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Administrators' Message

I would like to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a restful and relaxing holiday. It has been wonderful to have the students back in the building, and to see them here and ready to learn. I always enjoy this section of the school year as it is such an amazing time for learning as we see the students develop so much. Routines are well established, and the students are able to focus in on their learning and develop their skills in all areas of the curriculum. We will continue to focus heavily on Literacy and Numeracy, and are excited to continue on with our primary literacy groups. Numeracy and math will continue to be a strong focus, specifically working on number talks as a way to develop number sense and mental math strategies.

I know some families are concerned about the increased spread of the Omicron variant. As a staff we have been working hard to implement measures to keep our students and staff safe. These measures are outlined in the areas below. Please be sure to read through, and help do your part by keeping your child at home if they are sick.

Communicable Disease Prevention Plan:

Arthur Hatton's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan and Continuity of Learning plan can be found [here](#) on Arthur Hatton's website. To summarize our safety measures to keep students and staff the following are occurring:

Existing safety measures

- Continue to complete the [daily health checklist](#) or use the [K to 12 Health Check App](#);
- Ensure that students and staff stay home when they are sick or have symptoms;
- Use available space to spread out and to respect others' personal space;
- Students and staff wear a mask when in schools or riding a bus;
- Regular and effective hand washing and/or sanitizing;
- Clean and disinfect surfaces at least once a day.

Enhanced safety measures

- Continue to emphasize the completion of the [daily health checklist](#) or use the [K to 12 Health Check App](#);
- Continue to stay home when sick or have symptoms;

- Continue to maintain personally respectful space between individuals;
- Continue to wear a mask when in schools and when riding a bus;
- Continue regular and effective hand washing and/or sanitizing;
- Continue cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces at least once a day;
- School events and assemblies will be virtual;
- Adult-only meetings (e.g., staff meetings) will be virtual, whenever possible;
- Visitors to the school will be limited to those who provide direct benefit to student learning and wellbeing (e.g., teacher candidates, meal program volunteers, etc.);
- Spectators at school events, including sporting events, are not permitted;
- School classrooms will be reconfigured to maximize the amount of personal space available;
- Break times will be staggered and students will use outdoor classroom doors to reduce the congestion in hallways and shared spaces during transition and break times;
- Restrict the sharing of food among students.

Please note that report cards will be sent home on Feb. 3rd. We encourage you to celebrate your child's successes and set goals for the remainder of the year. Please contact your child's classroom teacher should you have any questions and/or concerns about the report card.

Masks Please note that students must arrive to school wearing a mask. Students are asked to bring their own masks from home. In the event that a mask is forgotten or lost we do have masks to provide, however, we do not have a supply to give masks out daily to students.

Terry Fox News

This year, Arthur Hatton Elementary came together to raise an incredible \$258.67 for cancer research for our Terry Fox School Run. The Terry Fox Foundation is so grateful for our commitment and dedication. It is wonderful to see that Terry continues to inspire millions of students across the country. If you have not donated and would still like to contribute, our school donation link is still open at <http://www.terryfox.ca/ArthurHattonElementary>

Seamless Day

Are you looking for childcare? We are very excited to announce that there will be a new before and after school program (Seamless Days pilot program) for Kindergarten students that will begin **January**

24th. Our fully licensed childcare space will allow for students to be able to stay in the same caring, play-based environment throughout the day, plus, allow the educators to better meet the needs of your child.

REGISTRATION is OPEN!

Please see attached poster and handbook for more information.

JUST B4 Preschool

JUST B4 Preschool is specifically designed for 4-year-old children with the hope of inspiring and supporting the creation of rich, joyful early childhood space.

Our JUST B4 utilizes the StrongStart BC space in the afternoon, with the same StrongStart Educator (Facilitator) who leads the StrongStart BC program in the morning. Parents **must** pre-register for JUST B4 afternoon program and choose the days of the week they would like their children to attend. JUST B4 is a licensed pre-school program and therefore parents do not attend. Parent fees apply, but families are strongly encouraged to apply for childcare subsidy.

Staff Parking Lot

Parents are reminded that student drop-off and pick-up should be happening on Schubert Drive. There is adequate parking there for this purpose, and it keeps the staff parking area clear for staff member arrival and departure. Please do not use the staff parking lot near the office to drop off or pick up your children. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Cold Weather Clothing

A reminder to parents about helping to make sure their children are properly dressed for outside weather. Winter is in full swing, and there is still a lot of cold to come! Students need to be prepared to be outside during parts of the day, and it helps to have boots, warm coats, gloves and hats. We recognize that sometimes providing this clothing can be difficult for some of our families, but would like to point out that if your kids are attending an SD73 school and your family is struggling to provide clothing for your children there is an organization in Kamloops that can help. Second Chances Thrift Store, collects clothing left in SD73 lost and found bins and washes and organizes them, then makes them available for FREE to families that can use a helping hand. The program is available through a referral system from any SD73 school. So, if you need some help with winter clothing for your children, please see Mr. Johnson or Ms. Hicks in the office for a referral slip. In any case, please send your children to school dressed in the most appropriate clothing you have for the weather. Thank you for your help with this matter!

Grocery Receipts

Please save your receipts when you shop at the Independent Grocery store, and bring them into the school to our drop bins by the office and in the

Primary hallway. We are very lucky that for every \$5000 in receipt amounts that we are able to collect, the store will donate \$20 in grocery cards to the school. This helps us to run school-wide and classroom programs that help with such things as providing food for our students. The more you can help, the more we can do! Thank-you!

2022 Kindergarten Registration

Please take note that Kindergarten Registration dates are scheduled for February 7 - 11, 2022.

Parents of students who will start Kindergarten in September 2022 are encouraged to attend a Virtual Information night on February 3rd at 6:30 to 7:30 pm.



<https://kindergartenroundup2022.eventbrite.ca>
To register new kindergarten students for the fall, please attend your neighborhood school between 9 am and 12 pm, or between 1pm and 3pm from the 7th to 11th of February.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 12, 2022	School of Choice Information Night
Jan. 24 – 28,	School of Choice Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 3, 2022	Virtual Kindergarten Information Night at 6:30pm.
Feb. 3, 2022	Report Cards go home today
Feb. 4, 2022	Non-instructional Day – School is closed.
Feb. 7 - 11, 2022	Kindergarten Registration at neighborhood schools- 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm
Feb. 21, 2022	BC Family Day- School is closed.
Feb. 23, 2022	Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 21 – 31, 2022	Spring Break- School closed



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(Kamloops/Thompson)
Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number before 8:30am

1-844-350-2647

or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com



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School Messenger App

Are you short for time in the morning and need to report that your student may be late or absent for the day? I have got a remedy for you. It's quick, easy, and free. I am pleased to introduce the School Messenger App. Once downloaded, click sign up to create your account using your email previously provided to the school, then select Report an absence, and follow the attendance prompts. This is a more effective and efficient way of reporting attendance. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

