



# ARTHUR HATTON ELEMENTARY

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## OUR SCHOOL VISION

The 3 New Rs:

- Nurturing Resilience
- Encouraging Responsibility
- Cultivating Respect.

## OUR SCHOOL GOAL

‘To nurture the resiliency of the students at Arthur Hatton Elementary School, by focusing on school climate improvements, ultimately leading to better overall academic achievement in both literacy and numeracy.’

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Arthur Hatton Elementary School! We look forward to embarking on this journey with you and your children. It has been a busy start up with many new students and staff members. The year began with students returning to their last years classes. During their first two days, students and staff spent some time reviewing school expectations, and our school’s Positive Behaviour Matrix. As well, the students participated in their first of the year, multi age group activity where they were challenged to build a boat from selected materials that would withstand the weight of added pennies. On Friday, students were placed in to their new classrooms and the regular routines are now being established.

At the beginning of the school year parents often ask how can they support their children’s learning at home. The answer from educators is often always the same. Read to your children, and if they are capable and willing, ask your children to read to you. Vocabulary is one of the key skills integral to literacy development. When you read to your children not only are they exposed to letters, sounds and the structure of the written language, but children are also being exposed to new vocabulary words. New vocabulary will begin to enter a child’s speaking vocabulary. Children with larger vocabularies have a better understanding of the world around them, and when they begin reading will have a deeper understanding of the texts in which they read. We encourage all our parents and caregivers to make reading part of your daily routine. Invest the time now, every day, to read to your children. “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”— Dr. Seuss

We are starting out the year with approximately 297 students in 15 divisions. We are excited to introduce our staff members for the 2017-2018 year:

Mrs. D.Piggin	Principal
Mr. R. Styles	Vice-Principal
Mrs. L Hayes	Secretary
Mrs. H. Bailey	Kindergarten
Mrs. H. Hunter	Kindergarten
Mrs. M. Mulligan	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mrs. A. Pratt	Grade 1
Mrs. A. Mulholland	Grade 1/2

Mrs. D. Pineo	Grade 1/2
Mrs. J. Wishnowski	Grade 2
Mrs. C. Silva	Grade 3
Mrs. S. Dhaliwal/Mrs. Gustafson	Grade 3
Mr. G. Gagnon	Grade 4
Mrs. A. Fehst/Ms. L. Jensen	Grade 4/5
Mr. P. Denby	Grade 5/6
Mrs. C. Macleod/Mr. R. Styles	Grade 5/6
Ms. D Zander	Grade 5/6
Mrs. L. Hickey	Elem Development Program
Mr. J. Baker & Mrs. L. Jensen	Prep
Ms. S. McQuarrie	Learning Assistant Resource
Mrs. G. Barros	Learning Assistant Resource
Mrs. S. Salvati	Teacher-Librarian
Ms. L. Lord	Library Assistant
Ms. L. Caputo	CEA (EDProgram)
Mrs. D. Lord	CEA (EDProgram)
Mrs. J. Rich	CEA
Ms. L. Stewart	CEA
Ms. A. Marcoux	CEA
Ms. A. Jungheim	CEA
Mr. S. Tanner	CEA
Mrs. C. Cash	AEW
Mr. N. Smit	Day Custodian
Mr. C. Bolen	Evening Custodian

## OPEN HOUSE/PAC Welcome Back BBQ



On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5-6:30 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 PAC along with staff will be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs. This will be an inexpensive way to serve dinner and meet the staff, and parents of Arthur Hatton. We encourage you to come out and support the school community!

- Prices:**  
Hamburgers - \$3.00  
Hotdogs - \$2.00  
Drinks - \$1.00

## SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

<b>8:25</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
<b>9:55</b>	<b>Recess Starts</b>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Recess Ends</b>
<b>11:50</b>	<b>Lunch Outside</b>
<b>12:20</b>	<b>Lunch Inside</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Warning Bell</b>
<b>12:50</b>	<b>Class Starts</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school for students on this day - Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The staff will be involved in workshops on this day.

## SAFE ARRIVAL

If for some reason your child(ren) are to be late or absent from school, we ask that you contact the safe arrival number. This is easily done by calling the number below, or by downloading the app and using it. All calls from parents must be made prior to 8:30 am in order to avoid the system contacting you.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:20 – 11:50. Parents are welcome to join us for the run.

## TOONIE FOR TERRY

Again this year we will provide each student with a ballot for each toonie that they donate between Sept 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. On Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, we will make a draw for a Terry Fox t-shirt.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Along with this newsletter you should find an envelope full 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. We would appreciate this package of forms returned by Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. If payment arrangements need to be made, please see Mrs. Hayes at the office.

## 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 do not wear scented products of any kind when coming into our building. Most products come with an unscented version, which is preferable and less likely to cause reactions to those with scent allergies.

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.

## 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 and pick up your child at the nearest entry door to their classrooms. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Also please drop off or pick up your children along Schubert Drive or Holly Avenue. 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. Please DO NOT use the staff parking lot as a drop off area. The only time students should be dropped off in the staff parking lot is after 8:45am as late arrivals must use the front entrance to 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 of 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 meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 6:00pm.



## 2017/18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Picture Day	Tuesday, Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Early Closure -12:30pm	Monday, Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>
Remembrance Day	Friday, Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Winter Vacation Period	Dec.25 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 5 <sup>nd</sup>
Schools Re-open	Monday, Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Thursday, Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Family Day	Monday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Spring Vacation Period	March 19 <sup>th</sup> –March 23 <sup>rd</sup> t
Good Friday	Friday, Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>

