



Arthur Hatton Elementary

September 22, 2020

Principal's Message Mrs. Piggin:

Welcome back to our returning students, staff, parents, and any new members of our school community. I look forward to a good year. As always, starting school in September is one of my favourite things. I always look forward to seeing the children again and hearing all about their summer adventures. This year, the start has been challenging; we know and appreciate that for many families it has been an emotional decision to send your children to us while worrying about the current health issues. Please know that all the staff have been trained in the SD 73 health and safety protocols and are updated regularly with any changes. This year has also been a challenge, as we have seen a significant drop in enrollment and therefore have had to eliminate two divisions which has meant a reconfiguration of our primary classes. However, with that done now, I am confident that your children will have a great year ahead.

Vice-Principal's Message Mrs. Edstrom:

Welcome to a new school year! I am very pleased to be joining Arthur Hatton as Vice Principal. For the past two years I was Vice Principal at Lloyd George Elementary. Prior to my Vice Principal appointments, I was an elementary school classroom and learning assistance teacher since 1998. I have two teenage children of my own who are sixteen and eighteen. I want to welcome all of our families back to our campus. I appreciate your patience and partnership in this year ahead.

I would like to extend a big thank you and full appreciation to all of our wonderful staff who have spent many hours preparing our school and classrooms for this year. Thank you to our custodial team for preparing our building all summer long! Thank you to our entire school community for your patience and support as we have reconfigured classes this week.

Health and Safety Information

As you are aware, Kamloops-Thompson School District 73 has developed several control measures to help ensure the health and safety for all students and staff. Please review the following measures.

Both students and staff will be required to complete a daily health check. Parents received this document and it was to be reviewed, signed and returned to our school

office. Families will be asked to complete this process again in January. A revised copy of this form was sent home on Thursday, Sept. 17th. This revised copy does not need to be signed. Please refer to it when doing daily health checks with your child.

Questions to review with your child each day include:

- Do you have any of the following symptoms? (*fever, chills, cough or worsening of chronic cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, diarrhea, or nausea and vomiting*)
- Have you returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If your child answers yes to any of the above questions, your child must stay home.



Hand washing will occur upon arrival to school and before dismissal, before and after any break, before and after eating and drinking, before and after using an indoor learning space (gym, library), after using the washroom, after sneezing or coughing into hands and whenever hands appear to be visibly dirty.

1. Students and staff will practice appropriate **respiratory etiquette**.
2. **Cleaning and disinfecting** will occur at least once every 24 hours and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned at least twice every 24 hours.
3. **Physical Distancing, Minimizing Physical Contact and Cohorts** - cohorts will be established that include up to 60 people who remain together throughout a school year or term. These cohorts will have recess and lunch breaks together and they may be combined for various learning activities. Within the cohort, minimized physical contact should occur. Those outside of a cohort must practice physical distancing when interacting with those from another cohort. Visitors and larger gatherings will be

minimized during this time. Students can be dropped off and picked up at the exterior door of their classrooms.

4. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** - Staff providing first aid assistance will wear face shields and face masks. Non-medical masks will be used when physical distancing cannot be maintained between students/staff from different cohorts. Each student will receive two reusable non-medical masks and an envelope to store them in. Masks will need to be washed after they have been used.

7. **Additional Information**

Access to the school is by appointment only. Please call the school office or contact your child's classroom teacher to book an appointment.

If your child becomes ill at school, or displays symptoms of COVID-19 he/she will be isolated immediately and you will be phone called. Prompt pick-up of your child must occur. In this situation, please pick-up your child from the front entrance. Parents will then need to consult with the Public Health Advisory for further direction and/or information. Students who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19-like symptoms, that are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. If they experience any change in symptoms, they should seek assessment by a health care provider. Students still attend school if a member of their household has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, provided the student is asymptomatic. It is expected that the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a healthcare provider.

Arthur Hatton Staff 2020/2021

Mrs. Piggin - Principal
Mrs. Edstrom - Vice-Principal
Mrs. Hicks - Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Bailey - Kindergarten
Mrs. Bos - Kindergarten
Mrs. Pratt - Grade 1
Mrs. Paynter/Mrs. Elliott-Kellam - Grade 1
Mrs. Wilsher - Home Support Teacher & Grade 3/4
Mrs. Gustafson and Mrs. Elwood - Grade 2
Mrs. Silva - Grade 2/3
Mr. Kellam - Grade 3/4
Mrs. Fehst - Grade 4
Mr. Denby - Grade 5/6
Mrs. Sweeney - Grade 5/6
Mrs. Zander - Grade 5/6
Mrs. Jensen - PE Prep

Mrs. Lunn - Teacher Librarian
Mrs. August - Shuswap Language and Culture
Mrs. Elwood - LART
Mrs. Barros - LART
Mrs. Caputo - CEA

Mrs. Stewart - CEA
Mrs. Rowand - CEA

Mrs. Marcoux - CEA
Mrs. Rich - CEA
Mrs. Hamer-Jackson - CEA
Mrs. Bennett - Aboriginal Education Worker
Mrs. McDonald - Library Assistant
Mrs. McKenzie - Aboriginal Education Worker
Mrs. Sheppard - Strong Start
Mr. Byette - Day Custodian
Mr. Bolen - Evening Custodian

Arthur Hatton Bell Schedule

8:25am	Doors Open
8:30am	Start of day
10:10am	Recess begins
10:25am	Recess ends
12:15pm	Lunch begins
12:42pm	Lunch Switch
1:07pm	Warning bell
1:12pm	Class resumes
2:30pm	End of day dismissal bell

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) from their exterior classroom door. Parents, guardians and caregivers will not be permitted to enter the building without a designated appointment that is prearranged. Please drop-off your child just before the start of the school day and pick your child up promptly. We would like to limit additional contact between students on our playground and field.

Safe Arrival

Please use the School Messenger system to report your child late or absent. You can call 1-844-350-2647, go to go.schoolmessenger.ca or download the app.

Medical Alert

Parents/Guardians of students with potentially life-threatening health conditions or allergies are requested to sign the necessary forms at the school office. These forms must be updated at the beginning of each school year.

School Forms

Please note that It is important that you review these forms and send them back to the school as soon as possible. Please ensure that you provide

your current address, telephone and email information on your child's verification form. Thank you in advance for your help!

Fire and Lockdown Drills

We are required to have 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills per year. These routines are not meant to alarm our students, but rather provide them with a familiar plan of action in case of emergency.

Lunch Program

Once again, lunch orders will be available to all students. Order forms can be found on the website or picked up at the school office. September orders were due Sept. 18th and will begin on September 28th.

Road Construction and Sidewalk Installation

Work will begin on Sept 28 and run until Oct. 30 along Chestnut Drive. The city is upgrading some work along the road as well as installing a sidewalk on our side of the street. We are pleased with this, as it allows our students a safe place to walk. Please note that there will be no drop off or pick up at the front of the school during this time. All families will need to use the parking along Schubert Drive during this time.

District Engagement, Well-Being and Resiliency Survey

Arthur Hatton, along with all schools in our district, will again be participating in an online survey in class for students. All students in Grades 4-6 will be invited to respond to this survey this fall. The survey allows students to share their feedback anonymously on their experiences at school, the school environment and provide the student perspective on various school improvement programs.

Water Bottles

It is very important this year that you send a water bottle with your child to school. Due to Covid safety precautions our water fountains are closed, however the students have access to water through our filtered water dispensers. We will not have cups or containers at the school for the students

Starfish Backpacks

Once again our school is offering Starfish Backpacks. Starfish Backpacks are bags of food/snacks for children to have at home over the weekend. These bags are filled each Friday and sent home with students. This program is available to families who feel they have a need. We do have

some space available this year, please contact the office if you have a need and would like your child to participate.

Animals on School Property

Please remember that city bylaw does not allow dogs on any schoolyard property at any time. This bylaw includes dogs on leashes. We ask that all parents respect the signs posted, and either leave their pets at home or wait for your children outside the fence lines. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Grocery Receipts

Please save your receipts when you shop at the **Independent Grocery** store, and send them into the school. 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 back to us.. 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!

Picture Day

Please note that individual photos will be taken on **October 6th.** Class photos will be taken in the spring.

Scent Considerate Campus

We continue to ask staff, students and parents to be aware that we have staff members who are very sensitive to scents worn in our building. We ask that anyone coming to Arthur Hatton be scent free. School District Administrative procedure 160.1 states:

"To assist with the health and well-being of employees against environment chemical sensitivities, all employees and visitors are to be considerate in their use of scented products when attending District facilities.

1.1. Scented products may include personal hygiene items, such as cosmetics, perfumes, colognes, creams, deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, hair spray and soaps.

1.2. Scented products may also include non-personal items, such as candles, essential oils, potpourri, household or industrial cleaning products, building materials, air fresheners and some types of flowers."

Personal Electronic Devices

We ask that students leave all personal electronic devices at home. If they must carry a phone it is expected that it is stored in their bag/locker during school hours. They may use their device during school hours only with permission of their classroom teacher. Due to privacy, students are not permitted to use these devices to take pictures at school. If they are damaged, lost or stolen it is not the responsibility of the school to replace any personal devices.

Term Overviews and Report Cards

Parents can expect two formal report cards this year as well as be invited to attend at least 3 other informal reporting events or written interim reports. Please

expect your children to come home with formal reports at the end of January and June. We will have one early dismissal day this year, Oct. 8, for Parent/Teacher conferences. As always, if you have concerns about your child, you may contact the classroom teacher at any time.

Fruit and Vegetable Program 2020/2021

Once again, Arthur Hatton will be participating in the Fruit and Vegetable Program sponsored by Agriculture BC. Several times per month, students are provided with a fruit or vegetable to eat and enjoy. Students in K-5 also receive milk through this program. Reverse permission forms are attached. Return your form only if you do not want your child to participate or to make note of allergies.

2020/2021 Important Dates

Sept. 28th	Non-Instructional Day
Sept. 30th	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 8th	Early Dismissal 12:30pm
Oct. 12th	Statutory Holiday
Oct. 23rd	Non-Instructional Day
Nov. 11th	Statutory Holiday
Dec. 7th	Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 21-Jan.	Winter Break

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Feb. 5th	Non-Instructional Day
Feb. 15th	Family Day
March 15-19th	Spring Break
April 2nd	Statutory Holiday
April 5th	Statutory Holiday
April 26th	Non-instructional Day
May 21st	Non-instructional Day
May 24th	Statutory Holiday
June 29th	Last day of school