



Arthur Stevenson Elementary

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Principal's Message

I would like to welcome returning and new students and families to Arthur Stevenson for the start of the 2016-17 school year! Our school's staff has been working hard to prepare classrooms and the school for the start of the school year. Our education system is beginning to adapt to the needs of the society in which we live. As a result, the revised curriculum in British Columbia puts an emphasis on the need for students to acquire collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills in addition to learning the basics (reading, writing, and numeracy) in real-world situations. Furthermore, our new curriculum stresses the importance of giving students the opportunity to learn by exploring their interests and passions. To this end, one of the big ideas for learning at Arthur Stevenson this year will be inquiry or project-based learning. Simply, inquiry projects are opportunities for students to learn about a topic of particular interest to them. Students start these learning projects by asking questions that require research to investigate answers. Projects can either be done individually, in small groups, or classwide. Parents can help foster inquiry thinking in students by using "I wonder" sentences at home. For example, "I wonder why some telephone poles require an extra pole for support?" We want kids to think critically about their environment and asking interesting questions is one way to spark this thinking. I look forward to a wonderful year full of learning sparks and interesting questions!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant Reilly".

Grant Reilly

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

The staff and students at Arthur Stevenson are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, caring PAC. The first PAC meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 12th @ 6:30 pm in the school library. All parents of children enrolled at Arthur Stevenson belong to the PAC and are welcome (and encouraged) to attend any meetings. If you are a new parent to Arthur Stevenson, please consider joining our PAC.

The PAC organized Welcome Back BBQ is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 22nd. Please watch for more information on this event as the day draws closer.

Upcoming Events

- September 7 - First Full Day (8:30 - 2:30) for Students in Grades 1-7
- September 12 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- September 22 - PAC Organized Open House
- September 23 - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed for Students)
- September 27 - Raise A Reader @ 8:00 - 8:30 am
- September 29 - Early Closure - Students Dismissed @ 12:30
- September 30 - Early Closure - Students Dismissed @ 12:30

Student Placements

Classroom teachers worked diligently to create classroom divisions last Spring. Since this time, we have welcomed more students into our school community. As a result of these additional students, we are still in the process of making classrooms and are waiting to see if our school qualifies for another teacher. It is our hope that we will know whether we qualify for a teacher by Friday and can start with students in their classrooms by next Monday.

As always, the process for placing students in classrooms is a very complex. Teachers examine students' social skills, friends, academic strengths and challenges, individual personalities and learning styles, and the gender dynamics when creating classrooms. I must say, teachers do an amazing job of creating classrooms. This year, as in years past, I will not be addressing any classroom placements within the first week of divisions being posted. Many concerns are quickly alleviated with parental support during the first few days of class. Having said this, if there are concerns that the school is not aware of, please be sure to contact Mr. Reilly at the school to arrange a meeting if necessary. Please be aware that Principals are also required to follow class size limits and think about composition considerations when creating classes.

Arthur Stevenson Staff September 2016

Mrs. Shelley Sorensen	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Marnie Head	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Terri Hawkings	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Anna Lynn Zelisko	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Tara McLean	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Ajmair Dhaliwal	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Jo Bertoncini	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Cailin Kovacs	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Sharla Day	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Roy Styles	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Steve Scott	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Terri Anne Wilson	K-7 Prep Teacher
Mrs. Darcy Lussier	Learning Assistance/Resource
Mrs. Sonja Corea	Learning Assistance/Resource
Ms. Kelly Kipp	Teacher Librarian
Mrs. Lou Scharien	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Brenda Turley	Library Assistant
Mrs. Tracy Johnson	CEA
Mrs. Kari Simons	CEA
Mrs. Lisa Miller	CEA
Mrs. Krista Padar	CEA
Not Yet Filled	CEA
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Ms. Raechel Bennett	First Nations Education Worker
Mr. Chris Kudokas	Day Custodian
Mr. Jeff Kelly	Evening Custodian
Mr. Sanvir Varaitch	Evening Custodian
Mr. Grant Reilly	Principal

Noon Hour Supervisors

If you are interested in supervising students over the lunch hour (12:00 – 1:00) at Arthur Stevenson this year please phone the school and inform us. Each supervisor is given a \$10 per hour honorarium.

Safe, Respectful School Community

Our primary responsibility is to ensure that all students at our school are safe at all times. To accomplish this, we need support from our families.

Medical Alert

Parents of any students new to Arthur Stevenson who have a potential life threatening medical condition need to notify the school immediately. If your child requires an epipen, you are required to provide an epi-pen to the school immediately. If possible, children with epipens should also bring a fanny pack (or something similar) to school so that they can carry their epipens with them during recess and lunch playtimes and field trips. All staff are trained every September on how to use an epipen and alerted to all students who have medical alerts.

Nut Sensitive

We have students in our school who have severe and life-threatening allergies. To help ensure their safety we ask families be considerate of the needs of other students in your child's class by not sending food and/or items that would exacerbate the concern. Classroom teachers will highlight the needs in their classrooms to parents early next week.

Safe Arrival 250-579-9284

Parents are asked to call the school if their child is going to be late or absent for school. This allows our secretary, Mrs. Scharien, to spend less time tracking down students who may be missing, and thereby ensuring the safety of all the kids quicker.

Students Leaving The School Grounds

A reminder that if you are giving your child permission to leave the school grounds at lunch on a regular basis, documentation needs to be in the student file showing parental consent was given. Please provide us with a letter for your child's file and your child will be asked to sign out and back in at the office. If your child needs to leave the school grounds for a special circumstance, please be sure to send a note to your child's classroom teacher.

2016-17 Bell Schedule

8:20 - Warning Bell Rings (School Doors Open)

8:30 - Instruction Begins

10:06 - Recess Begins

10:21 - Recess Ends

12:01 - Lunch Begins (Students Play First)

12:30 - Eating Bell (Students Inside to Eat)

12:45 - Warning Bell Rings

12:50 - Afternoon Instruction Begins

2:30 - Dismissal

Student Code of Conduct

School District Policy 600.1 sets out the expectations for student behaviour in schools and field trips connected to schools. I have included a copy of this policy in the package being sent home with students. Please review this policy and take the time to talk with your child(ren) about the expectations for student conduct at school. Teachers will also review this information with their students, using our R.O.C.K.S. behaviour matrix. When an incident does occur you can expect a phone call from me and your child may bring home a blue ASES behaviour referral sheet to have signed.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)

POLICY 600.1

Effective Date, July 6, 2015

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is intended to encourage acceptable student behaviour in order to establish and maintain a safe, respectful and caring learning environment. This code will clarify expectations for student behaviour while at school, while going to and from school, while attending any school function or activity at any location, or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. The Code of Conduct prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's or a group's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family and marital status, age, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation.

1. Acceptable conduct includes the following:

Students are expected to:

- a) Respect themselves, others, and property.
- b) Attend school regularly and be punctual for all classes.
- c) Engage in purposeful learning activities and set high standards for personal achievement.
- d) Show consideration for diversity: the thoughts, feelings, and heritage of others.
- e) Use electronic systems in a respectful, responsible, and ethical manner.
- f) Conduct themselves in a polite, respectful, and co-operative manner.
- g) Dress in a manner that appropriately reflects a school environment.

2. Unacceptable conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

Students are expected NOT to:

- a) Engage in behaviours that interfere with the learning of others.
- b) Engage in behaviours that create unsafe conditions.
- c) Bully, harass or intimidate others.
- d) Engage in physical violence.
- e) Retaliate against a person who has reported incidents.
- f) Possess, use, or distribute illegal or restricted substances.
- g) Possess or use weapons.
- h) Damage property.
- i) Use personal technology devices, such as cell phones or cameras, during the school day except where expressly authorized.

Arthur Stevenson Elementary School Calendar
2016-17 School Year

Event	Date
First Day of School (10:30 – 12:00)	Tuesday, Sept. 6
PAC Open House	Thursday, Sept. 22
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Sept. 23
Early Dismissal at 12:30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews	Thursday, Sept. 29
Early Dismissal at 12:30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews	Friday, Sept. 30
Thanksgiving Day - School Closed	Monday, October 10
School Pictures	Wednesday, Oct. 14
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Oct. 21
Remembrance Day Assembly	Thursday, Nov. 10
Remembrance Day - School Closed	Friday, Nov. 11
First Term Report Cards go Home	Friday, Dec. 2
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Dec. 5
Early Dismissal at 12:30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews	Thursday, Dec. 8
Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break	Friday, Dec. 16
School Reopens	Tuesday, Jan. 3
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Jan. 20
BC Family Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 13
District Non-Instructional Day	Friday, Feb. 24
Early Dismissal at 12:30 – Parent/Teacher interviews	Wednesday, Mar. 15
Second Term Report Cards go Home	Friday, Mar. 17
Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break	Friday, Mar. 17
School Reopens	Monday, Apr. 3
Good Friday – School Closed	Friday, Apr. 14
Easter Monday – School Closed	Monday, Apr. 17
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, Apr. 24
District Non-Instructional Day	Monday, May 15
Victoria Day – School Closed	Monday, May 22
Last Day for Students / Third Term Report Cards go Home	Wednesday, Jun. 29
Administrative Day	Thursday, Jun. 30