

September 2022

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Principal's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome our Unsworth Eagles to the 2022-23 school year. The beginning of a new school year at Unsworth Elementary is always an exciting time filled with wonder and curiosity.

Our entire school staff are very eager to welcome all our students back into their classrooms and filling the hallways with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Unsworth is a safe place for all, we pride ourselves on being inclusive and welcoming to all. We would especially like to welcome all our New Students to

Unsworth. In particular, our 48 new Kindergarten Students 😊...we are looking forward to embarking on this exciting journey together with you.

As always, if you have questions comments or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s teacher for more clarification. I am also out on supervision in the morning and afterschool to connect with you! For more information about our amazing school and to find our calendar of events, check out our school website at <https://unsworth.sd33.bc.ca/>.

Warm Regards,

Mr. S. McLeod

Unsworth Elementary School – Where Learning Lives, and Eagles SOAR !!!

First Day of School

The first day of school for students in grades 1 – 5 is Tuesday, **September 6th**. The bell will ring at 8:15 a.m. Please look for the signs on the grounds with directions of where your child(ren) will meet. Additionally, you will recognize staff members and they too will be able to assist you. Students will be meeting in grade groups. Dismissal will be **10:15 a.m.** We are excited to see you all! New students to the school will meet in the library.

The September Kindergarten gradual entry schedule is below.

Bell Schedule

8:20
10:10 – 10:25
12:15 - 12:55
2:15

Classes in Session
Recess
Lunch
Dismissal



Staff List

Grade	Teacher
Grade K	Mrs. Kelly Laurillard
Grade K	Mrs. Tracey Wiebe
Grade K / 1	Mrs. Kelly Wiens
Grade 1	Ms. Monique Lousier
Grade 1	Mrs. Jamie Poettcker
Grade 1 / 2	Mrs. Sonja Dyck
Grade 2	Mrs. Lana McDonald
Grade 2	Ms. Cindy Ireland (Thurs, Fri) Mrs. Leanne Broadbent (Mon, Tue, Wed)
Grade 3	Mrs. Sandra D'Archangelo
Grade 3	Mrs. Kristen Mills
Grade 3	Mrs. Tara Toop
Grade 4	Ms. Kari Rowe
Grade 4 / 5	Ms. Tracy Ball
Grade 4 / 5	Mr. Tim Lochhead
Grade 4 / 5	Ms. Flaire Lacey (Mon. Tues) Mrs. Kelly Urban (Wed - Fri.)
Library + Prep	Mrs. Lorraine Lange
SBT & Prep (PE)	Mr. Jason Zavers (Mon)
Learning Assistance & K/1	Miss Natasha Kononoff
Resource Teacher	Ms. Alysha Klassen
Music	Mrs. Cynthia Heisler (Mon - Thurs)
Counselor	Ms. Lindsay Sanderson (Mon)
Child and Youth Care Worker	Mrs. Shelby Campbell
Aboriginal EA	Ms. Julie Gutierrez (Tues & Thurs)
ELL/ESD	Mr. David Brien (Tues & Thurs.)
Speech and Language	Ms. Jillian Gordon (Thurs.)
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Lara Larsen, Mrs. Jana Bjorndal, Mrs. Dawn Warner, Mrs. Christy Pothier, Ms. Jennifer Martin, Mrs. Amy Stewart Ms. Asiah Galley
Noon Hour Supervisors (SA's)	Mrs. Amanda Johnson, Mrs. Nicole Johnson, Ms. Kiara Irons & Mrs. Corynn Poirier, Ms. Debbie Mansel
Strong Start Facilitator	Ms. Liesbeth Heijnen (8:30 - 11:30)

Emergency Contact Forms

The student verification forms will be sent home when the classes are confirmed. Please update, sign and return these forms by Friday, **September 16th**. These forms are very important as the school depends on the information you provide to us to contact you or your designate in the case of an emergency. Additionally, if you moved over the summer and changed your address on the form, please return the form with a utility bill or a copy of your driver's license with the new address.

Morning Arrival / Dismissal Times

We ask that our parents and students are aware of the morning and end of the day supervision times and that parents ensure that students do not arrive at the school prior to 8:00 a.m., unless supervised by a parent/caregiver. At the end of the day, we direct all students go home at the 2:15 dismissal bell unless supervised by a parent/caregiver. We ask that children do not stay and play at the school at the end of the day.

Medications / Health Concerns

If you require the school to administer any kind of medication to your child, an authorization form must be completed first. Please see the office to get the forms, which must be **signed by the family doctor and parent**. Please notify the school office and your child's teacher if there are any health issues that we need to be aware of. As we have students with severe allergies to nuts, **our school is Nut Aware**. We ask that all students please avoid bringing peanut butter to school, due to the stickiness and oil that peanut butter contains, it can be easily transferred to many surfaces and objects in the classroom and throughout the school. If a child does accidentally bring a peanut based item for lunch, we ask that they inform the teacher or Noon Hour Supervisor.

Child Custody / Court Orders

Please inform your child's classroom teacher and the office regarding any family custody conditions or revised court documents. The office must have current copies of court orders, custody access documents, and/or documents that limit or restrict access, in order for the school staff to support compliance.

Permission Click

Permission Click is an online platform that streamlines the process of gathering consent from parents in a consistent and easy to manage way. For your child to have access to information technology, including internet access, we request that parents/guardians complete this online consent form for your child(ren). Below is the link for the School District Technology Acceptable Use Agreement Consent form. **Students without a completed consent form on file will NOT have access to the internet or cloud based learning resources/technology at school.**

Please click the link below to give your child permission to use technology at school.

<https://permission.click/wONqy/ca/EJ6>

2022 Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 22nd. To contribute to this very important cause you can donate online: [Unsworth School Run](#). As we did last year, we will have our staff and students run in the back field. We will forward information about the community run once we have the details.

PAC News

The first PAC meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. **All Unsworth parents** are welcome to attend the meeting. This first meeting will take place in the nest.



Upcoming Events

September 15 – Meet the Teacher Evening (more info to follow)

September 22 – Terry Fox Run

September 23 – Individual Photos

September 27 – PAC Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)

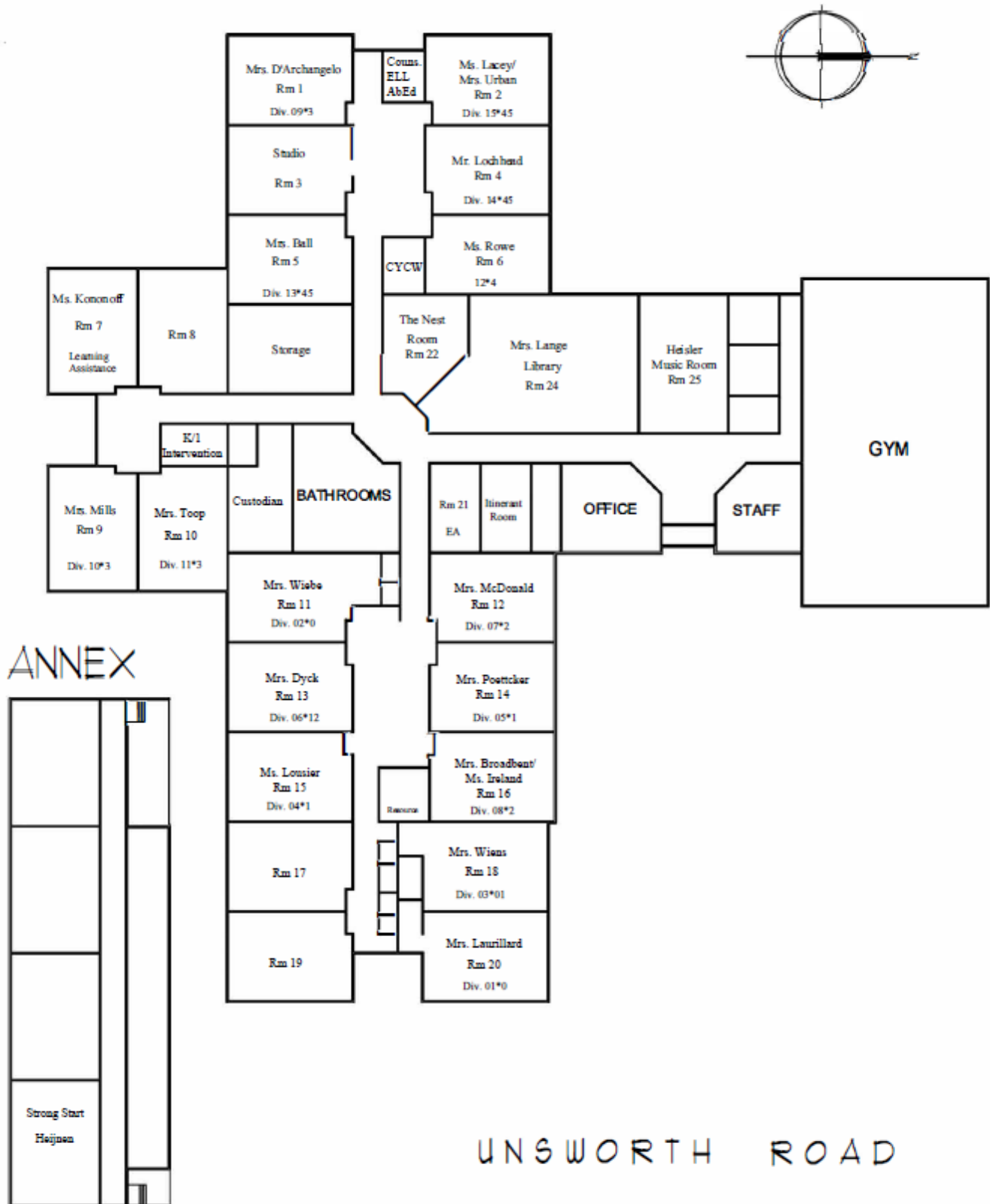
October 7 – Professional Development Day (no school)

October 10 – Thanksgiving

October 21 – Pro D Day (Provincial)

October 25 – PAC Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

October 28 – Photo Retakes




PARKING

A reminder that the parking lot and student safety is a school community responsibility. Please be mindful of the following:

- The curb - side lane is the Drop off lane only and is meant to allow for continuous flow and movement. Please pick up and drop off in the drop off zone only, which is in the curved part of the lane, in front of the flagpoles. Students waiting to be picked-up need to wait in front of the flagpoles which allows for the vehicle to pull up, the child to quickly load and the vehicle then pulls forward and merges into the Thru lane.
- Please do not park or wait anywhere along the curb side lane. Particularly at the end of the drop off lane. Curb side parking blocks the flow and purpose of the drop off lane and causes a back-up of vehicles and frustration for drivers, thus causing unsafe conditions for our students;
- If your child is not waiting and able to immediately get into the vehicle, please loop around the parking lot and re-enter the drop off lane until you are able to pick up, or find a parking stall to park or wait.
- Please remind children to use the crosswalk both in the school parking lot and to cross Unsworth Rd.

Thank you – Together we are making a difference :)

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<u>6th</u> No school for <u>Kindergarten</u> students	<u>7th</u> School visits begin; your information is on the letter on the reverse side	<u>8th</u> School visits continue; your information is in the letter on the reverse side	<u>9th</u> Students attend mini-session (9:00-11:00 <i>or</i> 12:00-2:00) time as per letter on reverse. *Recess snack needed
<u>12th</u> All students attend class from 8:20 a.m.-11:00 p.m. *Recess snack needed*	<u>13th</u> All students attend class from 8:20 a.m.-11:00 p.m. *Recess snack needed*	<u>14th</u> All students attend class from 8:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. *Recess snack needed*	<u>15th</u> All students attend through lunch from 8:20 a.m.-1:25 p.m. *Recess snack and lunch needed*	<u>16th</u> All students attend through lunch from 8:20 a.m.-1:25 p.m. *Recess snack and lunch needed*
<u>19th</u> All Kindergarten students Attend first full day 8:20 a.m.-2:15 p.m. *Recess snack and lunch needed*				

Items to bring to school on the first day:

✓	Slip-on or Velcro shoes (to stay at school) Please print your child's name on them.
✓	Full-Size backpack that can hold a large library book, lunch kit, and a reusable water bottle.
✓	\$45 School Supply Fee.
✓	Please send highlighted item: box of Kleenex, large freezer bags or bandages.
✓	List of people and phone numbers who are able to pick your child up from school (family &/or friends)

***Please ensure your child always comes dressed for the weather. They will need to own rainboots/rain jacket and winter boots/winter jacket for daily outdoor activities.

