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Calendar

Sept 30

Ms. Takeda's and Ms. Page's classes field trip.

Oct 3

Ms. Poznikoff's and Ms. McDowell's classes field trip.

Oct 7

9:00 am PAC meeting at the school. All parents welcome.

Oct 13

Thanksgiving—no school.

Oct 15

Photo-day.

Oct 20

Assembly 9:00 am.

Oct 24

Pro D day—No school.

Breakfast Schedule

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| Mon | Cold Cereal |
| Tues | Smoothies/Parfaits |
| Wed | Pancakes |
| Thurs | Toast |
| Fri | Hot Cereal |

Start of the New School Year

I am excited as we start the 2014-2015 school year. Even though we started late things went fairly smoothly. I want to thank the staff, students and parents for enabling a smooth transition to the start of the school year. I have met a lot of new wonderful people over the last month that has made my transition to the principal position fairly smooth. I will try to learn names quickly, but I apologize if I have to ask many times.

The **final changes to classes** were made over this last weekend as we were better able to finalize the number of students we have. We worked hard to make classes the best fit for each child in the school, and I can assure you that our great qualified educational staff will work on challenging each learner in the school.

Our **school year calendar and daily timetable** did not change, even though we had a late start to the year. The educational staff will work diligently on presenting all the required curriculum for each subject and grade they teach. In order to accomplish this students will need to use their school learning time efficiently while working in cooperation with our learning

team.

We will be holding school wide **assemblies** again this year. They will be approximately every two weeks, which will give us more classroom instructional time. Each assembly will be organized by a different class and will be themed around character development.

Currently we are looking at the **extra-curricular activities** that we will be offering this year. You will be notified what will be offered this year when the staff has gotten settled into the new year and have had a chance to prioritize their personal, work and volunteer time.

I will try to release **newsletters** on a regular basis. After this one, print copies will **not** be made available, unless you specifically contact the school office and request one. They will be emailed out and put on to the webpage. Therefore please make sure the school has your correct contact information.

Our school website is:
<http://ares.sd8.bc.ca/>

Written by

Ken Wiens, Principal, ARES

Staff

Principal— Mr. K. Wiens
Secretary—Mrs. M. Scott
Kindergarten—Mrs. C. Rendek
Kindergarten—Mrs. M. Thomsen
Kindergarten—Mrs. P. Hayes
Grade 1—Mrs. P. Hurford
Grade 1/2—Ms. A. Smith
Grade 2—Mrs. M. Feragotti
Grade 2/3—To be announced
Grade 3—Mrs. L. Page
Grade 4—Mrs. L. Doeleman
Grade 5—Mr. M. Blick
Grade 5/6—Mr. D. Hula
Grade 6/7—Ms. S. McDowell
Grade 7/Councilor—Ms. T. Poznikoff
Learner Support—Mrs. T. Harms
Learner Support—Ms. K. Nadler
PE/Learner Support—Mr. D. Adams
Music—Mr. P. Simon
EA—Mrs. C. Healey
EA—Mrs. C. Kuny
EA—Mrs. C. Scoig
EA—Ms. R. Sloss
EA—Ms. P. St. Amand
EA—Mrs. R. Schmalz
EA—Mrs. V. Buchy
EA—Mrs. V. Wert
Aboriginal Support—Mrs. J. Fullarton
Librarian—Mrs. L. Leslie
Janitor—Ms. D. Koster
Janitor—Mr. M. Chapman

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.” Albert Einstein

A Brief Story of the New Principal

I grew up in BC and graduated from high school in Fort. St. John. After high school I attended UBC and got a science degree in Physics before pursuing my education degree also at UBC. I immediately obtained a teaching job in Campbell River, where I taught for three years and met my wonderful wife. I moved back to Fort St John with my family and taught for 6 years at the high school. During this time I obtained my masters of education from UNBC. The opportunity arose for me to take a vice principal position in Cold Lake, Alberta, at a K-9 school, which I took for the year. The next year I obtained the principal position at the same school, a position I held for the last seven years.

I have a wonderful wife, three delightful daughters, one terrific son and a black lab dog. I en-

joy the outdoors and doing physical activities. I enjoy and have coached or participated in volleyball, basketball, cross country running, track and field, hockey, lacrosse, swim club, biking, tennis, badminton, football, and soccer.

I want to continue learning and be aware of the world around me, therefore I read. I read parts of the Vancouver Sun and Calgary Herald every day through electronic means. Books that I have read recently or are currently reading include; The Principal, Three Keys to Maximizing Impact, Si-cology 1:Tales and Wisdom from Duck Dynasty's Favorite Uncle, and A Thousand Gifts.

I look forward to the new opportunities and challenges with this next phase in my life here in Creston.

PAC

Our Parent Advisor Council (PAC) meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at the school. They are always looking for ways to involve more parents. They would love to have more parents come out to the meetings and volunteer their time for specific roles. There are various levels of commitments needed for the various positions. They can always find a role for anyone who wants to be part

of the planning and consultation process. At a PAC meeting you will have the opportunity to advise the principal and get a better understanding of the running of the school and the education process for all the students in the school. It is **not** a place to promote personal agenda items but a means of making the school a better place for everyone.