



Arthur Hatton Elementary

September 10, 2021

Principal's Message Mr. Johnson:

Welcome back to a new year at Arthur Hatton. I am so excited to be joining the team here and working with your children. As I said in a previous email, I have spent the last four years as the Principal of Sun Peaks Elementary and Heffley Creek Elementary. Before that I was the Vice-Principal at Brock Middle School and AE Perry.

My goal this year is to continue to support the incredible programs that the school has in place to support students such as the Starfish Backpack program, breakfast, and lunch program, and amazing extra-curricular activities the school has in place. In addition, I look forward to working with the teachers to support their work in helping all our students learn and grow, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

For the start of the week, students returned to their last year's classes. On Friday we moved them to the classes they will be in for the year. Teachers are now working with the students to develop routines and structures that will support the students in their learning for the remainder of the year.

Our main school learning goals this year are literacy and numeracy. A great way to improve literacy in our children is to read with them and to them every day. We encourage you to spend 15-20 minutes an evening to read to your children. For numeracy, playing board games, using money and even simple things like counting the number of utensils being washed when doing the dishes are excellent ways to support your child's learning.

I am looking forward to getting to know you, and please reach out if you have any questions for me.

Vice-Principal's Message Mrs. Edstrom:

Welcome back to all our Arthur Hatton students and staff! We are all looking forward to a great year ahead. Thank you to our amazing staff who have worked very hard this summer preparing our school campus. Mr. Byette and Mr. Bolen have done an outstanding job in cleaning our building. Our teachers have been hard at work preparing lessons, activities, and classrooms. A warm welcome to all our new students, families, and staff members.

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.

1. **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.
2. **Cleaning and disinfecting** will occur at least once every 24 hours.
3. **Personal Space will be encouraged**
4. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** - Staff providing first aid assistance will wear face shields and face masks. Students in Grades 4-6 and all staff are required to wear masks whenever indoors.
5. **Access to the school** is by appointment only. Please call the school office or contact your child's classroom teacher to book an appointment. Students will be dropped-off and picked-up from the exterior classroom doors.
6. **Gatherings** will be limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people when outdoors.
7. Both students and staff will be required to complete a **daily health check**. Please review the document sent home on. Students and staff are expected to stay home when they are sick.

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. 17th and will begin on September 20th.

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 can 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 September 23, 2021, 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. 21, 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 2021/2022

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.

Meet the Teacher

Please come down and meet your child’s teacher. Tables will be setup outside near the entrance to your child’s classroom. We would love to meet parents and say hello. We are looking forward to an engaging and exciting year of learning! Drop in, between 3 and 5pm on the day reserved for your child’s class.

- ❖ September 14, 3-5pm Grades 4-6
- ❖ September 15, 3-5pm Grades 1-3



2021/2022 Important Dates

Sept.23	Photo Day
Sept. 27	Non-Instructional Day
Sept. 30	Statutory Holiday
Sept. 14 3-5pm	Meet the Teacher (Gr. 4-6)
Sept. 15 3-5pm	Meet the Teacher (Gr. 1-3)
Oct. 21	Early Dismissal 12:30pm
Oct. 11	Statutory Holiday
Oct. 22	Non-Instructional Day
Nov. 11	Statutory Holiday
Dec. 6	Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 20-Jan. 3	Winter Break
Feb. 4	Non-Instructional Day
Feb. 21	Family Day
March 21-31	Spring Break
April 15	Statutory Holiday
April 18	Statutory Holiday
April 25	Non-instructional Day
May 20	Non-instructional Day
May 23	Statutory Holiday
June 29	Last day of school for students (half day)



