



Arthur Stevenson Elementary

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Principal's Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome returning and new students and families to Arthur Stevenson for the start of the 2017-18 school year! There have been many changes happening in our school over the summer and our staff has worked very hard to ensure that classrooms and the school is ready for the start of the school year. We are up to 14 classrooms, an increase of 2 classrooms from last year and are very close to adding a 15th classroom. This decision will be made this week depending on how many students enter our building in the next few days.

School staff, with consultation from parents and students in grades 6 and 7, developed three learning goals that will be our focus this year:

- 1. Each student will use a variety of critical thinking strategies to explain their thinking and evaluate the thinking of others.*
- 2. Each student will use self-regulation tools and strategies to demonstrate expected behaviour in all school settings.*
- 3. Each student will use strategies to keep trying when they encounter challenging tasks.*

These three goals represent skills that all of us need to be successful in our current society. In addition to becoming better readers, writers and math problem solvers, our students will: learn how to think critically about the information that is all around them, learn strategies that allow them to regulate their emotions, and begin using strategies to help them persevere through challenging situations. I am looking forward to a wonderful year working with yourselves and your amazing children!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Reilly".

Grant Reilly

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

The staff and students at Arthur Stevenson are extremely lucky to have a hard-working and generous PAC. The first PAC meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 11th @ 6:30 pm in the school library. All parents of children enrolled at Arthur Stevenson belong to the PAC and are encouraged to attend any meetings. PAC is always looking for more parents to help support their fundraisers and events, so if you are a new parent to Arthur Stevenson or a returning parent who has yet to get involved in PAC, please consider reaching out to volunteer.

The PAC organized Welcome Back BBQ is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, September 20th from 5 to 7 pm. Please watch for more information on this event as the day draws closer.

Upcoming Events

September 6 - First Full Day (8:30 - 2:30) for Students in Grades 1-7
September 11 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
September 20 - PAC Organized Open House (5 - 7 pm)
September 22 - Non-Instructional Day (School Closed for Students)
September 26 - Raise A Reader @ 8:00 - 8:30 am
September 30 - Municipal Election at ASES Gym

Student Placements

How Are Students Placed In Classrooms?

Classroom teachers worked collaboratively to create classroom divisions at the end of last year. Placing students into classrooms is not an easy task. Teachers think about students' social skills, friends, academic strengths and challenges, individual personalities and learning styles when creating classrooms. As well, parent input is taken into consideration when placing students. School staff is also required to follow class size limits and composition (number of students with special needs) rules when creating classes. Teachers do an amazing job of creating classrooms that are collaborative and effective environments for learning.

When Will Classes Be Finalized?

We welcomed many new families and students into our building last week. As a result of our additional students, we will be taking the first week to ensure we have enough spaces for our kids. It is our hope that students will be in their classes by Friday, September 8th or Monday, September 11th. We appreciate your patience while we finalize student placements.

What If I, As A Parent, Have Concerns About My Child's Placement?

Parents are always welcome to provide feedback to the school team on their child's placement. As is my practice, I will not be addressing any classroom placements within the first week of divisions being posted (likely throughout the second week). 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 me (Mr. Reilly) at the school to arrange a meeting if necessary. **Please be aware that school principals have the final say in the placement of students into classrooms.**

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.

2017-18 Bell Schedule

8:20 - Warning Bell Rings (School Doors Open)
8:30 - Instruction Begins
9:55 - Recess Begins
10:10 - Recess Ends
11:50 - 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

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 epi-pen, you are required to provide an epi-pen to the school immediately. If possible, children with epi-pens 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 epi-pen and alerted to all students who have medical alerts.

Nut Sensitive

We have students in our school who have severe and life-threatening nut allergies. To help ensure their safety we ask families to 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 1-844-350-2647 or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com

Parents are to call the Safe Arrival system or use the Safe Arrival App if their child is going to be late or absent for school. Students new to our school district will need to visit the website (ktsd.schoolconnects.com) to set up an account before using the system. 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.

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.

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new staff to Arthur Stevenson Elementary. Mrs. Barb Finley joins us from Westmount. Mrs. Finley will be teaching an upper intermediate class in the old Fine Arts room. Ms. Sharon Parker is coming to ASES from Arthur Hatton. Ms. Parker will be teaching a lower intermediate class in Ms. Kovacs' old classroom (Ms. Kovacs has moved to the Connections room). Mrs. Paige Coxon is one of our new Fine Arts prep teachers and she joins us from Vavenby. Mr. Styles' will be serving as Vice Principal until November 30 at Arthur Hatton. His classroom will be led by a Teacher-on-Call until his vacancy is filled.

Arthur Stevenson Staff September 2017

Ms. 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. Sharon Parker	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Cailin Kovacs	Classroom Teacher
Ms. Sharla Day	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Barb Finley	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Roy Styles (on leave until Nov. 30)	Classroom Teacher
Mr. Steve Scott	Classroom Teacher
Mrs. Paige Coxon	K-7 Prep Teacher
To Be Announced	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
Ms. Kim Browett	CEA
Ms. Raechel Bennett	First Nations Education Worker
Mr. Chris Kudokas	Day Custodian
Mr. Jeff Kelly	Evening Custodian
Mr. Doug McQueen	Evening Custodian
Mr. Grant Reilly	Principal