



News from the Nest

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Weyt-kp and Welcome Back!

What a great summer we had here in Kamloops. The days upon days that we had without smoke were such a gift and replenishing to the soul. Once again, I was fortunate enough to travel to Vancouver Island for some ocean fishing with my dad and spent some time in Seattle with my sister and her family. I also was able to spend some time paddle boarding at some local lakes with my trusty sidekick, Lucy, and found some time to just sit back and relax. I hope that you were able to find some time to recharge those much-depleted energy stores, and are all coming back this year feeling as rested and refreshed as I am.





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The entire staff at École South Sa-Hali is very much looking forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school next week on **Tuesday, September 6th from 10:30 – 12:00**, and then from **8:40 – 2:51** daily from September 7th onward.

Because there has been some movement of students into and out of our school over the summer months, on Tuesday and Wednesday September 6th- 7th we will be meeting in grade groups, in order to give the school staff time to finalize the school configuration and class lists. Tuesday at 10:30, teachers will meet your children on the field. They will be holding a sign with a grade number on it. It is very possible that this will **NOT** be your child's teacher for the year. We want all students in each grade to have some time to reconnect, make new friends, and introduce new students to their peer group. Before they leave on Wednesday afternoon, our goal is to let students know to which class to report Thursday morning.

Placing students in their respective classes is one of the most complex tasks that we educators have to do. The teachers and administrators spent a great deal of time and consideration in June placing children in a class that will best suit their needs and meet the demands of the Collective Agreement with regards to class size and composition. The staff did their best to honour the parent input forms that were returned to the office when/where feasible; however, it was not possible to accommodate every request.

We hope to have students into classes by the end of the day Wednesday, but it is possible that we may need additional time to re-organize classes. We do not want to start classes and then have to re-organize after the fact. We will have your child in classes as quickly as possible.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up and Parking

There will be a CEA on supervision at the bus loop at 8:20 am in the morning. There will be a CEA on supervision in this area until 3:05 in the afternoon. There is bound to be congestion in the drop-off/pick up and parking areas as I anticipate families arriving at the same time. Please keep in mind the following rules for these areas:

- The drop-off/pick-up lane is for that purpose only. **DO NOT park your car here and wait for your children to walk up, have conversations with other parents, or get out of your car.** We need to keep this lane moving as not to back up traffic on the very busy Summit Drive.
- If you need more time with your child in the morning or if they are not down at the pick-up area when you arrive, please park your car in a designated spot either in our parking lot or on a neighbourhood street and wait there.
- **DO NOT ENTER** the staff parking lot. This driveway is used by families walking up to the school, and we want to make sure that it is kept safe for everyone. If you need to access this parking lot for some reason, please make sure that you have appropriate signage on your vehicle or seek permission from either the principal or vice-principal beforehand.



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New Staff Members

Welcome to the Eagles' Nest! There are a number of new faces gracing our halls this year. Joining our team this year are: Mme Karla Hawes, who will be one of our Learning Assistance Resource Teacher on Tuesdays and Fridays and in Mme Viaud's class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday afternoons and all day Wednesdays; M. River Hall who will be teaching Grade 1, and Mme Lesley Waters who will be teaching Grade 1/2. Coming back to us this year are Mme Robyn Wallis who will be back in the Grade 5/6 class, and Mme Brittany Bauhuis, who will be teaching Kindergarten with Mme Pam Venables. We are also very happy to be welcoming back Mme Gloria Viaud to her Grade 1 class. She will be working most mornings and is very excited to be back.

Unfortunately, we are losing a couple of staff members as well. Mme Kristiliee Bolster and her family have decided to move to the community of Clinton to be closer to family, leaving her Grade 6/7 class behind. Mme Courtney Robinson will be taking on this class for the year. In addition, Mme Sarah Mcdiarmid will be off for the first half of the year and Mme Janine Williams will be filling in until Mme Sarah is back in February.

EESS Staff Members			
Mme Robinson	Grade 6/7	Mme Hunter	Library/Literacy
M. Hugues	Grade 6/7	Mme Stephanie	Art/Music
Mme Funk	Grade 6	Mme Schroeder	LART
Mme Wallis	Grade 5/6	Mme Hawes	LART
Mme Graf	Grade 5	Mme Diaou	CEA
Mme Mahoney	Grade 4/5	Mme Franzen	CEA
Mme Magalie (M-Th) Mme Clare (M)	Grade 4	Mme Farkas (M-W) Mme Partovi Rad (T-F)	CEA
Mme Evelynne	Grade 3	Mme Murphy	CEA
Mme Nancy (M-Th) Mme Stephanie (F)	Grade 3	Mme Nevin	Library Aid
TBA	Grade 2/3	Mme Lynn	AEW
Mme Muraca	Grade 2		
Mme Waters	Grade 1/2	Mme Lisa	Secretary
M. Hall	Grade 1	Mme Diana	Day Custodian
Mme Viaud Mme Hawes	Grade 1	Mme Tanya	Evening Custodian
Mme Cloet	K	M. Carson	Evening Custodian
Mme Venables(M-Th) Mme Bauhuis (F)	K	Mme Clare	Vice-Principal
Mme Wigness	K	Mme Mabee	Principal

Dress Code



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Last year, there were some noteworthy changes to SD73's student dress code, and while I will only highlight some of the most salient points here, please feel free to look it up on the [SD73 Website \(AP 350.2\)](#).

Students must not wear clothing which undermines the District's commitment to a safe and inclusive learning environment. This includes:

- Clothing that promotes the use of tobacco, illegal drugs or alcohol;
- Clothing that advocates illegal activity;
- The wearing of clothing, insignias, symbols or adornments that denigrate or promote hatred of a person or persons, including, but not limited to, clothing that denigrates or promotes hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or age;
- Clothing which contains profanity, pornography or obscene images.

Student clothing must conform to health or safety requirements, including requirements arising from participation in specialized programs and events.

Other than for religious purposes, health and safety requirements, or where required to accommodate a disability, students must not wear clothing which obscures their face.

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed in order to fully participate in the day's activities. Flip flops are discouraged, as they have a hard time staying on feet. Shoes with laces or Velcro and those which are securely fastened to a person's foot are preferred as they allow for and promote active play at recess and lunch.

September 30th and Orange Shirt Day

You may or may not be aware that September 30th has been designated as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and as such, the school will be closed. This statutory holiday was established to fulfil the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action #80 and to honour the Survivors of Residential Schools, their families and their communities. It also serves to ensure that the public commemorates the history and legacy of residential schools.

As September 30th is typically Orange Shirt Day, and school will not be in session, we will hold our Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 29th.

School Supplies

School supplies are provided at the school at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of going out and buying supplies that might not be the right fit. You will be getting an e-mail SchoolCash Online on Wednesday, September 7th indicating that the system is available for you to pay for school supplies. Your child/ren will be coming home with the rest of the forms package (Internet permission, media release, etc.) on Thursday, September 8th.



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Last year, we moved to an on-line payment process, with which the majority of you are comfortable. For those of you who are new to the District, you will be getting some instructions from Mme Lisa, our school secretary.

Some important things for you to note:

- Your SchoolCash profile must be created with the same email address you have on record in MyEdBC. The matching is how SD73 confirms that the SchoolCash profile should have access to the student's school fee information.
- Once the primary parent/contact has signed in, **they are the only ones** able to attach additional users to their child/ren by sending an email to anyone they want to give the ability to pay for fees (i.e. second parent/guardian, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.). For example, if the mother is the primary contact, the dad won't be able to pay for the kids' fees until the mom grants him access. The primary contact will also have the ability to remove any other users from the account.
- If a parent changes the email address they have on file in MyEdBC they will need to change their SchoolCash profile to match. Any changes in the primary parent/contact in MyEdBC will result in access being removed until the primary parent/contact signs in and grants access.
- Until school fees have been assigned to your child/ren, a parent won't have anything to pay when you sign in. This will be dependent on a combination of the student data file being transferred by I.T. to SchoolCash (which we anticipate starting the week of September 7th) and Mme Lisa having had the time to attach the fees to students.
- The school recommends for you to create your account with SchoolCash to be ready to pay their school fees online and that fees will be assigned once they are available as school schedules are finalized in the coming weeks.
- Also, when you are registering there is a "Say Yes to Email Notifications" that we want to encourage you to say **Yes** to. This will send you alerts when fees are attached to your child/ren and when fees are overdue, etc.

PAC Meeting and PAC FB page

Our school Parent Advisory Committee meets monthly to discuss initiative, issues and plans for fundraising events for our school. They also organize and distribute Hot Lunches each Thursday, which is a big hit for both staff and students alike. Last year the PAC paid for all of the bussing for field trips, and a new set of Chromebooks for our school, and they give each classroom funds to spend on incidentals such as fun art projects, stickers, and other supplies. All parents are welcome to attend all meetings.

Our school's first PAC meeting will take place Tuesday September 27rd at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, and you may either attend in person at the school or via Zoom. Meeting invitation information will come out closer to the date.



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Our PAC also has a [Facebook page](#) (South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC-Ecole South Sa-Hali PAC) that you might want to consider joining. In order to be granted access, you will need to answer the questions posted.

Important Upcoming Dates

If you subscribe to the calendar on our [school website](#), updates to the calendar will be sent directly to your phone. You may also opt for a weekly e-mail as to the week's upcoming events.

Tuesday September 6 th	School in Session from 10:30 – 12:00
Wednesday September 8 th	School is in Session 8:40 – 2:51
Friday, September 16 th	Terry Fox Run @11:00 – 12:00
Wednesday, September 21 st	Raise-a-Reader Day
Monday, September 19 th	Professional Development Day (School is not in session for students)
Sept 27 th – 30 th	Truth and Reconciliation Week
Wednesday, September 28 th	X-Country Race @ Eagle Point
Thursday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day Mme Cloet's class to McQueen Lake
Friday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – <u>School is closed.</u>

As always, if you have any questions or have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to call the office. I can't wait to see you and your kiddos next week!

Sincerely,

Susie Mabee