



# September Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Tansi! and Welcome back from summer break and to the 2020-21 school year.

We recognize the great challenges that lay before us and the apprehension that many of you are feeling. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic this year will see some significant changes for students, staff and community when it comes to education and extracurricular activities. We want a safe launch of in-person classes for our students, staff and community. With that being said detailed information on what measures we are implementing in the school to reduce the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 can be found on our web site under the tab COVID-19 and during student registration.

The school will also be focusing a significant amount of instructional time on literacy and numeracy to help make up for some of the deficiencies which may have resulted in the 13 weeks of at home learning.

I am hopeful that this year will be a year which will be filled with good health, and engaging learning for all of our students.



Mr. Malthouse

## Student Illness

Any child suffering from illness requires to be kept at home. In the event a child becomes ill at school the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their child. A letter will be provided explaining the COVID-19 symptom that were observed. They will need to then contact the Sunchild Health Centre where further screening can occur to determine whether the child will need to be tested for COVID-19.

## School Resumption

Our plan for class resumption for the 2020-2021 school year is founded on the safety of students, staff and community while ensuring the highest standards of student learning continue and the school supports the physical, social and emotional well-being of students.

The following measures will be implemented by the school for the 2020-2021 school year. These measures can reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. Such measures include, but are not limited to hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, physical distancing, increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection and having staff and students stay home when ill are all important steps that can support the health and wellness of students, staff and community. The risk of a COVID-19 outbreak is less likely when more public health measures are implemented and adhered to.

Parents/guardians will play an integral role in the school resumption by screening children daily to decide if they should attend school. School staff will also be required to do daily screening to ensure they present no COVID-19 symptoms. The daily questionnaire, found on the back of this newsletter will be used by parents, staff, students and visitors to the school to determine entry to the school.

Further information on our school operation during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on our school website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in speaking the school administration.



## Important Dates For Your Calendar

Monday August 24 -28	Student Registration
Tuesday September 8	Staggered Start Gr. 1, 6, 10
Wednesday September 9	Staggered Start Gr. 1,2, 6,7 10,11
Thursday September 10	Staggered Start Gr. 1,2,3,6,7,8,10,11,12
Friday September 11	Staggered Start All Grades including K4 and K5
Friday September 25	Staff PD Day no School for Students
Mon Sept 23 to Fri Sept 27	First High School Academy Week
Wednesday September 30	Orange Shirt Day
Monday October 12	Thanksgiving No School
Monday October 19	School Picture Day
Friday October 23	Staff PD Day no School for Students
Friday October 30	Halloween Class Parties
Thursday November 5	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday November 6	Staff PD Day no School for Students
Wednesday Nov 11-13	No School for Staff or Students
Mon Nov 23-28	Second High School Academy Week
Friday December 4	Staff PD Day no School for Students
Friday December 18	Fist Day of Christmas Break
Monday January 4	First Day back from Christmas Break

Sunchild School Staff List 2020 2021

Director of Education	Angie Goodrunning
School Principal	David Malthouse
Vice Principal / Tech Teacher	Gerald Odynski
Administrative Assistant	Gelaine Goodrunning
Front Office Clerk	Felicia Frencheater
K4	Corrina Daychief
K5	Sydney Martens
Grade 1	Heather Macdonald
Grade 2	Ashley Lagrelle
Grade 3	Crystal Clark
Grade 4	Ryan Smith
Grade 5	Taylor Hiddleston
Grade 6	Rachel Vallee
Grade (7) 8-9 Sr. Math/	Robert Volaric
Grade (8)7/8 10-4 English /	Shery Stolte
Grade (9) 7-9 / 10-4 Social	Larissa McCarthy
Grade 7-9 24 20-4 Science	Wendy Ryan
Grade (10) Gr 9-12 English	Jayne Schadeck
Grade (11) Sr. Social / Calm	Kjeryn Bateman
Grade (12) 9-Sr. Math/ Bio	Patrick Leahy
Physical Education	Stephen White
On-Line Learning	Elizabeth Satra
On-Line Learning 18-21	Linda Robinson
Literacy Intervention	Negaar Tebyanian
Math Intervention	Zander Rampersaud
Elementary Students Services	Jocelyn Leahy
Jr. / Sr. Student Services	Deanna Jackson
Student Support Facilitator	Karen Brinkman
Library	Shirley Loranger
Educational Assistant Staff	Ferlin Plaited Hair
	Ceciley Lagrelle
	Aleigha Lagrelle
	Cassandra Roasting
	Angeline Bigchild
	Kirsten Tallman
	Tylor Goodrunning
	Georgnia Strawberry
	Eugene Rowan
	Tanella Jerry
	Shirley Ann Lagrelle
	Kim Stiles
	Carla Mackinaw
	Loretta Bigchild
	Melanie Bigchil
	Agnes Redcalf
	Dale Bigchild
	Floyd Lagrelle
	Brian Loranger
	Phyllis Baird
	Leona Wesley
	Destiny Baird
	Thomas Yellowface
	Paul Bigchild
	Darryl Goodrunning
	Norman Lagrelle
Head Start	
Speech Services	
Speech EA	
Graduation Coach	
EDC Cree Language	
Education Youth Worker	
Head of Maintenance	
Maintenance Staff	
Cafeteria Staff	
Bus Drivers	
Bus Contract	

Sunchild Schools Cell Phone

Cell phones have become extremely distracting to many of our Jr. High Students and are interfering in their learning.

Cell Phones and Ear Buds are not permitted to be used during class time.



Consequences for Cell Phone Use in the Classroom

**First Time** - Phone is confiscated until the end of the period by the classroom teacher.

**Second Time** - Student is sent to the office. Lunchtime detention and phone is confiscated by school administration until the end of the day.

**Third Time** – Student is sent to the office. Phone is confiscated until parent picks it up and meets with school administration.

**If It Has Wheels  
students need to  
wear a helmet.  
Safety First!**

**Breakfast  
Available for  
students from  
8:30 to 8:50  
Daily. Stu-  
dents are served in**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
MONDAY  
OCTOBER 19TH  
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 other wise. Parent's wishing for their children to walk home need talk to the class-room 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.



Keeping Parents 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. Please ensure your social email contact information is up-to-date on your child’s registration form.

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.

**join  
collaborate  
partner  
share  
together  
connect  
community work  
move  
create  
unite  
build**

COVID-19 INFORMATION

**HELP  
PREVENT  
THE  
SPREAD**

Prevention starts with awareness.  
Be informed on how you can  
protect yourself and others from  
novel coronavirus:



## LOST AND FOUND!

All “Lost and Found” articles are placed in the “Lost and Found” box. It is strongly recommended that mittens, runners, caps, and boots be labeled for identification purposes. Please stop by the office and ask to see the lost and found if your child is missing items.

**Sunchild School has put together a parent handbook which outlines our rules, procedures and policies. Please drop by the office if you are interested in a copy for your reference.**



## Visitors Are Welcome...

Visitors are welcome to our school; however, for the safety and well-being of students, all parents, guardians, and visitors are asked to please come through the front door and report to the office upon entering the school every visit. The office staff will ask you a few questions upon entry to ensure you are well and log your arrival.

### Sunchild School Mission Statement

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



## 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.



## Unacceptable Behaviour

Unacceptable behaviours are those that interfere with the way we wish to conduct ourselves to ensure a safe, caring learning community.

### Physical Aggression:

Pushing, grabbing, hitting, pinching, tripping, spitting, etc.

### Social Aggression:

Gossiping, embarrassing others, slurs, excluding from the group

### Verbal Aggression:

Mocking, put downs, swearing at others, etc.

### Intimidation:

Threatening others

### Sexual Harassment:

Remarks, gestures, or actions of sexual nature

### Non-Verbal Aggression:

Negative body language (eg. Hand and facial gestures)

### Bullying is:

-When a person is a target, over time, of repeated negative actions

-The person being victimized feels that they cannot defend themselves

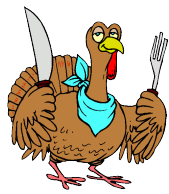
-When a person who is a target may feel embarrassed, hurt, scared and or angry

Our staff works with all parties to address the situation and find a meaningful solutions to conflicts.

### Procedures:

1. Infractions may be recorded
2. For minor infractions, it is the responsibility of the school staff member to intervene and assign consequences whenever warranted.
3. For Major Infractions, an administrator will be involved in the process. Parents will be notified.
4. For some Major Infractions students will be suspended for school for 3 days and a discipline hearing will be conducted with community elders, education community and school administration.
5. Each incident will be treated on its own merit.

There will be no school on  
Monday October 12th  
as it is the  
Thanksgiving Long weekend.



## Accidents At School

We want to assure parents and guardians that every precaution is taken to prevent accidents and injuries to students while at School. In the event of any accident involving a student every effort will be made to contact the parents or guardians. The staff can only offer minimum first-aid treatment in case of injury. All serious injuries / medical conditions will be called to 911.



## 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.





# Screening Questionnaire

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

## Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending the program had close <u>unprotected</u> * contact (face-to-face contact within 2 metres) with someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

Wash Your Hands  
Wash them Often!



## School Attendance Policy



Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six are marked present or absent based on AM and PM attendance. Students will be marked late if they have missed less than 20 minutes of class time. More than 20 minutes of missed class time and it will be counted as an absent.

For Junior and Senior High students we will be taking attendance once in the AM and once in the PM instead of every period. This change will help to provide us with more accurate attendance reports, standardize attendance policy and set the expectation that students should be attending school for the full day not based on classes they attend.

**Staff Professional Development Days**  
will be one full day per month For dates  
please view the full school Calendar on  
our Web page.

## 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

