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October Newsletter

Welcome to October

Message from Ms. Farquhar:

First off, it's been an absolute pleasure for me to become a part of this community this year! I appreciate all the support and the welcoming nature you've all showed me as we settled into our September start up. While we did have to surplus one of teachers, we are settling into our newly reconfigured classes now. Of course, we wish Mr. Whitelaw all the best for his year at Dallas Elementary.

Now that September is in our rear-view mirrors, we look forward to the engaging academic work staff have developed in their programs for the months ahead. Additionally, we have social-emotional learning and cultural opportunities planned. October 3rd we had a school-wide assembly to welcome the African dance singing troop Kunda Culture. Staff and students loved the performance which encouraged audience participation. We have another performance on October 14th from 3 Crows Productions titled How Raven Stole the Sun. This year, we have the return of the salmon run to enjoy and on October 11th the entire school is going to the Tsútswecw Provincial Park to see this natural phenomenon at work. While October is a time to settle into academic programs, we have also started up school sports, clubs and various activities. See below throughout the newsletter for more information about extracurricular opportunities for your child.

Thank you for a wonderful September!

Lockdown Drill:

We will be having our first lockdown drill on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Teachers will talk with their classes on what to expect so there are no surprises.

School Fees:

This is a reminder to parents that school fees are due. Many parents have had success using the School Cash Online payment system. Go to <https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com>.

Please contact Ms. Farquhar if you need to arrange a payment plan to pay for your child's school fees.

** There is an awesome new Student and Family Affordability Fund this year, if you require financial assistance for supplies, field trips, athletics, etc. Please fill out this form <http://t.co/nBkqj9hFk7> and return to Ms. Farquhar. We will also have paper copies available at the front office.

Important Student Daily Health Check: While covid protocols are mostly behind us, we ask that you still complete the Daily Health Check with your student(s) before sending them to school.



School Messenger/Safe Arrival:

Parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence. Planned absences can be reported in advance. To report an absence you may choose to:

- Call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- Access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- Download App from iTunes or Google Play



Noon Hour Supervisors:

We are once again looking for noon hour supervisors. Our lunch hour is from 12:25 to 1:25. If you are interested in being a supervisor, please contact the office. Supervisors will be given a \$12 an hour honorarium.

Office Monitors and Student Helper Opportunities:

We have started rolling out our office monitor program where grade 6 & 7 students come to the office and cover Ms. Hauk’s lunch break. If your student is interested, please have them see Mr. Roszmann. There will also be other student helper opportunities coming soon!

School Sports and Clubs:

- **Volleyball:** Volleyball has started for both boys and girls! Their schedule is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					
Lunch	Tier 1 Girls practice	Tier 1 Boys practice	Tier 1 Girls practice	Tier 1 Boys practice	Intramurals
After School		Boys Game Days (away) -Tier 1 Girls practice in the gym		Girls Game Days	

- **GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) Club:** Ms. Ong and Mrs. Cruz are running the club this year! It runs Wednesdays at Lunch 12:45-1:20 in Ms. Ong's room. We had such an awesome turn out that the younger grades 3-4 will attend on odd numbered Wednesdays and the older grade 5-7 will attend on even numbered Wednesdays.
- **Yoga Club:** Ms. McKay is hosting a yoga club on Wednesdays at lunch after eating time for Grades 3-5!
- **Bracelet Making:** Ms. McKay is also hosting bracelet making on Tuesdays at lunch after eating time! (Only for those who have already signed-up)

Lost & Found:

The Lost & Found is starting to pile-up. Please label your child's jackets, hoodies, sweaters, etc. to help cut down on items in the lost and found and remind your children to check the Lost & Found. If you have a moment before or after school, please drop in and take a look!!



Parent/Teacher Interviews:

October 12 will be an early dismissal day at 12:30 pm for P/T Interviews. Teachers are connecting with parents directly to set-up the interviews.

Photo Retakes:

Photo Retakes will take place on Wednesday, November 16th. Class photos aren't until May.

Halloween:

While not a costume or party day, we encourage everyone to dress up in black and orange! Students are **not** permitted to wear their costumes to school this year.



Halloween Dance:

We have spooktacular news!

The A.S.E.S. PAC is excited to bring back our Halloween dance October 27th, 2022 from 6 to 8 pm in the gymnasium. This is a free event for the whole family!

****This is not a drop-off event, parents are asked stay and supervise their students/children****

Costumes that adhere to the below-mentioned guidelines are welcome. There will be music, a concession ,and of course dancing, decorations and fun for all.

- No weapons (even fake ones)
- No masks (medical masks are permitted)
- No costumes that promote the use of tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol
- No costumes that advocate illegal activity
- No costumes, insignias, symbols, or adornments that denigrate or promote hatred of a person or persons.
- No costumes that denigrate or promote hate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, martial status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or age.

Please watch for updated details coming soon. We hope to see you there!



P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

- The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Monday, November 7th.
- Hot lunches have begun!
- Halloween Dance – October 28th – 6-8pm!!

Hot Lunch Orders:

It's not too late to order hot lunches!! Ordering is open for the whole year!

Here's how to make an account...

- Go to <https://ases.parentcouncil.net/>
- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter Access Code AEHL
- Complete the rest of the registration form
- Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom
- Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Arthur Stevenson.

Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders" and proceed to order hot lunches for your child(ren).

** All orders must be placed online. **

Payment is done online using Visa, Mastercard or AMEX.

If you require an alternative method of payment please contact PAC at:

arthurstevenson.pac@gmail.com

Upcoming Events / Dates:

Mon, Oct 10: Thanksgiving Day – No School

Tues, Oct 11: School Wide Salmon Run Field Trip!

Wed, Oct 12: Early Dismissal 12:30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thurs, Oct 13: Lockdown Drill @ 9am

Fri, Oct 14: How Raven Stole the Sun by 3 Crows Productions @ 9am

Fri, Oct 21: Non-Instructional Day – No School

Mon, Oct 24: Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)

Thurs, Oct 27: Halloween Dance - 6-8pm

Wed, Nov 16: Photo Retake Day