



WELCOME BACK

August 23, 2022



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH!

At the end of each month we will email you our ARES newsletter, which will be filled with our school news and upcoming events. Also, don't forget to check our website regularly for new information.

ares.sd8.bc.ca



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Supplies will be provided by the school. The \$40.00 fee can be paid online through our website, at the office, or to classroom teachers. (Cheques payable to ARES)
- In addition, all students will require:
In-door running shoes, a water bottle, & gym strip (intermediate students)



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FIRST DAY

- Returning students will meet in their last year's line up with their last year's class.
- New students will meet at the main entrance (middle doors) and we will take them to the library.
- All students will find out who their new teachers are on the second day.

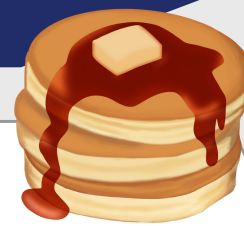


REMINDERS

- Sept 6 – First Day of School (Not Kindergarten)
- Sept 8 – First day of Kindergarten (See gradual entry schedule)
- Sept 14 – Playground Grand-Opening & Family Welcome Night 4:30 – 6:00
- Sept 16 – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- Sept 21 – Individual Photo Day
- Sept 23 – School Planning Day – No School
- Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School

Dismissal at 11:45 on Sept. 6th

A.R.E.S. Information



Our Breakfast Program:

- We have a dedicated PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) who makes breakfast in the gym each morning, beginning at 8:15. ALL students are welcome to have a snack or meal and then return outside to visit or play with friends until the bell at 8:45.
- PAC would love to have more volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in this rewarding opportunity.
- Each day the menu changes. Students enjoy Smoothies, fruit, muffins, milk, scrambled eggs, cereal, oatmeal, Grilled Cheese, or pancakes.
- This program is a peaceful way for students to start their day, visiting with new friends before venturing outside.



Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

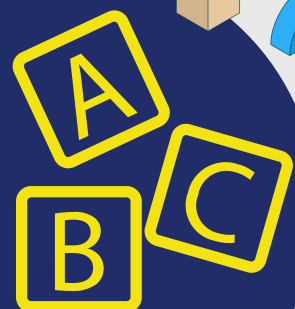
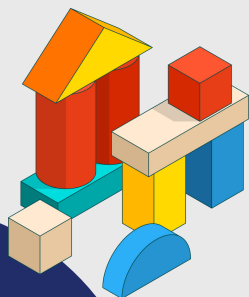
 September 2022				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!! Here is the gradual entry calendar for all students entering Kindergarten this year.			1	2
5 Labour Day NO SCHOOL!!	6 Gr.1 - Gr. 7 First Day of School	7 No School for Kindergarten	8 Kindergarten Students 8:50-11:30	9 Kindergarten Students 8:50-11:30
12 Kindergarten Students 8:50-1:00	13 Kindergarten Students 8:50-1:00	14 Kindergarten Students 8:50-1:00	15 Kindergarten Students 8:50-1:00	16 Kindergarten Students 8:50-1:00
19	20	21	22	23
← Full Days 8:50-2:50 →				Planning Day NO SCHOOL!!
26	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL!!



PAC MEETING

PAC meets monthly and all parents are welcome to attend. The first PAC meeting is on:

Friday, September 16th @ 9:00 am.





Our Vision



The Circle of Courage

At ARES we work hard to incorporate the Circle of Courage into our schoolwide culture. It is a model of youth empowerment and resiliency, which recognizes that in order for youth to be emotionally healthy, they need to feel a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

The model originated in a book called, *Reclaiming Youth at Risk*, by Brendtro, Brokenleg and Van Bockern (1990) and is based on the First Nation's philosophy of child rearing.

The central theme of this model is that a set of shared values must exist in our school community to create an environment that will ultimately benefit all.

Throughout the year, you will notice that we incorporate many activities to help our students, staff, and families feel connected. When adults feel a sense of **BELONGING** themselves, they can support children to feel equally safe and secure in their school environment and a feeling of **GENEROSITY** emerges - everyone kindly supports one another. When a person feels cared for and they **Belong**, their journey toward **MASTERY** and **INDEPENDENCE** begins.

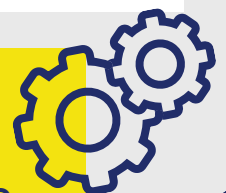
School Goal

To actively incorporate the Circle of Courage philosophy and the four universal needs of all children (Belonging, Independence, Generosity, & Mastery) into our school-wide culture.



ARES Vision

To support the development of **RESILIENT** children who can thrive in any community



Our Staff 2022–2023

Principal – Mr. Adams
Vice Principal – Mrs. Christenson
Clerical – Mrs. Scott
EA – Ms. Sloss
EA – Mrs. Mottl
EA – Mrs. Healey
EA – Mrs. Kuny
EA – Ms. O'Brien
EA – Ms. Miller
Library Clerical – Mrs. Leslie
Aboriginal Education Support Worker – Ms. Josie
Custodian – Aaron Bennett
Custodian – Joyce Johnson
Early Literacy Support Teacher – Mrs. Harms
Fine Arts Teacher – Mrs. Vandenberghe
Inclusion Support Teacher – Ms. Bysouth
Inclusion Support Teacher – Mrs. Walker
Teacher Librarian – Mrs. Walker
School Counsellor – Mrs. Christenson

Kindergarten/Grade 1 – Mrs. Vigna
Kindergarten/Grade 1 – Mrs. Gardner
Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Feragotti
Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Cote
Grade 2/3 – Ms. Smith
Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Page
Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Doeleman
Grade 4/5 – Mrs. Delcaro
Grade 4/5 – Mr. Blick
Grade 5/6 – Ms. Ellert
Grade 6 – Mr. Percival
Grade 6/7 – Ms. Sonntag & Mr. Palmer
Grade 7 – Mrs. Hamm



Note: Staffing &
Grade
Configurations
may change

A.R.E.S. BELL SCHEDULE

Welcome Bell 8:45

RECESS – All students: 10:40 – 10:55

LUNCH : 12:10 – 12:55 (Upstairs Outside 12:10 – 12:35 / Downstairs Outside 12:30 – 12:55)

End of Day : 2:45



Bus Registration

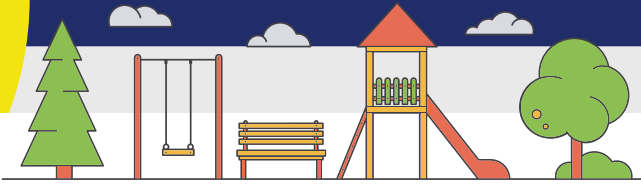
Don't forget to register if your child
will be riding the bus.

<https://www.sd8.bc.ca/departments/operations/bus-registration>



Adam Robertson
Elementary

Playground Grand-Opening & Family Welcome Night



Wednesday, September 14th:
4:30 – 6:00

Please join us for a casual, school community gathering on Wednesday, September 14th. We will officially celebrate the opening of our new playground, while enjoying a picnic outside.

4:30 – 6:00



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Please contact us if you have any
concerns, questions, or ideas.



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