



# Sunnyside School Newsletter September 2014



## Principal's Message

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year. I hope that the summer months have provided you with a chance to rest and relax and an opportunity to rejuvenate. A special welcome to the many new students and families that are now part of the Sunnyside community. We look forward to providing a safe and caring learning environment where each child has the best possible chance to succeed.

I am thrilled to be the new principal at Sunnyside School. In my short time associated with the school, I've experienced the warmth and congeniality that has come to be associated with the school and I'm so happy to be a part of it.

Several improvements have been made to our school this summer: the ceiling in the hallway has been repaired, the sidewalk has been replaced, new doors have been installed at the south side of the school, the hallway and doors have been painted and new steps to the preschool have been installed. Thank you to Mrs. Eveleigh for working hard to clean and prepare classrooms for another year of learning and to Mr. Barwegan who has been filling in for her over the past few days. Thank you also to the Handsaeme's for looking after the grounds and keeping the lawn watered. The school looks great!

Lastly, I look forward to meeting everyone on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 for "Meet the Staff" night.

Connie Adserballe

## Dates to Remember:

Sept. 2	Classes begin for students
Sept. 4	School Council Meeting – 3:45 p.m.
Sept. 10	Meet the Staff Night / School Council Elections - 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	'Think of us on the bus' assembly – 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 12	Stay & Play program starts
Sept. 15	Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES
Sept. 19	Homecoming Sock Hop
Sept. 23	Lifetouch School Pictures
Sept. 25	Terry Fox National School Run Day
Sept. 25	Assembly - 2:30 p.m.



## Sunnyside Staff 2014-2015

Mrs. Connie Adserballe	-	Principal/Grade 3/4/ Learning Support Mild/Mod
Mrs. Amanda Hudson	-	E.L.P. Educator
Mrs. Mona Slusar	-	Kindergarten / Music
Mrs. Jill McIntyre	-	Grade 1
Mrs. Carol Wolsey	-	Grade 2
Mr. Ken Van Cleave	-	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Jodie Legault	-	Grade 5/6 / Learning Support PUF
Mrs. Colleen Slovack	-	Secretary
Mrs. Brenda Hancock	-	Learning Assistant / Library / Speech
Mrs. Karen Nyrose	-	Learning Assistant
Miss Lynnette Voth	-	Learning Assistant
Ms. Leanna Santangelo	-	Learning Assistant
Mrs. Rena Eveleigh	-	Custodian
Mrs. Dalayna Taverner	-	Family School Liaison Counsellor

## Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new students to Sunnyside School:

### E.L.P.

Rubee Clawson	Carter Coles
Braxdyn Corey	Paisley Daniels
Madesay Fox	Macintyre Herbst
Marie Herbst	Jayde Homan
Autumn Housley	Samuel Klassen
Isaiah Kuperus	Mika Nelson
Cameron Rangel	Quinn Ross
Lennon Sakamoto	Emily Selk
Kade Smith	Eli Toews
Ava Van Sluys	Blake Vucurevich

### Kindergarten:

Abby Bjornson	Emily Brittner
Alex Coles	Luke Harris
Rachel Hendrick	Brookelynn Jones
Carter MacBeth	Alex Schultz

Coral Farrell	-	Grade 1
Sloane Farries	-	Grade 1
Blake Rasmussen	-	Grade 1
Layla Ross	-	Grade 1
Ethan Wilson	-	Grade 1
Justine Hendrick	-	Grade 2
Reese Jones	-	Grade 2
Holden Farries	-	Grade 3
Rory Ross	-	Grade 3
Joel Wilson	-	Grade 3
Aliya Koliaska	-	Grade 4
Abbie Kerner	-	Grade 5

## Agenda / School Handbook

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 have received a student planner/agenda. The school handbook is included in your child's agenda. Please take time to read through it as it contains pertinent information such as school policies, school year calendar, and important dates. Parents are asked to review their child's agenda nightly, initial and return it to the school each day.

## School Fees

Elementary textbook rental fees are waived by Palliser Regional Schools for this school term. The following fee structure will be in effect for this year:

	<b>Kindergarten:</b>	<b>Grade 1 - 6:</b>
Technology Fee:	\$17.50	\$35.00
Local Levy:	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$27.50	\$45.00

We would appreciate all payments as soon as possible. Please make cheques payable to Sunnyside School.

## Early Learning Program Fees

The fee for E.L.P. students is \$80 per month for two half days of programming per week. We would appreciate receiving ten post-dated cheques made payable to Palliser Regional Schools and dated for the first of each month from September to June. These will be forwarded to the Palliser office and deposited on the first of each month and a receipt will be issued.

## Dismissal Times

Students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Please be reminded that school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. If parents are picking up their child, we ask that you wait in the computer room at the north end of the school and your child will meet you there. Also, please remember that you must not park or drive through the bus lanes on the west side of the school during bus times.

## Forms

You will receive a *Student Information Verification Form* for each student. Please review this sheet, make any changes, sign the sheet, and return to the school as soon as possible. Please complete the Information Technology Consent form and the Consent for Information Disclosure form for each student and return them to the school office. You will also receive a Threat Assessment letter and FOIP forms. If you wish to purchase Student Insurance, applications should be remitted directly to the company.

## **Meet the Staff Night / School Council Elections**

Meet the Staff Night/ School Council elections will be held Wednesday, September 10. Parents with children in kindergarten to grade 2 will be able to meet their child's teacher from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the classroom and parents of grade 3 to 6 students will meet from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by School Council elections at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. During this time, you will be able to sign up for school council committees. This will be followed at 7:30 p.m. with an Ice Cream Social. Each family is asked to bring an ice cream topping (no nuts please). We look forward to seeing you and your family!

## **School Photos**

Lifetouch Canada Inc. will be at Sunnyside School to take individual and class photos the morning of Tuesday, September 23. Forms will be sent home shortly for you to choose your pose preference.

## **Terry Fox Run**

Sunnyside School will take part in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 25. All students will meet in the morning at 8:30 a.m. on the school track. Parents are welcome to join us. Each family will receive a Terry Fox pledge sheet that can be used for donations. We encourage each student to bring in a toonie or other donation with all funds collected to be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research.

## **Sock Hop**

The Sunnyside Community Association will be organizing a sock hop for students on Friday, September 19. Sock hop homecoming day is a great afternoon filled with dancing and fun. We get to celebrate together as we welcome a new year of Sunnyside School spirit. The fun begins after school at 12:30 and runs until 3:30 p.m. All students are welcome. A letter with further details will be sent home.

## **School Website**

Sunnyside School's website can be accessed at [www.sunnysideschool.ca](http://www.sunnysideschool.ca). A copy of the newsletter will be available on the website. Please contact the school office if you cannot access the website and we will ensure that a paper copy is sent home.

## **Assemblies**

It is our desire to promote a positive school community, to share and celebrate one another's accomplishments and to inform one another of the events taking place at Sunnyside School. We plan to do this by having assemblies once a month on the last Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

## **Stay & Play Program**

The Stay & Play program will begin on Friday, September 12 from 10:15 to 12:15 in the kindergarten room. Parents and children (birth to 5 years) attend together for songs, rhymes, stories and play activities in a safe and inviting learning environment. More information is available at [www.bewfcss.ab.ca](http://www.bewfcss.ab.ca)

## **Palliser Transportation Policy**

The Palliser Regional Schools transportation services department has a casual rider policy. Any student wishing to access a bus that they do not normally ride on may do so as long as a Request for Ride-a-Long form has been completed in advance. This policy allows for students who do not ride a bus to travel to a friend's house for birthday parties, etc. as long as a completed form has been handed in to the school office and a copy given to the bus driver. Forms can be requested by contacting the school office or on our website: Click on ABOUT/Documents/Request for Ride-a-long form.

## **'Think of Us on the Bus'**

Sunnyside students will take part in a 'Think of Us on the Bus' assembly on Thursday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. to encourage bus safety and etiquette.

## Allergy Aware School

We have students attending Sunnyside School with nut, peanut and other allergies. We can never have a peanut free school, but instead we will make students aware of what allergies do exist and take measures to minimize those risks. Please let us know if your child is allergic to certain foods so that we can keep them away from triggers. Call us if you have further questions.

## Superintendent's Message

To our students and parents/guardians:



Welcome, everyone, to a new school year, full of possibilities and opportunities for learning and growing.

This year, Palliser Regional Schools has adopted the theme of "Leadership in Literacy." It's a name we gave a Literacy Symposium we held in Palliser in October 2013. This professional development opportunity was attended by Central Office and school administrators, and all the presenters were part of the Palliser team, sharing their own expertise and experiences in literacy education.

By echoing that name as this year's theme, we commit to continuing and deepening our work in literacy as a means of best supporting student success in school

and in life.

The theme also reflects the leadership opportunities available to each of us as educators, support staff, parents/guardians and students in this literacy journey. Each of us has an opportunity to support each other in literacy, whether by modelling reading and writing, by talking about the books we read and enjoy and by supporting our students as they develop reading and writing skills.

At all grades and in all schools, we are focused on literacy as the key building block to critical thinking skills and engaged citizenship. Through literacy, we'll help our students achieve their fullest potential wherever their lives, ambitions and interests take them.

Thank you for being part of Palliser and for being part of this literacy journey. I look forward to seeing where our students and our staff take their literacy journey in the coming year.

Finally, don't forget to have fun. Our years in K-12 school go by so quickly. While we're in the midst of those years as students and parents/guardians, take time to enjoy the experiences and opportunities that come with school life. Make the most of it!

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent  
Palliser Regional Schools



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> First day of classes for students	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> School Council Meeting 3:45 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				