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Principal's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome our Unsworth Eagles to the 2023-24 school year. Our staff hope you have all had an amazing summer that has created many treasured and fond memories... We can't wait to hear all about them.

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 the new students to

Unsworth. Things may look a little different on the exterior of our school as construction continues on the roof of our School, let me assure you, things look fantastic and are ready to go on the inside.

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 5th**. The bell will ring at 8:14 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.**

Bell Schedule

8:19	Classes in Session
10:04 – 10:19	Recess
12:19 – 1:04	Lunch
2:15	Dismissal



Staff List

Grade	Teacher
Grade K	Mrs. Kelly Laurillard
Grade K	Mrs. Kelly Wiens
Grade K	Mrs. Tracey Wiebe
Grade 1	Mrs. Jamie Poettcker
Grade 1	Mrs. Sonja Dyck
Grade 1 / 2	Ms. Monique Lousier
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. Tara Toop
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Kristen Mills
Grade 4	Ms. Renee Robertson
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)	Ms. Alysha Klassen
Learning Assistance & K/1	Mr. David Brien
Resource Teacher	Ms. Alysha Klassen
Music	Mrs. Cynthia Heisler (Mon - Thurs)
Counselor	Mrs. Nicole Karr (Thurs)
Child and Youth Care Worker	Ms. Paw K'boh
Aboriginal EA	TBA
ELL/ESD	Mr. David Brien
Custodial	Jeff Caskanette & Tracey MacIntosh
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. Nicole Johnson, Ms. Kiara Irons & Mrs. Corynn Poirier
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 15th**. 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/BQA7N/ca/EJ6>

2023 Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 21st. To contribute to this very important cause you can donate online at [Unsworth Terry Fox Donations](#). 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 26th 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 14 – Meet the Teacher Evening (more info to follow)

September 21 – Terry Fox Run

September 22 – Individual Photos

September 26 – PAC Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

October 2 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)

October 6 – Professional Development Day (no school)

October 9 – Thanksgiving (no school)

October 20 – Pro D Day (Provincial) (no school)

October 24 – PAC Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

October 27 – 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 :)



- Please return all the Library books that were borrowed over the Summer Holiday.
- School Supply Reminder – Cost is only \$20 + an additional \$5 for a planner if your child's teacher requires them. Please note that due to a fire in the warehouse of the supplier, there will be a delay in receiving our planners. Your child's teacher will arrange an effective way to communicate and share classroom information.
- Criminal Record Checks are necessary for volunteering in the school and on Field Trips. If you had a CRC done in the past 4 years, your Criminal Check is currently valid.
- Road Safety – Use appropriate crossings to gain access to school.
- "Wheels up" reminder to students when you arrive on school property, all bikes, scooters, rollerblades need to be carried or walked. This is done to keep everybody safe while arriving and exiting school.

