



Sunnyside School Newsletter

September 2016



Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our returning families and a warm welcome to our new families! We are very excited to see our little school continue to grow!

Lots of improvements have been made to our school! Another big change is to our new playground! Thank you to all the hardworking families and members of the community who tirelessly raised funds and volunteered their time to build the playground over the summer. Our students are so fortunate to have so many wonderful spaces to play.

Please join us on September 14 for an end of harvest celebration followed by school council meeting being held following the barbeque. All parents are automatically members of the school council and invited to attend meetings held the second Thursday of each month. Attending these meetings is the best way to have a voice in your child's education at Sunnyside School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the school for a visit. I would love to hear from you. Together, we'll make this great little school even better!

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 5	Labour Day – NO CLASSES
Sept. 6	Classes begin for students
Sept. 14	End of Harvest BBQ - 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	'Think of us on the bus' assembly – 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 20	Lifetouch School Pictures
Sept. 23	Stay & Play program starts
Sept. 29	Terry Fox National School Run Day



Sunnyside Staff 2016-2017

Mrs. Connie Adserballe	-	Principal/Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Cassie Koopmans	-	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Amanda Hudson	-	Early Learning Educator
Mrs. Mona Slusar	-	Kindergarten / Music
Mrs. Andrea Klassen	-	Grade 1
Mrs. Lynnell Hudey	-	Grade 2
Ms. Jan Henderson	-	Grade 3
Mr. Ken Van Cleave	-	Grade 4
Ms. Melissa Easthope	-	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Brenda Hancock	-	Learning Assistant / Library
Mrs. Julia Newberry	-	Learning Assistant
Mrs. Linda Van Bezooyen	-	Learning Assistant
Mr. Debbie Roth	-	Custodian

New Staff

We have two new staff members to welcome to Sunnyside School. Ms. Cassie Koopmans is our new administrative assistant and Ms. Jan Henderson is our new grade 3 teacher. Welcome to both of you!

Home/School Communication Tool

This year, each child will be provided with a clear plastic envelope for a home/school communication and organizational tool. Please check this envelope daily for important notices. As well, please use the envelope to send notes or other information to the school.

Bus Lane

Please be aware that there should be no vehicles in the bus lane while busses are loading or dropping off. As well, please note that there is a 450.00 fine to pass a bus with flashing lights. Many of our busses are equipped with cameras for the safety of our children.

Monthly Newsletter

A paper copy of the newsletter will be sent home this month. Future newsletters will be sent electronically. Please ensure that we have your current email address. A copy of the newsletter will also be available on the website. Sunnyside School's website can be accessed at www.sunnysideschool.ca. Please contact the school office if you cannot access the website and would like to request a paper copy.

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:

	Kindergarten:	Grade 1 - 6:
Technology Fee:		\$35.00
Special Project Fee:	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$10.00	\$45.00

Palliser Regional Schools has implemented an online payment system. Thank you for taking the time to use this system.

Early Learning Program Fees

The fee for E.L.P. students is \$80 per month for two half days of programming per week. Online payments are accepted or you can send ten post-dated cheques made payable to Palliser Regional Schools 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.

Forms

Each student will receive a *Student Information Verification Form*. Please review this sheet, make any changes, sign the sheet, and return to the school. Please complete the Information Technology User Agreement, Consent for Information Disclosure form as well as the Health Screening Consent for each student and return them in your child's agenda. 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.

Bell Times

The morning warning bell rings at 8:25 a.m. with classes starting at 8:27. Students will be dismissed at 3:32 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 until the buses leave the school. Also, please remember that you must not park or drive through the bus lanes on the west side of the school during bus times.

School Photos

Lifetouch Canada Inc. will be at Sunnyside School to take individual and class photos the morning of Tuesday, September 20. Forms will be sent home in agendas to be returned by picture day.

Inside/Outside Footwear

We are so proud of our school and all the improvements that have been made over the summer. To help us keep it clean, we're requesting that all of our students have an inside and outside pair of shoes. Thank you for your assistance!

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. Our assemblies will be held the fourth Thursday of the month with the first one taking place October 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Terry Fox Run

Sunnyside School will take part in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 29. 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.

Stay & Play Program

The Stay & Play program will begin on Friday, September 23 from 10:15 to 12:15 in the ELP portable at the north end of the school. 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

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 Friday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m. to encourage bus safety and etiquette. Also, a reminder to drivers to be aware of bus safety. Failing to stop for a bus that has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended can carry a \$402 fine and six demerit points. When a bus has its amber lights flashing and is preparing to stop, drivers are to use caution. Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$345. Last year, Palliser introduced a new safety tool, as several buses were equipped with cameras that can capture still and video images of what's occurring inside or outside the bus. This year, additional camera units will be added to the fleet.

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.

End of Harvest Barbeque/Meet the Staff

Please join us on September 14 at 5:30 for a barbeque to celebrate the grand opening of our newly completed playground and meet the Sunnyside School staff at the same time! As well, this event provides students with an opportunity to thank the many volunteers who generously supported this project over the years. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a dessert. If your last name starts with N-Z please bring a salad. Please bring enough for your family and two others. This bbq will be followed by a parent council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. During this time, we will hold elections and provide parents with an opportunity to sign up for school council committees.

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4	5 Labour Day NO SCHOOL	6 First day of school for students	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Meet the staff BBQ/ School Council meeting	15	16 Think of us on the bus assembly @ 9:00 am	17
18	19	20 Life Touch School Picture	21	22	23 Stay and play starts	24
25	26	27	28	29 Terry Fox run @ 8:30 am	30	

