



September Newsletter

Principals Message

Tansi! and Welcome back!

I am really looking forward to this year and all the learning that will be going on.

As a new school principal I think it is only fair that you know what I believe Sunchild School should be like. My goal is that Sunchild School will be a place where everyone, from the youngest child to the oldest staff member, will be treated the same way you and I would like to be treated. Each person will be positive, encouraging and empathetic with every other person. Everyone will feel successful in some way at the end of each day. Teachers will constantly be looking for innovative ways to challenge students. They will always be trying to learn something new to improve their ability to help others both personally and professionally. Every teacher, every day, will be excited, not because they had done a good job of teaching, but because they saw a light come on in each child. Every teacher will understand that even tiny little successes are important, and learn to build on them. Everyone will actively seek to build rapport with everyone else. Everyone will understand that listening skills are important. My goal at Sunchild school is

to increase the level of education in the academic, athletic, vocational and cultural language sphere. The school will be a place that creates community involvement and allows for the traditional first nations concepts of honour, caring, sharing and respect to flourish. Where parents will feel welcome and will look forward to coming.

Mr. Malthouse
School Principal



“Leading with Care”

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. Attendance for students from Grades Seven to Twelve is on each class they attend.

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

Important Dates For Your Calendar

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| Tuesday September 5 | First Day of Classes and Student Registration 2:00 Dismissal For Students |
| Friday September 8 | Community Meet and Greet, School Open House and BBQ Lunch starting at 10:00 |
| Mon Sept 18 to Fri Sept 22 | FNSSP Cultural Camp |
| Mon Sept 25 to Fri Sept 29 | First High School Academy Week |
| Thursday October 5 | Community Thanksgiving Meal and Entertainment |
| Friday October 6 | Staff PD Day 11:50 Dismissal |
| Monday October 9 | Thanksgiving No School |
| Mon Oct 16 - Tue Oct 17 | No School FNSSP Staff Conference |
| Wed Oct 18—Fri Oct 20 | Frisbee Rob working with students |



Set a Goal for Yourself Awards for the 2017-2018 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

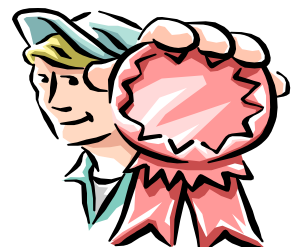
Cree Award—Male and Female

Leadership Awards:

Tom Bigchild Award—Junior High Student

Dave Schepens Award—High School Student

Bikes will go Citizenship and Most Improved award winners for the 2017-18 School Year. (K-6 Grades)



Sunchild School Staff List 2017-18

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| Acting Director of Education | Angie Goodrunning |
| School Principal | David Malthouse |
| School Vice Principal | Susan Collicutt |
| Administrative Assistant | Gelaine Goodrunning |
| K5 | Corrina Daychief |
| Grade 1 | Karen Klassen |
| Grade 2 | Heather Macdonald |
| Grade 3 | Sheryl Stolte |
| Grade 4 | Ryan Smith |
| Grade 5 | Taylor Hiddleston |
| Grade 6 | Gerald Odynski |
| Grade 7/8/Sr. Math/ Sr PE | Robert Volaric |
| Grade 7/8 English / Social | Samantha Sampson |
| Grade 7/8/9/10 Science | Deanna Jackson |
| Grade 10 / Gr 9-12 Eng. 24 Sci | Julianne Cerna |
| Grade 11/ Jr-Sr Math/ Science | Patrick Leahy |
| Grade 12/9 & Sr. Social / Calm | Kerjyn Bateman |
| Alternative Program | Ashley Lagrelle |
| Elem Student Services | Jocelyn Horne |
| K-9 Physical Education | Stephen White |
| Student Support Facilitator | Karen Brinkman |
| Cree | Doris Daychief |
| Cree Assistant | Desmond Redcalf |
| Library | Shirley Loranger |
| Paraprofessional staff | Loretta Bigchild |
| | Melanie Bigchild |
| | Eugene Rowan |
| | Ceciley Lagrelle |
| | Carla Mackinaw |
| | Eugene Rowan |
| | Ferlin Plaited Hair |
| | Shirley Ann Lagrelle |
| | TBA |
| Headstart / K4 | Kim Stiles |
| Headstart paraprofessional | Agnes Redcalf |
| Speech Services | Rachel Wolfleg |
| Home school liaison worker | |
| Bus Monitor | |
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| Head of Maintenance | Dale Bigchild |
| Maintenance Staff | Jake Bigchild |
| | Floyd Lagrelle |
| | Brian Loranger |
| Custodians | Elizabeth Redbear |
| | Marty Bigchild |
| | Sabrina Redbear |
| | Rochelle Rowan |
| | |
| Cafeteria Staff | Phyllis Baird |
| | Leona Wesley |
| | Patrina Redcalf |
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| Bus Drivers | Norman Lagrelle |
| | Terry Goodrunning |
| | Paul Bigchild |
| | Henry Cardinal |
| | Darryl Goodrunning |

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 9th as it is the Thanksgiving Long weekend.

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.



Breakfast Available for students from 8:30 to 8:50 Daily. Students are served in the cafeteria.



School Cafeteria Monthly Lunch Menu can be found on our school webpage.

SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH 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 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.



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.

Headstart and K4 Registration will be on Tuesday Sept 5th and Wednesday Sept 6th. Orientation Thursday Sept 7th and Friday Sept 8th First Day with kids Monday September 11th.

First Day for K5 will be Tuesday September 5th.



Sunchild School Open House

**Friday September 8th
10:00 to 11:30**

Come join your child at school!
Participate in our open house
activities! Lots of fun for all!



Complete 10 activities with your child and
pick a prize from our prize room.

Community BBQ starting at 11:30

Register your child before September 25th and have
your name entered into a draw for a one night stay at
the Fantasyland Hotel Edmonton!

**Sunchild School will not be taking
student registrations of none band
students after September 25th.**



Student Registration Fantasyland Hotel Draw

Register your students at Sunchild School by Monday September 25th and have your family entered into a chance to win a one night stay at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. Only fully completed student registration forms are eligible.

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

Staff Professional Development Days will be twice a month with a 11:45 Student dismissal on Fridays. For dates please view the full school Calendar on our Web page.

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

