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Welcome to the 2015/16 school year! I am thrilled to be back at Arthur Hatton School for my third year. The last two years were filled with exciting growth and challenges, and I look forward to more of the same this year, as we work together to continue to build a dynamic and caring school community. Welcome to our new staff, including:

- Mrs. Bailey (K)
- Mrs. Mulholland (1/2)
- Mrs. Silva (2/3)
- Mr. Glenn Bowden (social emotional)
- Mrs. Leanne Neighbour (early primary)
- Mrs. Korri Bartanas (part-time K)
- Kristin Engleson (LART)
- Taya Patterson (5/6)

and... As a team, all of us as administrators, teachers and support staff are committed to working with the students and families of this school to bring hope and energy to all!

Next week, we will be sending home a more comprehensive newsletter and information package that will include forms to be signed and returned and a school supplies and fees form. For the time being, our focus is on getting everyone off to a good start. For the first few days, students will be placed in temporary classes. For those students who were here last year, they will be with their last year's class. New students will be given an orientation as a group for the first day, then will be joining students in their age groupings on day #2. Once we have a solid grasp of our enrolment numbers, we will be placing students in their classes for the year. Please be patient with this process, as it may take most, if not all, of the first week of school to do this. It's important that we take the time to get it right! For our new kindergarten students, you will already have been contacted by the Kindergarten teachers with a schedule for gradual entry. The first full day of Kindergarten will be Wednesday, September 16.

As for tomorrow and beyond, we will be back on a full day schedule, with classes starting at 8:30 and dismissal at 2:30. Please note, noon hours across the district this year are 7 minutes shorter, in order to accommodate the 2 week spring break. Noon hour at Arthur Hatton goes from 12:15 to 1:08 pm.

We have a lunch program here at Arthur Hatton. Please take the time to review the menu and order process for the month of September. As the first day of this program is **next Monday, September 14th**, it is imperative that you get your child's order in to the office by this **Thursday, September 10th**. Thank you for your prompt attention to this!



I am asking for your help in making sure that each and every one of our students is present and on time for school every day. What we have found over the last two years is that the students who were here regularly and on time performed much better academically than those who were inconsistent in their attendance. For more details on this, please check on the School Improvement Plan on our school website (<http://ahatton.sd73.bc.ca>). Even when students miss the first few minutes of the day, their whole day is affected.

On the flip side of this letter you will see a calendar of events for the year. Please check out our school website for our school handbook. All newsletters are attached as links on the website throughout the year.

Thank you to Mrs. Northcote and Mrs. Yackle for keeping our Tigger's Garden well-watered over the hot, dry summer months. The flowers are beautiful and the garden is a reflection of the beauty that is the heart of this wonderful school of ours.

Anthony Rempel
Principal

2015/2016 Calendar

Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 7 th
School Opens	Tuesday, Sept. 8 th
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Sept. 25 th
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 12 th
Early Closure	Wednesday, Oct. 21 st
Early Closure	Thursday, Oct. 22 nd
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Oct. 23 rd
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11 th
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Dec. 7 th
Winter Vacation Period	Dec. 21 st – Jan. 1 st
School Re-opens	Monday, Jan. 4 th
Family Day	Monday, Feb. 8 th
Early Closure	Wednesday, Feb. 10 th
Early Closure	Thursday, Feb. 11 th
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Feb. 19 th
Spring Vacation Period	Mar. 21 st – Apr. 1 st
Good Friday	Friday, Mar. 25 th
Easter Monday	Monday, Mar. 28 th
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Apr. 18 th
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, May 16 th
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23 rd
Administrative Day	Thursday, Jun. 30 th