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Message from the Principal

This June, we have many farewells to share. We have our Grade 5 students moving on to middle school. Many of those students have been a part of the Unsworth community since their kindergarten years. Our Grade 5 students have been wonderful leaders in our school as Peer Leaders, Lunch Monitors, Morning Announcers and more. We wish you all the best as you enter the middle years. We have students transitioning to Stitó:s and having to say goodbye to their friends remaining at Unsworth. You will all be missed. We also have a number of staff moving on to new positions (please see more details below).

Thank you to our PAC for their support this year. They worked hard behind the scenes to make our school better. They continued with fundraising, hot lunches, making concert props, keeping the communication going through the PAC Facebook page and let's not forget the awesome Shaved Ice to kick off our year. Thank you!

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for another successful year. They kept moving forward even when things were bumpy. They

provided incredible learning opportunities for students and continued to engage in their own professional development. We are fortunate to have such a committed and eager team of teachers, education assistants, Child and Youth Care Worker, clerical, custodians and noon hour supervisors who strive to make a difference for every child.

This will be my last newsletter as a school principal. I am very grateful for my time at Unsworth. To say the least the past three years were unprecedented. I appreciate the trust you had in me to navigate our challenges with COVID. We had to pivot many times to keep up with the changes but we did it together. Thank you for all your support. As Mr. McLeod takes the reins, I have no doubt the school is in good hands. He brings passion, focus and fun. Unsworth is fortunate to have someone who cares so deeply for the success of students, staff and families.

On behalf of our Unsworth School Family, we wish all of our families a safe and relaxing summer vacation!



Staff Farewells

Unfortunately, the time is drawing nearer for us to say goodbye to some of our amazing staff. Thank you to Mr. Zavers (PE teacher), Ms. Klassen (resource teacher), Ms. Poirier and Mrs. Frose (classroom teachers) who were with us for this school year. We have appreciated the energy and enthusiasm that they brought to Unsworth. Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Page have all been classroom teachers at Unsworth for a number of years. They are moving on to new schools and we wish them much luck in their new placements. Mrs. Webb has accepted a temporary district position with the Curriculum Department. She will help to support professional learning in Numeracy for her colleagues in elementary school. Mrs. Campbell returned as our

temporary Child and Youth Care Worker and we all benefitted from her compassionate support to staff and students. We wish her well in the future either at our school or at another school in our district. We have been fortunate to have two additional Education Assistants who were invaluable in supporting our students in the classrooms. Thank you, Mrs. Bayer and Ms. Falkenham. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Kloot for all your hard work, kindness and sense of humour in the office. Mrs. Kloot will be working at Watson and Sardis Elementary in the fall. All of these staff members were integral members of our community and we want them to know they will always have a home at Unsworth.

School Supplies 2022 - 2023

We have worked hard with vendors to ensure the best pricing possible. Please hold off purchasing supplies for students in kindergarten through grade 5. Teachers in these grades will have all supplies organized, and ready to go for the start of school. As the packages have been purchased already, we ask parents **not** to buy additional supplies until students receive their class placements.

Once classes are finalized, individual classroom teachers may request a small list of additional supplies in September to be purchased by students.

In an effort to keep school supply costs for families consistent, Unsworth Elementary teachers will be charging the following fees for school supplies: **Grades Kindergarten to grade 5 - \$45.00**

Moving?

If you are moving over the summer and not returning to Unsworth, please let our office staff know – this will help us to plan for next year more accurately! Thanks!



Summer Learning Registration

Summer school info is posted on the District website and attached to this email. It is never too early to begin thinking about it! If this is something that you are interested in for your child, please check out the electronic information for [Summer Learning](#) at These sessions tend to fill-up quickly.

Library News



June 10 ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE

Teachers will be sending home reminders of library books signed out. Please bring the books back to the school ASAP. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Friday, June 3 rd	Hot Lunch
Friday, June 17 th	Fun Day & Hot Lunch
Monday, June 20 th	Grade 5 Camp
Thursday, June 23 rd	Last day of Classes (Early Dismissal 11:15)



September School Start-Up

The **first day** of school for the 2022/2023 school year will be **Tuesday, September 6th**. School will start at **8:15** and all returning students will line up outside their last year's classrooms (current classroom) and they will be dismissed from the same classroom. All new students to the school will go to the library and then will be assigned a temporary grade equivalent classroom. Students will be dismissed at **10:15** a.m. on the first day. New Kindergarten students do not attend on the first day of school.

Wednesday, September 7th will be the first full day of school for students in grades 1 - 5. It is unlikely that students will be placed into their regular classes until Thursday or Friday. For the first few days, students will rotate through stations, reviewing school routines and school wide SOAR expectations. It is important that your child is in attendance for the first week of school, as our staffing and in catchment counts will be based on the number of students attending during this first week.

Please check the school website at the end of August and first few days of September for additional start-up information. Any COVID updates will be posted on our website.

Last Day

Please remember that the **last day** of school for students is **Thursday, June 23rd** (Dismissal @ 11:15). Report cards will be distributed to students just prior to the dismissal. Any students not in attendance on the last day of school will receive their report card in the mail.

Lost and Found

Please be sure to check out our lost and found before the end of the school year. The bin contains many sweatshirts, jackets and other assorted articles of clothing looking for their rightful owners! After the last day of school, we bundle all the leftover items up and send them off to charity, so please be sure to check early!

School Success

Please help your children avoid the “summer brain slide” by ensuring that they continue to read. Visit the Public Library, set aside some time for reading every day, share a book together as a family read-a-loud – and then talk, talk, talk about what you have read!!!

Take time to stretch your child’s thinking – do puzzles, play games like “Apples to Apples” (which requires both language skills and the ability to justify decisions); before going on a trip, brainstorm what you might see and do, then after the trip (or during), talk about how your thinking has changed based on what you have actually seen and done. Share your thinking with your children – it is just good modeling!

Get outside, get active and enjoy the beautiful outdoors that Chilliwack and the rest of British Columbia have to offer. We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the planet during the pandemic.



NEXT YEAR School Calendar and Bell Schedule

2022- 2023 School Year Calendar	
School Opens Dismiss at 10:15	September 6
Welcome Back Parent / Teacher Shaved Ice	September 15
Individual Photos	September 23
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	September 27
Orange Shirt Day	September 29
Federal Truth and Reconciliation Day	September 30
Non-Instructional Day	October 7
Thanksgiving	October 10
Non-Instructional Day	October 21 (Provincial Pro D)
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	October 25
Photo Retakes	October 28
Parent / Teacher Conferences 4 – 6:00 p.m.	November 3
Early Dismissal – 11:15	November 4
Remembrance Day	November 11
Non-Instructional Day	November 25
Non-Instructional Day	November 28
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	November 29
Christmas Holidays	December 19 – January 2
Welcome Back	January 3
Black Shirt Day	January 13
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	January 24
Non-Instructional Day	January 27
Parent / Teacher Conference 4 – 6:00 p.m.	February 15
Early Dismissal – 11:15	February 16
Non-Instructional Day	February 17
Family Day	February 20
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	February 21
Pink Shirt Day	February 22
Spring Break	March 20 – April 2
Welcome Back	April 3
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Monday	April 10
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	April 25
Non-Instructional Day	April 28
Non-Instructional Day	May 19
Victoria Day	May 22
PAC Meeting 9:00 a.m.	May 30
Non-Instructional Day	June 2
Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal - 11:15	June 29



School Hours for 2022 - 2023	
8:15 First Bell	12:15 Lunch Bell
8:20 Classes in session	12:52 Warning Bell
	2:15 Dismissal
2:30 Supervision Ends (all students must be picked up by this time)	