



SASEENOS SCOOP

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September 15, 2015

Dear Saseenos Families:

Welcome back! We are so excited to start a new school year and would like to welcome our returning and new students, staff and parents. Last week we opened the doors to 94 students and 7 division. We welcomed 35 kindergarten students this week with Wednesday being their first full day of school.

It's a pleasure to visit our busy classes and see our learners in action. Many of our teachers spend the first few weeks building a sense of community, routines, expectations and working on the new curriculum. We're off and running!!

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Sincerely,

Ruchi McArthur



IMPORTANT DATES:

September

Sept. 15 - Assembly at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 18 - School Planning Day - no school

Sept. 21 - Teddy Anderson at 1:00 p.m. (whole school)

Sept. 26 - Beach Day - more information to follow next week

Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 - Cross Country Run at JDF

Sept. 28 - Meet the Teacher with PAC Fall Fair (time TBD)

Sept. 29 - Terry Fox Run - 1:30 - 2:30

Monday, September 18, 2017 is School Planning Day and school is not in session for students - enjoy your day!

NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

We are encouraging all families to access our newsletter via email. If you are not on our email list and would like to be included, please let us know at the office.



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please call **240 642 5658** if your child will be away from school. If you do not call to report that your child will be absent our safe arrival parent volunteer will call alternate numbers until we know for certain that your child is SAFE.

Also, please let us know at the office if you are able to help with Safe Arrival. It requires about 30 minutes each morning on the day that parents can volunteer. It's a valued service to our families!

More Paperwork - verification forms!

Today children will be bringing home a package of notices for parent signatures. This includes the verification sheet with your information.

- Please ensure that we have up to date information on file by editing the verification form/s
- Please check all the phone numbers and email addresses for accuracy
- Please ensure that emergency contacts and phone numbers are accurate; also please ensure that at least one of your emergency contact is local; it would also be helpful that these contacts are reminded that they are emergency contacts for your child/children.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Each student will be bringing home a CODE OF CONDUCT. Parents and students need to review the Code of Conduct together. It clearly outlines the expectations of behavior at Saseenos Elementary.

BUS PICK-UP!

We have over 45 students taking the 6 different school buses every day. We do our best to keep your children safe and ensure that they get on the right bus. We would like to remind you that if your child is not going to take the bus on a given day to please let the office know or to send a note with your child. We will then check off your child on the bus list. Alternatively, please let the bus supervision assistant know as you pick your child up. We will often go looking for your child when we don't have the information.



We also require a parental note if a friend is going home on a bus with a 'buddy'. Thank you for your help!

OUR STAFF

School Secretary:	Mrs. Kerry Hueston
Custodian:	Mr. Vince Talman
Crossing Guard:	Ms. Sarah Ferrier
Aboriginal Education Support Teacher:	Ms. Chelsea Richardson
Aboriginal Education Support EA:	Mr. Thor Gauti
Library Assistant:	Ms. Linda Brown
Lunch Supervisors:	Mrs. Mary England Mrs. April Madill
Div. 1 Grade 4/5:	Ms. Lara Bell/Mrs. McArthur
Div. 2 Grade $\frac{3}{4}$:	Mrs. Elaine Haddad
Div. 3 Grade 2/3:	Mrs. Chantelle George
Div. 4 Grade 1/2:	Ms. Lana Ferguson
Div. 5 Kindergarten:	Mrs. Lana Talman (Mon, Tues, Thus, Fri) Mrs. Emily Coulis (Wednesdays)
Div. 6 Nature Kindergarten:	Ms. Erin Wood and Ms. Sherry Thomas (ECE)
Div. 7 Grade 1:	Ms. Veronica Van der Hoeven
Integration Support/Learning Assistance Teachers:	Ms. Carol Walling & Mrs. Amanda MacDonald
Counsellor:	Ms. Carol Walling
Music:	Ms. Laurel Parliament
Speech and Language Pathologist:	Ms. Deb Healey (Tuesdays)
Occupational Therapist:	Mr. Mark Koslowski
Teacher - Librarian:	Ms. Bell
Principal:	Mrs. Ruchi McArthur

Allergy Awareness

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Please be aware, there are staff and students in our district who have life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) to different allergens.

It is expected that school district staff, parents, and students will take reasonable and practical steps to establish an “allergy aware” environment which minimizes the risk of potential anaphylaxis. Please support our efforts to make this district as safe as possible.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Mrs. Haddad’s class is setting up a giving tree in the playground next week. (Last year Mrs. Haddad’s class learned about the Metis culture. One thing they learned is that the Metis people sometimes took a break from their travels and stopped for tea at a special tree. The tree had a hollow where people left things in case another traveler might need it.)

Here is how it will work at Saseenos for students in grades 1 to 5: There will be a treasure chest under a tree. Students can bring something to trade. They leave their item in the box and take something else from the box. Your child can bring something to trade.

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KINDERGARTEN VISION SCREENING

Children may have unknown vision problems that can lead to difficulty with reading and/or writing when they start school. During the school year, Public Health Screeners help find children with possible vision concerns by checking kindergarten children’s vision. Letters are sent home to parents before the screening with information about screening, and after, with the results. If your child is referred, it is important that you take them for a complete eye exam with an eye doctor.

British Columbia’s Medical Services Plan provides some coverage for eye exams for children under the age of 18, and The Healthy Kids Program provides limited funds once in a twelve-month period for prescription eyewear for children 0 – 18 years living in low-income families.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Public Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ◆ BC Healthy Kids Program

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

All parents are welcome to attend monthly PAC meetings. If you are interested in learning more about our school and ways you can be more involved as a parent, PAC meetings are a great place to start. There are numerous opportunities for parental involvement at school and we welcome your participation.

Our first PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 in the Library. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

President—Tara Kenmare

Vice President—James Locke

Treasurer—Lisa Locke

Secretary—Ellen Hurst

SPEAC—Amanda Dowhy

Foods—Chris & Gwen Pope

WELCOME BACK PAC.....WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!!

The first fundraiser of the year will be *Save-Around-Coupon* books.

1 book per family will be going home soon

This great book is filled with hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 discounts on the things you do everyday.

The cost of these books are \$25.00.

Sell 5 books and receive the 6th book FREE!

Join us on September 28th between 5:30-7:30pm

For the *Saseenos* Fall Fair.

Admission is \$5 per child

Concession available for purchase.

More information to follow.

