

Arthur Hatton Elementary School

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Message from Administration

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break. We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone for continuing to practice COVID safety protocols. Please continue to complete a daily health assessment with your child and have your child stay home if he/she is sick. If parents are on the school grounds to pick up children, please be reminded to practice social distancing. Also, at dismissal time, it is best if students and families do not remain on the playground. Of course, this is in effort to stay safe and reduce the transmission of COVID-19. We appreciate your help in this matter and we look forward to the future when we can gather again.

Important Dates

April 7	Day of Suwewtwecw
April 2	Good Friday No School
April 5	Easter Monday No School
April 13	PAC Meeting 9am
April 22	Class Photos
April 26	Professional Day No Classes

Wheels on School Property

Students are aware that scooters, bikes and skateboards are not to be ridden on school property. Students are expected to walk items with wheels on the school grounds. This includes before and after the school bells.

Cell Phone Use

Our school expectation is that students do not use cell phones during the day. If your child needs to make an emergency phone call, we would prefer that they request to use the school phone. We also expect that students do not use cell phones in our school lobby and hallways before and after school. If a student is using a cell phone, he/she will be asked to put it away.

Intentions for Next Year

We are beginning to plan our class configurations for next year. If your family is planning to leave Arthur Hatton, please let our office know as soon as possible. This information will help us with our planning.

Day of Suwewtwecw

Our annual Day of Suwewtwecw takes place on April 7th. This year the theme is "Learning Together in Memory, History and Story using Aboriginal Perspectives". The goal of doing various activities on this day is to acknowledge and recognize local and other Indigenous peoples worldviews and knowledge. Each class will be participating in an activity to expand their knowledge about indigenous culture. We will also be hosting a virtual gathering for all classes to view. Part of this presentation will include a video of the students in Ms. Fehst and Ms. Zander's classes doing the Welcome song and dance. We will also honour this day by sharing bannock tacos with our students and staff. Students can still bring their lunch and snacks as usual on this day.

Playground Expectations

Students are to be reminded of the following expectations for the playground and field during lunch and recess times:

1. Hands and feet to self
2. Include others
3. Keep rocks and sticks on the ground



Kindergarten Registration

Please visit the school district website if you need to register a child for Kindergarten for this coming September. Students are eligible to register if they turn 5 by December 31st 2021.

Dear Parents;

As I mentioned in my letter to you earlier this week, public health announced that school districts amend health and safety guidelines regarding masks in the school setting.

The Ministry of Education, under the direction of the office of the Provincial Health Officer, has enhanced the health and safety guidelines for all K-12 staff and students as COVID-19 community cases are climbing in many parts of the province.

Effective immediately all K-12 staff, students in grade 4 to 12, and visitors will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, and on school buses - both within and outside of their learning group.

Exceptions include:

- A person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons);
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. actively playing a wind instrument, high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- If a person is eating or drinking;
- If a person is behind a barrier;
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses – both within and outside of their learning group – though mask wearing ultimately remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students.

Masks are available at each school. If your child requires an additional mask contact the school office.

This guidance has been issued along with other extensive public health measures announced March 29, 2021, by the Provincial Health Officer and is now incorporated into the Maintaining Safe and Healthy Schools Guideline – COVID-19.

As we have throughout this pandemic, we will continue to work closely with our local health authority, medical health office, WorkSafeBC, and our health and safety committees to do everything possible to maintain safe schools.

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Superintendent