

## Welcome Back Staff and Students

Welcome back staff and students to another school year. We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a school year full of academics and extracurricular activities. We have several new teachers this year. These new staff are found in bold on the back of the newsletter.

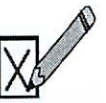
The Sunchild School Newsletter will be going home at the beginning of each month with possible additions during the busy times of the school year. Parents and community members who wish to have articles printed in the Newsletter need to make sure that they are given to Mr. Malthouse by the first Friday of each month.

## 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.



## 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.

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD



Community Meet and Greet and BBQ lunch starting at 11:15 in the School Gym. Come out and meet your children's teachers.

**Keep our kids Safe! Red Flashing Lights on a School Bus means STOP.**



## Important Dates For Your Calendar

Monday August 31	First Day of Classes and Student Registration 2:00 Dismissal For Students
Thursday September 3	Community Meet and Greet School Staff And BBQ Lunch starting at 11:15 School Gym
Friday September 4	11:40 Dismissal for Staff and Students
Monday September 7	Labour Day No School
Thursday September 17	Terry Fox Run
Friday September 18	Staff Professional Development Day No School
Monday October 12	Thanksgiving No School
Wednesday October 28	School Picture Day



## Set a Goal for Yourself Awards for the 2015-2016 School Year



- Three Best Attendees K to Grade 6**— Top three attending students per class. (NEW THIS YEAR! This could be your child!)
- 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 academic awards for the 2015-16 School Year. (K-6 Grades)





## Sunchild School Staff List 2014-15

Acting Director of Education	Patrica Martin
Principal	Susan Collicutt
Vice principal	David Malthouse
Administrative Assistant	Gelaine Goodrunning
K5	Corrina Daychief
Grade 1	Jennifer Essex
Grade 1/2	Karen Klassen
Grade 2/3	Elise Smith
Grade 3	Ashley Lagrelle
Grade 4	Ryan Smith
Grade 4/5	<b>Chelsey Morrish</b>
Grade 5	Jocelyn Horne
Grade 6	Gerald Odynski
Grade 7/8 Math; Jr/Sr PE	Robert Volaric
Grade 7/8 English / Social	<b>Deandra Cormier</b>
Grade 7/8/9 Science	Deanna Jackson
Grade 10 / Gr 9-12 English	Laurel Foshay
Grade 11/Sr Math/ Science	Chris Moynihan
Grade 12/ gr 10-12 Social	Zena Owen
Elem Student Services	David Malthouse
K-9 Physical Education	<b>Adam Rajab</b>
Student Support Facilitator	
Alternative Ed. Instructor	Patrick Leary
Cree	Doris Daychief
Paraprofessional staff	Loretta Bigchild
	Felicia Frencheater
	Ceciley Lagrelle
	Carla Mackinaw
	Eugene Rowan
	Shirley Ann Lagrelle
	Ranell Lagrelle
	Kim Stiles
Headstart / K4	Agnes Redcalf
Headstart paraprofessional	Dale Bigchild
Speech Services	Jake Bigchild
Home school liaison worker	Floyd Lagrelle
Head of Maintenance	Brian Loranger
<i>Maintenance Staff</i>	Greg Edwards
	Elizabeth Redbear
Custodians	

## 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.



Students are not allowed to wear hats in the School during class time. Before school, at lunch and after school hats are permitted to be worn.



**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 28TH  
WEAR YOUR SMILE**

“If you want to learn your language you need to use it.”  
Fred Ahenakew  
Muskeg Lake First Nation

## 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 otherwise. 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 Friday Sept 18th  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Bully Free School  
Help us Make Sunchild School a Bully Free Environment. You can help us STOP Bullying by standing up and saying STOP!



Back Issues of the School Newsletter can be found on the Sunchild web site  
[www.sunchildschool.com](http://www.sunchildschool.com)

## 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 12th 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 8th  
Headstart—Morning Group Down the Hill  
K4—Afternoon Group Up the Hill

-Headstart children must be turning 3 before December 31, 2015  
-Headstart children also must be fully potty trained to be enrolled.  
Sept 1—Home Visit Sept 2-3 Registration @ HS building



# Sunchild First Nation School 2015-2016 School Calendar



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*Educating our children with parental involvement and community Support.*

K5 full days at the school

HS/K4 AM/PM Program

ID - Instructional Days  
SDD - Student Dismissal Days  
SD - Staff Days

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Total
ID	93	89	179
SDD	3	4	7
SD	100	97	197

PD Day - No School for Students

No School for Students or Staff

First and Last Day of School for Students

Aug-15						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Aug 26 Staff Organization Days  
Aug 27 Staff Organization Days  
Aug 28 Staff Organization Days  
Aug 31 First Day for Students  
2:00 Dismissal for Students  
ID - 1 SDD - 0 SD - 4

Sep-15						
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27	28	29	30			

Sept 3 Community BBQ  
Sept 3 Open House  
Sept 7 Labour Day - No School  
Sept 18 Staff Meeting / PD  
ID - 20 SDD - 1 SD - 21

Nov-15						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day No School  
Nov 19 Parent Teacher Interviews  
2:00 Dismissal for Students  
Nov 19 Education Round Dance  
Nov 20 Staff Meeting / PD  
ID - 18 SDD - 1 SD - 21

Dec-15						
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Dec 17 Christmas Concert 10:00 Start  
Dec 21 First Day Christmas Break  
ID - 14 SDD - 0 SD - 14

Oct-15						
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Oct 8 Community Thanksgiving Meal  
Oct 23 Staff Meeting / PD  
Oct 12 Thanksgiving - No School  
ID - 20 SDD - 1 SD - 21

Feb-16						
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Feb 1 First Day of Semester 2  
Feb 4 Parent Teacher Interviews  
2:00 Dismissal for Students  
Feb 15 Family Day No School  
Feb 19 Staff Meeting / PD  
ID - 19 SDD - 1 SD - 20

Mar-16						
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Mar 18 Staff Meeting / PD  
March 25 - Good Friday  
Mar 25 - April 1 - Spring Break  
ID - 17 SDD - 1 SD - 18

Jan-16						
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Jan 4 First Day Back  
Jan 28 Last Day of Semester 1  
2:00 pm Dismissal - Staff meeting  
Jan 29 Semester Break  
ID - 19 SDD - 1 SD - 20

May-16						
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May 20 Staff Meeting / PD  
May 23 Victoria Day No School  
ID - 20 SDD - 1 SD - 21

Jun-16						
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June 20 Last Day for Students  
June 21 Awards Day 10:00 Start  
June 22 Staff Organizational Days  
June 23 Staff Organizational Days  
June 24 Staff Organizational Days  
ID - 15 SDD - 3 SD - 18

Apr-16						
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April 4 Easter Monday  
Apr 5 - First Day Back  
Apr 21 Parent Teacher Interviews  
2:00 Dismissal for Students  
April 22 Staff Meeting / PD  
ID - 18 SDD - 1 SD - 19

## New for 2015/16 A New Alternative Education Program

The new alternative program will offer an exciting opportunity for the youth of Sunchild First Nation to explore their identity and culture while developing the necessary building blocks to achieve success throughout life. The program will minimize barriers to learning by exploring cultural identity, addressing personal issues, developing life skills, contributing to the community, participating in outdoor education and engaging with employment preparation to help promote resilience, personal growth and encourage success for all students.



**Sunchild School Cross Country Running Team will be practicing at 12:05 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays Starting Wednesday Sept 9th. 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.**



# 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 <sup>①</sup>

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS) <sup>②</sup>

CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS) <sup>③</sup>

10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages <sup>④</sup> 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 <sup>⑤</sup>

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) <sup>⑥</sup>

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 <sup>⑦</sup>
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30

### Are You a Bully?

Have you ever bullied someone else? Think about why you did it and how you were feeling at the time. If you are sometimes a bully, try to find other ways to make yourself feel good. Most bullies aren't liked, even if it starts out that way. Remember, it's best to treat others the way you would like to be treated.

### 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 a circle). Parents then can exit without the need to go around the monument where buses are dropping off students.

### PARKING GUIDE

