



Newsletter for June 2017

Dear Families,

This will be the last newsletter for this school year. It has been an incredible year for us and we want to wish you a very restful and joyous summer in advance. Over the summer, please check our website regularly as we will be posting information for the coming year.

The next few weeks are packed: we have our Sports Day, a talent show, our grade 7 leaving ceremony, our school year end assembly, report cards and multiple field trips! It will be a great culmination to an incredible year.

I will provide an updated staff list on the website in August as hiring and changes will take place throughout the next few months. Through retirements, transfers and term positions this time of year is when we see staff start shifting. This year, we are sad to lose some incredible staff members:

- **Ms. Amber Romero** will be moving to Vietnam to continue doing great work with children. Anyone who knows Amber knows that she is a wealth of knowledge and caring. She nurtures every child that she sees and we will miss her caring and kindness.
- **Ms. Kristen McCredie** has spent 12 years at Sunnyside and is now moving to White Rock Elementary. Kristen is patient and extremely hardworking. Her classroom is a magical place to visit and we will miss her leadership at our school.
- **Ms. Yvonne Steves** who is retiring after 25 years at Sunnyside. Yvonne has survived multiple principals, changing sites, and a population that has tripled. Yvonne is an amazing teacher and has touched the lives of hundreds of children during her time at Sunnyside. She leaves the profession with the same enthusiasm and zeal that she entered it with, and all of us are better teachers because of Yvonne!
- **Ms. Lisa Burgis** who has completed her term assignment. She has been a magnificent addition to Sunnyside and will continue doing amazing work at Semiahmoo Trail Elementary.
- **Ms. Carrie Lowther** who also completed her term assignment and will be moving to Betty Huff Elementary. Carrie- you have done remarkable work with your class and Betty Huff is lucky to have you.
- **Ms. Emilie Leblanc** who worked in our Learning Support Team and has finished her term at Sunnyside. We hope Emilie will be returning to us in the new school year.

For many of the above teachers they have completed their term assignments at our school. Hopefully, through the hiring rounds in June and July we will see many of them again in the coming year! At this point we are not sure which Education Assistants will be leaving us but we hope to keep as many of them as possible.

Update on the Sunnyside music program:

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Susan Hagen will continue in her role as Band Teacher at Sunnyside. Ms. Hagen will no longer be teaching our core K-4 music program and this position is currently being posted. Ms. Hagen will be teaching band at a number of schools in the area and we look forward to her continuing role in this position. Sunnyside is known for its excellence in Band and we know that with Ms. Hagen continuing at the helm, that this will continue. It is an understatement to say that Ms. Hagen has created an amazing band program at Sunnyside. We will miss her teaching our K-4 children on a daily basis but look forward to seeing her band performances in the coming year.

I am pleased to announce the addition of some new staff as well:

Melissa Pellizzari	Primary Teacher
Nancy La Chimea	Intermediate Teacher
Jamie Robinson	Primary Teacher
Jennifer Jotie	Intermediate Teacher: she will be on maternity leave until Dec.
Andrea Sulymka	Intermediate Teacher
Matthew Geisler	Intermediate Teacher
Tabitha Elder Grass	Primary Teacher

I know this community will embrace our new staff and it is my pleasure to welcome them to an incredible school.

In this newsletter, you will find next year's bell schedule and calendar. If there are further updates, we will keep you informed through our website. If you have not signed up for the Schoollink app, please do so to make sure you are abreast of any changes that take place. I am pleased to announce the launch of our very own Sunnyside App that will be fully downloadable at the start of next year. I also want to thank the PAC for supporting this technology. We will be the only Elementary School in Surrey pioneering this app, although it is used in secondary schools within the district.

Our last PAC meeting of the year will be the Annual General Meeting on June 13th at 6:30 pm in the library. We encourage parents to attend.

I want to take this opportunity to thank this community for a fantastic second year at Sunnyside. We have accomplished a great deal and we should be proud of this school, this parent community and especially our children for all that they have achieved. I look forward to many more years at Sunnyside!

Student Class Placement Requests 2017-2018

Each year, teachers, school staff members and administration spend a great deal of time creating classes that will ensure the best possible learning environment for every child in the school. Below are some factors that we take into consideration when making class placements for the upcoming year:

- *Previous classroom teacher and school-based team recommendations*
- *The overall make-up of the class being created, ensuring classes adhere to Ministry of Education criteria*
- *Students' learning styles, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development needs*
- *Need for student services such as resource room support, learning assistance, ESL and male/female balance*
- *Pre-existing supportive relationships between children*
- *Parent information about your child's needs*

Although each factor is important, each is weighted differently depending upon the individual circumstances under discussion. Decisions will be made with the child in mind along with the more

global view of the class composition and school organization. Teachers will review all available information regarding a child and his or her class placement.

Typically, we do not accept requests for specific teachers. Teacher assignments change from year to year, and the teacher you request may not end up teaching your child's grade level or may choose to work at another school. As well, friendships are ever changing at this age and we encourage students to expand their networks and also develop skills to work cooperatively with a wide range of peers.

If you would like to share information from the home perspective, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Also, feel free to have a discussion with them about your desired goals for your child next year.

Thinking of Moving?

As we begin to plan our school organization for the next school year, we are looking carefully at the number of students we anticipate for September. If your family will be moving before September, we would appreciate a note sent to our office. This will greatly assist us in our planning.

New Bell Schedule 2017 – 2018

Entry Bell	8:35 am
Morning Session Begins	8:40 am
Recess 1	10:05 – 10:20 am
Recess 2	10:20 – 10:35 am
Morning Session Resumes	10:35 am
Lunch 1	11:45 – 12:15 (Outside); 12:15 – 12:30 (Eat) 11:45 am
Lunch 2	12:00 – 12:15 (Eat); 12:15 – 12:45 (Outside) 12:00 pm
Afternoon Session Begin	12:45 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

Please contact the school office at 604-531-4826 if your child is absent due to illness, vacation, medical appointment etc. or if they will be coming late. Thank you.

**2017 – 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
September	Sept. 5 (Tues.)	School opens (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)
	Sept. 21 (Thurs.)	Meet the Teacher Night
	Sept. 22 (Fri.)	Terry Fox Run
	Sept. 25 (Mon.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
October	Oct. 9 (Mon.)	Thanksgiving – Statutory Holiday
	Oct. 19 (Thurs.)	Early Dismissal: Gr. K-7: 1:30 p.m.
	Oct. 19 (Thurs.)	Parent-teacher interviews
	Oct. 20 (Fri.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
November	Nov. 3 (Fri.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
	Nov. 10 (Fri.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
	Nov. 13 (Mon.)	Remembrance Day In-Lieu – School Closed
December	Dec. 14 (Thurs.)	First Formal Report Card Issued
	Dec. 14 (Thurs.)	Early Dismissal: Gr. K-7: 1:30 p.m.
	Dec. 22 (Fri.)	Last School Day before Winter Vacation
January	Jan. 8 (Mon.)	First School Day after Winter Vacation
February	Feb. 12 (Mon.)	Family Day – School Closed
	Feb. 16 (Fri.)	Pro-D Day – School Closed
March	Mar. 15 (Thurs.)	Second Formal Report Card Issued
	Mar. 16 (Fri.)	Last School Day before Spring Break
	Mar. 19 - 23	Spring Break
	Mar. 26 – 29	School Closure days
	Mar. 30 (Fri.)	Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
April	Apr. 2 (Mon.)	Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday
	Apr. 3 (Tues.)	First School Day after Spring Break
	Apr. 5 (Thurs.)	Ready, Set, Learn Event
	Apr. 19 (Thurs.)	Early Dismissal: Gr. K-7: 1:30 p.m.
	Apr. 19 (Thurs.)	Parent-teacher interviews
	Apr. 27 (Fri.)	Multicultural Day
May	May 4 (Fri.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
	May 18 (Fri.)	Parent Appreciation Tea
	May 21 (Mon.)	Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
	May 23 (Wed.)	Kindergarten Orientation
	May 28 (Mon.)	Non-Instructional Day – School Closed
June	Jun. 27 (Wed.)	Recognition Assembly
	Jun. 28 (Thurs.)	Final Formal Report Card Issued
	Jun. 28 (Thurs.)	Grade 7 Assembly; Early Dismissal; Last Day
	Jun. 29 (Fri.)	Administrative Day – School Closed

Kindergarten Information

For our new K families you will be receiving your packages in the mail by late July. In this package you will find the schedule for the first two weeks which will be a gradual entry. If you have any questions after you receive your package feel free to contact the school.

Reminder about Dogs on the Property

Thank you for following Surrey School District By-law No. 1, 1983, "On school property, no person(s) shall permit any animal to enter school grounds during a school day, unless express permission has been granted by a person authorized by the Board;"

Scooters and bikes

As the weather gets better, we are seeing more and more scooters and bikes. We love the idea of this 'green' transportation! However, we do ask that students walk their bikes, scooters, and skateboards once they arrive at school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on June 16th. Please note that this is a change of date from what we originally published in September. On Sports Day, we will ask your children to dress in their 'house colour' which will be assigned to them. Lunch will not be split on Sports Day and will take place from 11:45-12:30. The PAC will be selling pizza for \$2 per slice. We expect that the festivities will end at about 1:30. We do not anticipate that the remainder of the day will be filled with intense academics so parents are free to pick up their children early that day or send a note allowing their children to have an early day. School will go until 2:30 and there will be supervision until then, but a full day is not mandatory on this festive day.

Noteworthy Dates for June:

June 6	Bear Creek Track and Field
June 8	Jazz Band Performance at DEC (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)
June 9	Hawaiian Day
June 13	PAC AGM in the library at 6:30
June 14	PAC Staff Luncheon
June 16	Sports Day
June 21	Jazz Band School Tour (8:00 am – 2:45 pm)
June 22	Sunnyside Band Performance (6:00 pm)
June 27	Sunnyside Talent Show (1:00 pm)
June 28	Recognition Assembly (10:30 am)
June 29	Gr. 7 Assembly (10:30 am)
June 30	Administration Day – School Closed



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the office should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the **2017-18 school year**, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1 – 7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$2.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt to take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Montessori School Supply Fees: The Montessori program has a philosophy that is rooted in the sharing of common supplies. As such parents are not required to bring supplies to school, however, there will be a \$40 fee charged to each child in Montessori for these common supplies. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher or Mr. Rawji.

School supply requirements; Kindergarten to Gr. 2: For the 2017-18 school year, our Kindergarten to Grade 2 teachers are hoping to purchase all necessary school supplies in bulk. The cost of this is \$40 per student, however, parents still have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list.

Sincerely,
Mr. Faizel Rawji,

Principal

Applied Design Skills and Technologies (ADST)

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING!

Summer Learning 2017

Applied Design Skills and Technologies (ADST) is a new BC curriculum for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12

It focuses on design, coding and hands-on learning for all students and is tied to other curriculum areas

This program will focus on students in grades 6 to 9

In this program students will explore a variety of hand on learning opportunities with a science, Engineering, Mathematics, Coding and Robotics focus

Students will follow the Stanford model of design, following a "cycle of innovation" process while learning to demonstrate their learning through making. The concepts of Makerspace or Maker culture will be imbedded within this program

This program will build students self-confidence, creativity and communication skills while giving students a head start on future learning for next school year

At the end of the program students will have created a shareable portfolio to showcase their learnings and achievements over the 4 week program

Registration: James Lewis @ 604-536-2131 or lewis_james@surreyschools.ca

Questions: ADST Helping Teacher Zale Darnel at darnel_z@surreyschools.ca



Location:
Semiahmoo
Secondary School
July 4 to July 28
8:30 am—12:30 pm