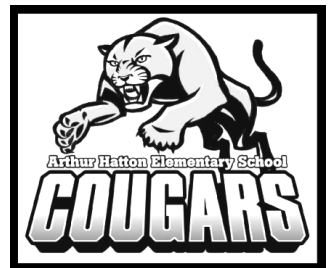


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to a brand new and exciting year at Arthur Hatton Elementary School! All the children are settled into their new classes and have begun to get to know their new teachers, new classmates, and see their old friends as well. This year will be an interesting year for all of us as we implement the BC Education Plan which includes re-designed curriculum, inquiry and project-based learning, and the development of higher order thinking. Students will continue to learn basic skills that are the foundation for new learning. It is an exciting time to be in education. We look forward to embarking on this journey with you and your children. We are starting out the year with approximately 270 students in 13 divisions. There are some new staff members, as well as some grade level changes. Our staffing looks like this for 2016-2017:

Mrs. D. Piggin	Principal
Mrs. L. Bradstock	Vice-Principal
Mrs. S. Gilbert	Secretary
Mrs. H. Bailey	Kindergarten
Mrs. T. Manson	Kindergarten
Mrs. M. Mulligan	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mrs. A. Pratt	Grade 1
Mrs. A. Mulholland	Grade 1/2
Mrs. C. Silva	Grade 2
Mrs. C. Ross	Grade 2/3
Mrs. A. St.Louis &	
Mrs. L. Jensen	Grade 3
Mrs. S. Parker	Grade 4
Mr. P. Denby	Grade 4/5
Mrs. S. Sample &	
Mrs. L Bradstock	Grade 5/6
Ms. D Zander	Grade 5/6
Mrs. L. Hickey	Primary
	Development Program
Mr. J. Baker &	
Mrs. L. Jensen	Prep
Ms. T. Mangan	LART- Behaviour
Mrs. K. McKay	LART- Academic
Mrs. V. Scott	Social-Emotional
Ms. R. Carter	Teacher-Librarian
Mrs. Dianne Dean	District Literacy
Mr. Murray Casey	Shuswap Language
Ms. L. Lord	Library Assistant
Ms. L. Caputo	CEA (PDPprogram)
Mrs. J. Rich	CEA
Ms. L. Stewart	CEA
Ms. I. Lepesic	CEA
Ms. A. Marcoux	CEA

Ms. A. Jungheim	CEA
Ms. B. Davidson	CEA
Ms. B. Wood	CEA
Ms. T. Rowand	CEA
Ms. J. Alec	AEW
Mrs. C. Cash	AEW
Mr. N. Smit	Morning Custodian
Mr. C. Bolen	Afternoon Custodian

We are all very excited to get this new school year underway, and look forward to meeting parents and getting to know all of our students as well. We hope to see you all at our Open House on September 22nd!



OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, September 22nd, from 6-7 pm, we invite all of our families to come to an Open House in the gym at Arthur Hatton. This will be a chance to meet new staff and new families, and spend a little time getting to know each other. The staff will be serving ice-cream sundaes, so please come and meet everyone!

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

8:25	Warning Bell
8:30	School Starts
10:15	Recess Starts
10:30	Recess Ends
12:10	Lunch Outside
12:35	Lunch Inside
12:54	Warning Bell
12:59	Class Starts
2:30	Dismissal

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school for students on this day - Friday, September 23rd. The staff will be involved in workshops on this day.

FIRE DRILL/LOCK DOWN DRILL

All schools in SD #73 must have 6 fire drills a year and 2 lockdown practices. Should your child talk about these drills when they get home, please reassure them that we practice these so that in the event of an emergency we will all know what is expected.

TERRY FOX

We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run as a school on Thursday, September 29th, from 11:30 - 12:10. Parents are welcome to join us for the run.

TOONIE FOR TERRY

This year we will provide each student a ballot for each day - between Sept 26th and 29th - that they bring in a minimum \$2.00 donation. On Sept 29th, we will make a draw for a Terry Fox t-shirt.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You will soon receive a package of forms to fill out and return to school for each of your children.

These include media releases, technology permissions, and student information verification, as well as others. It is very important to fill out all forms accurately, so that all the information we have regarding our students is up to date and accurate.

If your phone number or address has changed since last September, PLEASE be sure to update this on the student information verification form. When the school needs to contact parents, especially in the case of an emergency, we MUST have current contact information. Thank you for helping us with this very important matter.

School Supply Fees: School supplies and fees forms will also be included in the packages being sent home. Please ensure you fill these forms out and include them with your payment. Your child has already received their school supplies and agendas. We kindly ask that payments for these are made by October 7th. If payment arrangements need to be made, please see Mrs. Gilbert at the office.

In addition, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call and let us know. The phone number is 250-376-7217. If there is no one at the desk, you can leave a message on our answering machine. Unexplained absences must be checked by our secretary, and letting her know saves a great deal of time, and allows us to know that your child is safe.

SENSITIVITIES AND ALLERGIES:

Just a reminder to all parents and guardians that there are students and staff at Arthur Hatton who have allergies and/or scent sensitivities. Please be aware of:

- Products with nuts or nut oils- we need to be "NUT AWARE". Please check with your child's teacher to see if there are any students with nut allergies in their classes.
- Scented products of any kind- please do not wear perfume or other scented products when coming in to our building. Most products come with an unscented version, which is preferable and less likely to cause reactions for those with scent allergies.

PICKUP AND DROP OFF

Our hallways can get very crowded at the beginning and end of each day. There may be times when you need to escort your child into the building in the morning, but we are requesting that your drop off your child at the nearest entry door to their classrooms in the morning. Please note: Preparing classes for dismissal can sometimes extend beyond the 2:30 bell. Parents are advised to

remain outside the building and meet their child(ren) at their classroom exit doors to prevent distraction in the hallways which can make prompt dismissal even more challenging. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation! Also please drop off or pick up your children along Schubert Drive or Holly Avenue. Chestnut Avenue is NOT a good place for pick up/drop off because of the congestion with staff/buses. Students dropped off on Schubert Drive or Holly Avenue have direct access to the school playground where staff supervision is available before and after school. The only time students should be dropped off on Chestnut Avenue is after 8:45am as late arrivals must report to the office. Thank you for your help with this!

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

Please ensure that your child knows his/her after school schedule before leaving for school in the morning. We do not permit students to use the office phones to make after school plans with classmates.

BIKES, SCOOTERS, & OTHER FUN THINGS

Many of our students make their way to and from school using wheeled forms transportation. A reminder that students are expected to use and store their bikes and scooters appropriately. Students are reminded that these items are not to be used on the school grounds between 8:00 – 3:30 for safety reasons.

PAC

The PAC (Parent Advisory council) is a very important part of the school



community. All parents are members of PAC. Your support is needed and can take many forms: attend meetings, volunteer for activities, fund raising, just to name a few. All activities of PAC are in support of ALL students at Arthur Hatton. PAC will host the first meeting on Tuesday the 27th at 6:30pm.

2016/17 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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