

September 1, 2016



September Newsletter

Message From Principal Sullivan

Tansi! Welcome! What an amazing summer it was!

So much happened and so many adventures had! After escaping from the wild fires of Fort McMurray and becoming the latest addition to an outstanding team of educators I can truly say that the Creator works in mysterious ways!

Our first month back will be one of new beginnings and great experiences! We will learn about each other and learn about education in a new lens.

A community feast on Sept 2 and Open House on Sept 13 are the headliners for this month. Please come and be merry with your community school while meeting with your wonderful staff!

We look forward to greeting every one of our wonderful community members!



Sunchild School Attendance Policy



The Sunchild Attendance Policy is used to determine who receives awards at the end of the school year at the awards assembly, as well as the Student of the Month Awards.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six will be marked late if they miss less than 20 minutes of class time. More than 20 minutes it will be counted as an absent. Students from Grades Seven to Twelve will be counted absent if they miss more than 20 minutes of a period; less than 20 minutes and it will be counted as a late.

If a student receives five lates it adds up to be one absent.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 2ND

Community Meet and Greet and BBQ lunch starting at 12:00 in the School cafeteria. Come out and meet your children's teachers.



First Day for K5 will be Tuesday September 6th.



Important Dates For Your Calendar

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| Thursday September 1 | First Day of Classes and Student Registration 2:00 Dismissal For Students |
| Friday September 2 | Community Meet and Greet School Staff And BBQ Lunch starting at 12:00 |
| Monday September 5 | Labour Day No School |
| Tuesday September 13 | Sunchild School Open House 1:00 to 3:30 |
| Thursday September 29 | Terry Fox Run |
| Monday September 19 | Staff Professional Development Day No School |
| Monday October 10 | Thanksgiving No School |
| Tuesday October 11 | School Picture Day |



Set a Goal for Yourself Awards for the 2016-2017 School Year



Three Best Attendees K to Grade 6— Top three attending students per class.

Best Attendees for Grade 7 to 12— One award winner per class

Most Improved Student—A student who has improved over the school year.

Citizenship Award -A Student who is helpful, respectful and cooperative.

Academic Awards -Top two students in the class.

Academic Award High School -80% or better in core subjects

Physical Education Award Male and Female

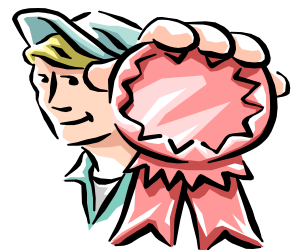
Cree Award—Male and Female

Leadership Awards:

Tom Bigchild Award—Junior High Student

Dave Schepens Award—High School Student

Bikes will be awarded to the Physical Education awards for the 2016-17 School Year. (K-6 Grades)



Sunchild School Staff List 2016-17

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| Acting Director of Education Principal | Angie Goodrunning Tommy Sullivan |
| Jr. Sr. High Vice Principal | Susan Collicutt |
| Elementary Vice principal | David Malthouse |
| Administrative Assistant | Gelaine Goodrunning |
| K5 | Corrina Daychief |
| Grade 1 | Jennifer Essex |
| Grade 2 | Ashley Lagrelle |
| Grade 3 | Elise Smith |
| Grade 3/4 | Alex Chung |
| Grade 4/5 | Ryan Smith |
| Grade 5 | Chelsey Morrish |
| Grade 6 | Gerald Odynski |
| Grade 7/8 Math; Jr/Sr PE | Robert Volaric |
| Grade 7/8 English / Social | Deandra Cormier |
| Grade 7/8/9 Science | Deanna Jackson |
| Grade 10 / Gr 9-12 English | Laurel Foshay |
| Grade 11/Sr Math/ Science | Patrick Leahy |
| Grade 12/ gr 10-12 Social | Kerjyn Bateman |
| Elem Student Services | David Malthouse |
| K-9 Physical Education | Stephen White |
| Student Support Facilitator | Jill Opendries |
| Counsellor | Brenda Fiddler |
| Cree | Doris Daychief |
| Cree Assistant | Melanie Bigchild |
| Library | Shirley Loranger |
| Paraprofessional staff | Loretta Bigchild |
| | Felicia Frencheater\ |
| | Eugene Rowan |
| | Ceciley Lagrelle |
| | Carla Mackinaw |
| | Eugene Rowan |
| | Sarah Daychief |
| | Ferlin Plaited Hair |
| | Shirley Ann Lagrelle |
| | TBA |
| Headstart / K4 | Kim Stiles |
| Headstart paraprofessional | Agnes Redcalf |
| Speech Services | Rachel Wolfleg |
| Home school liaison worker | Dale Bigchild |
| Bus Monitor | Jake Bigchild |
| Head of Maintenance | Floyd Lagrelle |
| Maintenance Staff | Brian Loranger |
| | Elizabeth Redbear |
| Custodians | Marty Bigchild |
| | Sabrina Redbear |
| Cafeteria Staff | TJ Daychief |
| | Phyllis Baird |
| | Angel Sunchild |

If It Has Wheels!

If it has wheels and you bring it to school you also need to have a helmet on your head. This includes the following: Skate Boards, Scooters, Bikes, and Roller Blades.



Sunchild Schools Cell Phone Policy—Win Win for Everyone

Sunchild School allows students to bring cellular phones / media devices to school. It is up to each individual classroom teacher to decide how they will manage the phones in the classroom. The privilege of bringing a cellular phone / media device to school can be revoked by the school administration in the event that there is misuse of these phones. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated, neither will inappropriate video recording at the school. Serious offences may be referred to the RCMP for investigation.



SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH WEAR YOUR SMILE

“If you want to learn your language you need to use it.”

Fred Ahenakew
Muskeg Lake First Nation

New Hat Policy

Students are not permitted to wear hats in the school at any time.



Taking Students Home Early?

Parents please ensure that you sign your child out of the school through the main office. We need to know who is in the school in case of fire or related emergency.

Walking Home

Students are required to take the bus home unless a note has been written to say other wise. Parent's wishing for their children to walk home need talk to the classroom teacher and provide a note to be put on file.

Shoe Policy

To ensure that your School stays as clean as possible please take off outside shoes when entering the building and put them up on a shelf. Inside shoes are also required for all students.



First Staff Meeting and Professional Development Day will be Monday Sept 19
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Sunchild School Mission Statement

“Working together to Educate and Teach our Children Respect and Responsibility with Parental Involvement and Community Support.”

Smoking Policy It's the Law!

There is **NO SMOKING** by any person at Sunchild School who is under the age of **18**. Please ensure if you are of smoking age to smoke in the designated smoking area.



There will be no school on Monday October 10th as it is the Thanksgiving Long weekend.

Keeping Parents Informed!

This year the school will be using more technology than ever to keep parents more informed. Sunchild school will be using our school web page, face book, e-mails and texting to keep you up to date with all that is going on around our very busy school. More info to come soon.

Sunchild First Nation School Expectations

1. Respect yourself and others.
2. Speak and listen to others as you would to the creator.
3. Come to class on time prepared to learn.
4. Look out for your school and other peoples' property.
5. Hands off, back off.

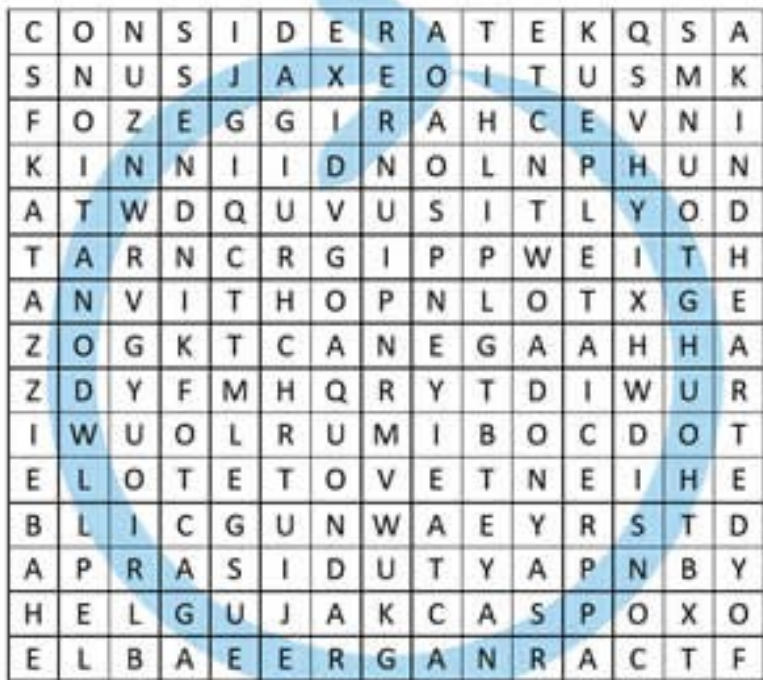
SUNCHILD HEADSTART AND K4

First Day of School Monday September 12th
Morning Group Down the Hill
Afternoon Group Up the Hill

-Headstart children must be turning 3 before December 31, 2016
-Headstart children also must be fully potty trained to be enrolled.
September 6-7 Registration at HS building

Student Registration Lap Top Draw!

Register your students at Sunchild School by Friday September 9th and have your name entered into a chance to win 1 of 3 laptops. Only fully completed student registration forms are eligible.



HOW MANY KINDNESS WORDS CAN YOU FIND?

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|-------------|-----------------|
| CONSIDERATE | INVITATION |
| THOUGHTFUL | KIND-HEARTED |
| APPRECIATE | DUTY |
| CHARITY | AGREEABLE |
| GIVING | DONATION |
| HAPPINESS | ACT OF KINDNESS |

For the 2016-2017 School Year there will be assigned seating for all School Buses.



Sunchild School Open House Tuesday Sept 13th 1:00 to 3:25



Come join your child and participate in our passport activities. Complete 10 activities and win a prize.

Refreshments and a light snack will be provided.

Breakfast Available for students from 8:30 to 8:50 Daily. Elementary students are served in their classroom. Jr. Sr. students are served in the school cafeteria.



ATTENDANCE DRAW

Students who have had perfect attendance from Thursday September 15 to Friday October 14th will have their guardians name entered for a chance to win a prize.



Tuesday September 13th
Grand Opening of
Sunchild School
Book Exchange



Peanut Free School

Sunchild School is a peanut free school. We ask parents to please refrain from sending any school lunches or snacks which contain peanuts, traces of peanuts or items which may contain peanut oil. As Halloween is not that far around the corner please remember that many chocolates contain peanuts or peanut oil. The health of one of our students is dependent on our vigilance. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Cross Country Running Team

Sunchild School Cross Country Running Team will be practicing at 12:05 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays Starting Wednesday Sept 7th. Everyone is welcome to participate and try out for the team. Students who attend the greatest number of practices will be selected to participate in a Cross Country Running Meet in Enoch on Wednesday September 28th.



ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (ENGLISH)

The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.

100 CREDITS
including the following:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 30 LEVEL

(English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 30 LEVEL

(Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)

MATHEMATICS – 20 LEVEL

(Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)

SCIENCE – 20 LEVEL ¹

(Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS) ²

CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS) ³

10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages ⁴ courses
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Knowledge and Employability courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- Locally developed/acquired and authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses ⁵

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE
(IN ADDITION TO A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE) ⁶

These courses may include:

- 30-level locally developed/acquired and authorized courses
- Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses
- 30-level Work Experience courses ⁷
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30

YMCA YOUTH EXCHANGE will be happening this year for grade 9 students. Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for one of the 12 participants: positive behaviour, attendance and work completion. A letter will be sent home with all the grade 9 students. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Jackson at the school.

School Field Trips and Student Incentive Trips

During the school year students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different field trips. All of these school trips come with criteria that students must meet to be able to attend. The following is a list of criteria which may be used from time to time to select students for school field trips and or student incentive trips: student attendance, participation, attitude, academic standing and lack of discipline issues. At times field trips will also require specific criteria to participate such as age or academic programing.



For the Safety of Our Students

For the safety of our students we ask that all parents who are dropping off their children at school to keep right and drive around the school parking lot. Please let your child out long the side of the school building (area marked with n circle). Parents then can exit without the need to go around the monument where buses are dropping off students.

PARKING GUIDE

