



# September 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome to another school year! I cannot tell you how excited I am to be the principal of Sunnyside School. In my short time here, I have seen an incredibly dedicated staff, I have been able to talk to a very supportive group of parents, and I am really looking forward to meeting all of the students over the next few weeks.

One of the guiding principles for my life is relationships. I am committed to building relationships with the staff, community, and students as we all work together to achieve a common goal – the best quality learning environment for your children. I am so excited to partner with you, the parents and guardians, as Sunnyside School works to provide an awesome education.

I am so thrilled with the focus of outdoor learning and wellness that this school has. There is so much research out there that points to the importance of physical activity, nature, and student choice to help students learn and grow. I am amazed at how much flexibility and additional outside time the students at Sunnyside get! I am looking forward to adding my own activities and flair to PE, wellness, and outdoor learning time.

It certainly is going to be another unique year with the Covid-19 pandemic still affecting us. Our goal is to do everything we can to keep your children safe while also balancing students' need for connection and togetherness. Please pay close attention to your email and the website as we continue to update and reevaluate our policies.

I have a feeling that this is going to be an amazing year. With an awesome school, community, staff, and students – it is a near-perfect recipe for success!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Your opinions and ideas are important to me.

I hope my excitement comes through in a newsletter! It's going to be an awesome year!

Sincerely,  
Mitchell Van Dyk



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Gr 1-6 First Day of School for students with last names with A-L	<b>2</b> Kindergarten & Gr 1-6 First Day of School for students with last names M-Z	<b>3</b> First Day of school for all Gr 1-6 students	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labour Day- <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>7</b> Kindergarten- First Day of School for students with last names A-L	<b>8</b> Parent Council & Elections Meeting <b>Google Meet @ 4:00pm</b>	<b>9</b> First Day of school for all kindergarten students	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Division Wide PD Day- <b>NO CLASSES</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Lifetouch School Pictures	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> National Day For Truth & Reconciliation - <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS</b>	Looking ahead - October 1st - <b>tentative Terry Fox Run Day</b>	