

The Bison Post



Elementary Principal's Message

Tansi! and Welcome back from summer break and to the 2023-2024 school year.

As we begin a new school year it is important to acknowledge and honour the land on which our school stands. We recognize and appreciate the stewardship and teachings of Sunchild First Nation, which continue to enrich our school community and provide us with invaluable insights into our shared history and culture.

This year, we are excited to introduce new initiatives, programs, and opportunities to enhance the educational experience at Sunchild School. We have a dedicated team of educators who are passionate about your child's growth and development, and they are ready to embark on a journey of exploration and learning together.

We are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all students, with a particular focus on respecting and celebrating the cultural values of our Sunchild Nation. Through meaningful engagement and collaboration, we aim to empower our students to become compassionate, responsible, and knowledgeable individuals who are equipped to navigate the world around them.

Parents and guardians, your partnership is vital to the success of our students. We encourage you to engage with us, share your insights, and actively participate in the various opportunities we will provide throughout the year. Your involvement is greatly valued and appreciated.

Once again, welcome back. We are excited for the possibilities and achievements that lie ahead. Together we will create a vibrant and inspiring educational journey for all.

David Malthouse Elementary School Principal



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.



Attendance and Academic Success



Did you know that:

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Your child's attendance is used to determine awards at the end of the school year at the awards assembly, as well as each month for our Elementary Student of the Month.

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

On average last year students in elementary grades were absent 56 days out of 176 instructional days. This 11 weeks of school is equivalent to two and half months of missed instructional time.

Student attendance is directly related to academic success.

Sunchild School Mission Statement

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



Keeping Parents Informed!

Sunchild School uses its school webpage, Face Book, e-mails and texts to keep you up to date with all that is going on around our very busy school. Please ensure your email contact information is up-to-date on your child's registration form. Thanks

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.

Student Illness / Transportation

Any child suffering from illness should be at home. In the event a child becomes ill at school every effort will be made to contact the parents or family who in turn should be available to come to take the student home. Due to changes in staff roles we **cannot** guarantee a dedicated driver to drive students home who are ill or who are requesting to be driven home.



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 involve staff making a call to 911.



Elementary student tutoring is Monday and Wednesday 3:30 to 5:00 for students who need a little bit more one on one support to be successful in learning. Transportation is provided at 5:00 for students residing on Sunchild.

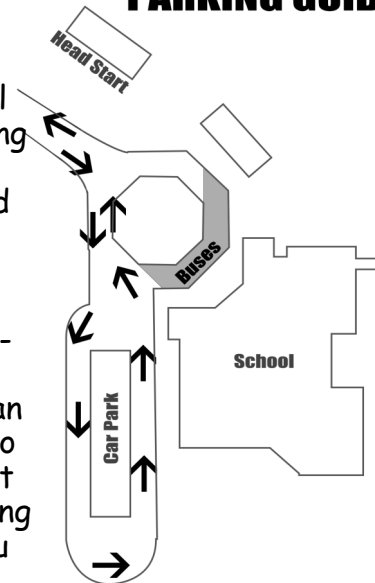


Tutoring

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. Thank you for your cooperation

PARKING GUIDE



If it Has Wheels Safety First

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.



School Photo Day is Wednesday, September 27

Photo's taken on this day will be used for the school yearbook. Retakes will be on Tuesday, November 14th



School Zone

Reduce Your Speed!

Our 30 Km School Zone Speed Limit protects our students and your children. Please abide by posted limits around the school. Thank you.

Inside Shoes!

We ask that all students have inside shoes. This helps keep our school as clean as possible. Inside shoes also help to ensure the safety of our students so that they don't slip while in stocking feet.



Each day students have access to a nutritious morning and afternoon snack. This snack is made possible in part to a gracious donation from President's Choice



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Important Dates for your Calendar

- Friday, Sept 22—No School Staff PD
- Friday, Sept 29—No School National Day for Reconciliation
- Friday, Oct 6—No School, Family Friday
- Monday, Oct 9—No School, Thanksgiving Monday

