourage cash payments from being made to the school. If you have sent cash already, we will accept these at this time. Moving forward we will only accept cheque or e-transfers. Cheques are payable to Arrow Heights Elementary. E-transfers have been set up as auto deposit with no password required. However, we ask that all parents please clearly state in the message section: the name of their child, class name, and nature of payment. Here is our email address and a suggested message:

[ahe@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:ahe@sd19.bc.ca)

Jiminy Cricket  
Grade 4  
Planners and Terry Fox

As we are currently collecting for planners \$7 and donations for Terry Fox, you may combine the payment clearing stating both in the message. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rollo in the office.

## **INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY- September 15th**



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 thinks 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 15 and wear your dots to school. WE ALL CAN LEARN AND GROW no matter what. We've just got to believe in ourselves!

## **TERRY FOX RUN – September 25th**

Our school will be collecting donations for cancer research in honor of the Terry Fox Run. Each donation by a student will be marked by a foot with their name that goes up in the school. We are trying to make our path of feet in the school to go all the way around the building. Donations will be collected each day for 2 weeks starting September 11. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Our run will take place on Friday September 25th. Unfortunately, parents will not be joining us on the run. Learning groups will be running together and Grade 7's will marshal the course.



The **CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB** will be holding their practices on Wednesdays 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 -7 students. Information will be sent home to interested students. Interschool races will not occur this year but the club at school will still run. More info to follow.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY 2020- 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 Webs tad 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. Webs tad’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.



### **STUDENT VERIFICATION AND CONSENT FORMS**

Student Verification and consent forms are going out to each family next week. Please ensure all the information is correct, sign where appropriate and return to our office as soon as possible.

### **SAFETY REMINDERS**

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

- **Please avoid meeting in groups on school grounds. Families are asked to physically distance at all times.**
- 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 walking into traffic. Using the designated cross walk is a must.
- 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

*“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” -Helen Keller*

Welcome to a new school year! Fun fact - the Arrow Heights Elementary Parent Advisory Council (AHE PAC) supports AHE events, activities, equipment and more throughout the year...and you might not be aware that every AHE parent is a member of the PAC. Our AHE PAC has fantastic group of parent helpers, and we'd love for you to join us. There are many opportunities throughout the year to contribute – you can help as much or as little as you are able. Whether you like to sit quietly in a meeting, or prefer to share your ideas, we welcome you all! Sound interesting? Our first meeting of the year will be held virtually on Monday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If you'd like to be added to the invitation list, please send an email to [tantraverse@telus.net](mailto:tantraverse@telus.net).

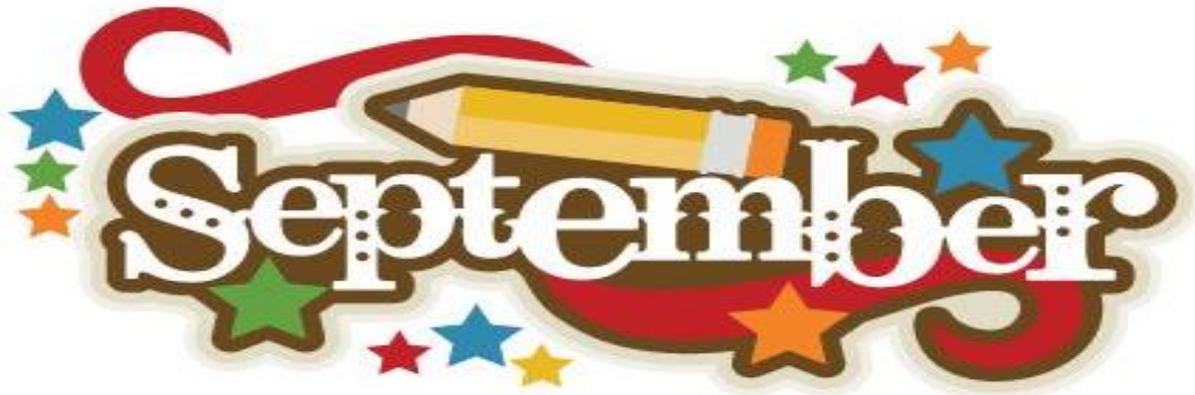
Tanya Traverse, AHE PAC Chair

## STAY CONNECTED!

Just a reminder to visit our website [arrowheights.sd19.bc.ca](http://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.





- September 14-17**      Class meet and greets in field – check schedule
- September 15-**      International DOT DAY – wear dots
- September 25-**      Terry Fox Run running in learning group – time of day  
TBA
- September 28-**      Pro-d Day – no school for students
- September 30-**      Orange Shirt Day- wear orange