



## ARTHUR HATTON ELEMENTARY

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### Principal's Corner

It's been another tremendous year at Arthur Hatton Elementary School. So much has been accomplished this year, and we are proud of the growth of all of our students. There are many wonderful memories, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank each of you for your support throughout the year. It is with sadness that I say this will be my final newsletter as principal of this tremendous school. I will be the new principal at Pacific Way Elementary starting in August. The students and staff at this school have had a huge impact on me, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn and grow in such a supportive, caring environment. I am delighted to tell you, however, that Mrs. Piggin will be succeeding me as principal of Arthur Hatton. She and I have worked together here for the past two years, and I know that this school is in very good hands under her leadership. Taking over Mrs. Piggin's role as vice-principal will be Mrs. Lori Bradstock, who is coming here from Raft River Elementary in Clearwater. Mrs. Bradstock is very excited about joining the Arthur Hatton team. We all wish you a wonderful, safe, and fun-filled summer!

### **Bright Red Book Bus and Summer Reading Ideas**

This summer, the Bright Red Book Bus will be visiting Arthur

Hatton every Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm throughout the summer, starting July 6th. Be sure to pay the bus a visit, for fun activities and free books. For a full schedule, go to [www.facebook.com/BrightRedBookBus](http://www.facebook.com/BrightRedBookBus).

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve the reading skills they have worked so hard to achieve. Children who don't continue to read daily can actually lose those skills – we call that the *Summer Slide*. Please help your child feel more confident and ready for the new school year by spending some time reading. All it takes is 10-15 minutes a day for you and your child to enjoy a book together!



### **School Closing and Opening**

The final day of school for this school year is this Wednesday, June 29th, with students being dismissed at 12:00 pm. We will have our year end assembly at 9:00 am in the gym on that day. You are welcome to join us! School will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:30 am. Classes will be in session for 90 minutes only that day, with dismissal at 12:00 pm. The following day, September 7th, we will begin full day classes, going from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Kindergarten students will follow a "gradual entry" schedule for the first week, with full day classes beginning by Wednesday, September 14th. K parents will be contacted by kindergarten teachers regarding the schedule for that first week, prior to school start-up.

### **Staff Leaving and Retirements**

Mrs. Allan is retiring this year. She has served Arthur Hatton and several other schools in our district faithfully over her career, and has made a tremendous impact on many students during that time. Mrs. Allan is passionate about music, and it shows in the way our students sing so beautifully and with such gusto! I am very thankful for the opportunity to work alongside her here these past three years, and we are all going to miss her dearly. All the best in this exciting new phase of your life! I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Thibault on her retirement from School District #73. Mrs. Thibault has been a CEA at Arthur Hatton for several years now and has served the district for 29 years, having a tremendous impact on many students over that time. We wish her all the best in the years to come!

It is always hard to say good-bye to those who have become such a special part of our school family. Thank you to the following staff for their commitment to serving our students and families over the past year, and we wish you well in your future endeavours. There is always a place waiting for you here!

Farewell to: Mrs. Connolly (Grade ¾ teacher), Ms. Neighbour (Grade K/1 teacher), Mr. Bowden (Social Emotional teacher), Mr. Cartie (Grade ¾ teacher) and Mrs. Engleson (Learning Assistance teacher), Mrs. Rousseau (CEA), Mrs. Bargery (CEA), Mrs. Lord (CEA), Mrs. Boscott (CEA), Ms. Letcher (CEA), Mrs. Gelsvik (CEA), Mr. Johnson (Custodian) and Mr. Varetch (Custodian). You will be missed!

## New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome the following staff members for the upcoming school year. They are all excited to be joining our Arthur Hatton team! Please welcome: Ms. Jensen (prep and primary/intermediate teacher), Mr. Baker (prep teacher) and Ms. St. Louis (primary/intermediate teacher).

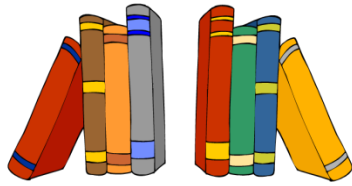
And...please welcome back: Mrs. Pratt (primary teacher).

## Track and Field Recap

The Arthur Hatton Cougars track and field team enjoyed tremendous success at the recent Zone and District track meets held at Hillside Stadium. Congratulations to all of our students on representing us with such great sportsmanship, effort and skill. In particular, bravo to Sandra Kane-Piero, Carter Ebach, Makenna Loisel, Malakye Spike, Hailey Spinks, Kylie Weston, Lani Thoobsaree, Jamie Quinney, and Rylee Lake, who competed with distinction!

## Return Library Books

ALL school library material are now due back to the library. Please make sure that your child has returned all books and resources.



## Lost and Found

There will be a display of all Lost and Found items in the hallway next week. We have kept all items that were collected through the course of the year. Please come by to reclaim any items belonging to your child(ren). All unclaimed items will be donated to charity once school is out for the summer.

## Lunch Program

A reminder that there is no lunch program for June 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> and bagged lunches will need to be sent with your child(ren). The lunch program will resume again mid September.

## Grade Sixes leaving

It has been a joy getting to know our Grade Six students, and I thank them for the many special memories they leave behind at Arthur Hatton. Their leadership and service has made our school a better place. We are all rooting for you in your new careers as middle school students! Today, we had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements at the Grade Six leaving ceremony. You make us proud, boys and girls, and remember, you will continue to represent our school in the years ahead!



## Year End Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their tremendous accomplishments this year. Your trophies will be visible in our display case for all to see and remember in the years to come.

Top All Around Student – Tayler Sanford and Corrine Nowoczin

Citizenship – Hailey Spinks and Michael Carusi

Outstanding Academics – Cambria Wichmann-Matthew and Kyra Tom

Female Athlete – Sandra Kane-Pierro and Kylie Weston

Male Athlete – Rollin Sanderson and Khalil Berridge

Principal's Award – Michael Carusi and Rollin Sanderson

Fine Arts – Madison Northcott and Corrine Nowoczin

Effort Award – Gracie Dempsey and Madison Northcott

Most Improved – Landon Pearson

## Calendar for 2016/2017

Labour Day	Monday, Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Early Closure-12:30pm	Wednesday, Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Early Closure-12:30pm	Thursday, Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Remembrance Day	Friday, Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Winter Vacation Period	Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Early Closure-12:30pm	Wednesday, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>
Early Closure-12:30pm	Thursday, Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>
Family Day	Monday, Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Vacation Period	March 20 <sup>th</sup> –March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Good Friday	Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Administrative Day	Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>

