



A.E. PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #1

September 2014



Principal's Corner

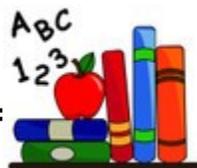
Welcome back, everyone! And a special welcome to the families who are joining our school community for the first time. Although this hasn't been the usual start-up of a new school year, we are happy and ready to start up! I know many students, parents and staff are also more than ready to get back to the routines of school. Our staff is excited and eager to begin the new school year and is looking forward to working together with you on behalf of your children.

The beginning of the school year is always exciting and at times a bit uncertain. Each September, our school opens with very tentative class placements. This is not any different this year. There is much guesswork in June regarding enrolment numbers for class planning and it is difficult to ensure class configurations. By the end of the week, we will have, for the most part, completed class organization and students should be in their home classrooms.

Be assured that the whole staff is committed to providing the best learning environment for our students.

It will be a busy September with some changes, but we look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones.

Mrs. P. Armstrong



Our Staff

Administration

Mrs. P. Armstrong, Principal
Mr. F. Law, Vice-Principal
Mrs. D. Burbach, Secretary

Primary Teachers

Mrs. N. Hatch
Ms. T. Nielsen
Ms. S. Anderson
Mrs. S. Schmidt
Mr. R. Evans
Mrs. T. Hansen
Mr. D. Sofiak
Mrs. E. Fell
Ms. L. Clare

Intermediate Teachers

Mr. D. Kallhood
Mr. M. Virgo
Mrs. D. Leonard
Mr. R. Bonderud
Mrs. N. Telford
Mrs. C. Cowan

Prep teacher

Mr. F. Cuzzetto

Learning Centre/Resource Room/Support

Mr. A. Peterson
Mr. F. Law
Mrs. L. Brookes (Literacy)

Library

Mr. R. Rhynolds, Teacher Librarian

Support Staff

Mrs. G. Saunderson
Mr. W. Monson
Mrs. J. Johnson
Mrs. A. Lafleur
Mrs. M. McDonald
Ms. Ann Dmyterko
Ms. M. Nesci
Mr. D. Nielsen
Ms. C. Andrew

Custodial

Mrs. J. Wourms
Mr. D. Kostachuk
Ms. J. Ward

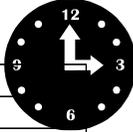
StrongStart Program

Ms. S. Braithwaite



Daily Schedule

8:15	Doors Open
8:25	Warning bell
8:30	Classes begin
10:15	Recess begins
10:30	Recess ends
12:00	Lunch Outside to play
12:26	Inside to eat
12:46	Warning bell
12:51	Classes continue
2:30	Dismissal bell



IMPORTANT NOTE: You will notice that our schedule reflects a 51 minute lunch hour. This is to accommodate instructional time adjustments due to the new two week spring break.

For safety reasons, we request that parents have their children arrive at the school in the morning between 8:15 and 8:25. We do not provide supervision of students prior to 8:15 am.

Lates and Absences/Safe Arrival Program

For new families attending our school and a reminder to others, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the **Safe Arrival Program (250-376-6248)** and let us know. We take the safety of students very seriously and need your help to monitor student absences and lates. If your child leaves the school for an appointment or comes in late, please remind him/her to check in or out with Mrs. Burbach, the Secretary. Otherwise, the student may be reported absent and the parent unnecessarily notified. Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled for after school. **Until the Safe Arrival Program is in place, please call the school office to report an absence.**

Lastly, it is very important that your child/children arrive at school **before 8:25**. The school program starts as soon after 8:30 as possible. It is disruptive for the student and class to have consistently late arrivals. A student arriving after 8:30 is marked late.

Medical Alert Conditions

Parents/Guardians of children having potentially life-threatening health care conditions are asked to contact the school in order that an appropriate care plan can be developed or reviewed with the school health team (Public Health Nurse, Parents, Teacher and Principal).

Student Information Verification



Forms will be sent home during the second week of school. Please Check your child's backpack! It is important that we get these back as soon as possible. Please add any new child or family information to the form and return it with your child to her/his classroom teacher. It is very important that an alternate or emergency contact name and number be listed for our records.

Student School Supplies and Other Fees

Considering the cost, availability and consistency of materials and supplies, we strongly recommend that all families participate in this program. The cost of the Elementary School Supply program is very reasonable and ensures that there is no need to purchase additional supplies during the school year.

Kindergarten/Gr 1	\$27.00 + \$15 YPC = \$42
Grades 2 and 3	\$34.00 + \$15 YPC = \$49 (includes agenda)
Grades 4 to 6	\$49.00 + \$15 YPC = \$64 (includes agenda)

Please make cheques payable to A.E. Perry Elementary School. No post-dated cheques, please. The school supply money is due immediately.

School Bus

School District #73, in accordance with the School Act, authorizes transportation assistance for students who reside outside walk limits determined by the Ministry of Education. Primary students (K to Gr. 3) who live 4 Km (2 1/2 miles) from school or 3.2 Km (2 miles) to a bus route; and all other students who live 4.8 Km (3 miles) to school or 3.2 Km (2 miles) to a bus route are within Ministry of Education walk limits. If you require information regarding buses, please contact the school. Please remember that all students riding the bus are expected to comply with all rules regarding safety and expected behaviour.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

One very important group at each school is the PAC. We need everyone to continue to support and be active members of this organization. The PAC is an advisory council, a fund-raiser, and a supporter of the school.

PAC Meetings are usually held in the last week of the month in the school library. All parents or guardians in our school community are considered members of the school PAC and, as such, are welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings. Look for upcoming notice of the first meeting of the year. We hope to see you there.

Meals Program

There will, once again, be a Meals Program at the school. This program continues to operate from a grant and relies on the families using it to provide the rest of the funding to keep it running. Lunches are offered at an already subsidized price and follow government nutrition policies. Information regarding start up of the program will be coming home soon. Please read the information regarding fees and menus carefully and return the signed form in a timely manner.



Newsletters

Monthly newsletters are posted electronically on the school website: <http://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca> in the first week of each month. However, hard copies of the September and June issues will also go home with each student. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a paper copy at any other time, please pick one up at the school office.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed and welcome at the school. We need helpers in the classrooms, in the Library, and to participate on field trips. Please contact your child's teacher or the principal if you wish to volunteer.

School Behaviour Expectations

Our staff strongly believes that every student at AEP wants to feel safe, challenged and successful. Achieving and maintaining a positive climate is the responsibility of everyone involved in our school community: students, staff and parents. Our goal is to provide a healthy, safe and supportive working and learning environment for every student and staff member.

Under the umbrella of the District Code of Conduct, our CARE Matrix guides the way people in our school community treat each other and their surroundings. It directs everyone to demonstrate regard, concern and respect for the unique differences of every individual and for the school environment. Each September, the school staff outlines and re-visits school rules and guidelines, in depth, to ensure all students know what is expected of them in different settings and to ensure that the students know that they will have help in meeting the expectations. Parent involvement in helping to maintain our school's safe and caring environment is important. Parents play a vital role in developing student behaviour and conduct. Please ensure that you are aware of the District Code of

Conduct and our CARE Matrix. It is our expectation that parents work with the school to resolve any student behaviour issues that affect their children, cooperate with the school's recommended course of action for the student and model appropriate behaviour and language for their children. Together, we can create and maintain a safe and caring learning environment.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)
POLICY 600.1

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 status, 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.

Students who contravene this Code of Conduct will be subject to progressive discipline, reflective of the age and maturity of the student, any special needs, and the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct. The discipline will be fair, consistent, and meaningful, for the purpose of making restitution and enhancing student responsibility and self-discipline. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs if these students are unable to comply with a Code of Conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature. The Board will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a Code of Conduct.

School officials will notify parents, school district officials, and other agencies as deemed appropriate for any particular incident.

StrongStart

We are pleased to offer this parent participation drop-in program at our school. It is available for children aged birth – 5 years. The AEP StrongStart Program will begin shortly. If you are interested in participating in this program, please register at the school.

School Calendar 2014-2015

September:

Mon 22 school opens
Please note Early Closure Days and September non-Instructional Day have been or will be re-scheduled

October:

Thurs Photo Day
 Mon 13 Thanksgiving Day
 Fri 24 Non-Instructional Day

November:

Mon 10 **Non-Instructional Day** – rescheduled from Sept 26
 Tues 11 Remembrance Day
 Fri 28 First Term Reports go Home

December:

Thurs 4 Early Closure – P/T Interviews
 Fri 5 Non-Instructional Day
 Fri 19 Last Day before Winter Break

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January:

Mon 5 Schools re-open

February:

Mon 9 Family Day (schools closed)
 Fri. 20 Non-Instructional Day

March:

Fri. 13 Last day before Spring Break
 Mon 30 Schools re-open

April:

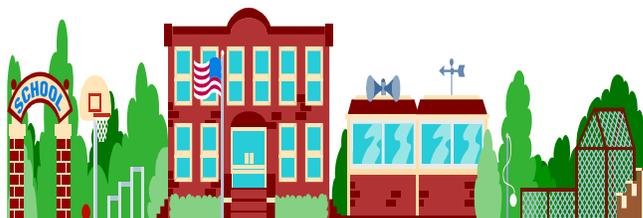
Thurs 2 Early Closure/ PT Interviews
 Fri 3 Good Friday
 Mon. 6 Easter Monday
 Mon 20 Non-Instructional Day

May:

Mon 11 Non-Instructional Day
 Mon 18 Victoria Day

June:

Thurs 25 Last day for students
 Fri 26 Administration Day



In Addition:

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES:

From the Board Meeting of: AUGUST 18, 2014

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 18, 2014.

Meeting commenced at 2:00 PM at 1383 - 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC
 Chair Harper presiding.

PRESENT: Chair Harper, Vice Chair Karpuk, Trustees Cowden, Glover, Harwood, Kershaw, McKelvey, Wade and Watson

Superintendent deBruijn; Secretary-Treasurer Stretch

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 One item only - "Bylaw 1203.1 Trustee Elections Bylaw"
Cowden - Karpuk moved to adopt the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED

2. NOTICE OF MOTION

2.1 Bylaw 1203.1: Trustee Elections Bylaw

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Trustee Watson provided
Notice of Motion
to adopt amended Bylaw 1203.1 Trustee Elections Bylaw at the
regular public
Board Meeting of Monday, August 25, 2014.

3. MOTION TO ADJOURN

3.1 Adjournment

On a Motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:03.

