



WELCOME BACK

August 24, 2023



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH!**

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.

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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 outside 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sept 4** – Labour Day – No School
- **Sept 5** – First Day of School (Not Kindergarten)
8:45 – 11:45
- **Sept 8** – First day of Kindergarten (See gradual entry schedule)
- **Sept 13** – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- **Sept 13** – Family Picnic & Corn Feed
- **Sept 22** – School Planning Day – No School
- **Sept 28** – Orange Shirt Day
- **Sept 29** – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School
- **Oct 9** – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- **Oct 20** – Pro-D Day – No School

Dismissal at 11:45 on Sept. 5th

Kindergarten Schedule



Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

Welcome to
ARES!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Labour Day Statutory Holiday	5 No Kindergarten ½ day for grades 1-7	6 Individual Parent/Teacher Conferences Parent/Child/ Teacher Teachers to make contact for scheduling	7 Individual Parent/Teacher Conferences – Parent/Child/ Teacher Teachers to make contact for scheduling	8 Kindergarten Students attend from 8:45am - 11:30am. Please pack a healthy snack.
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18 Kindergarten Students attend Full Day: 8:45 - 2:45	19 Kindergarten Students attend Full Day: 8:45 - 2:45	20 Kindergarten Students attend Full Day: 8:45 - 2:45	21 Kindergarten Students attend Full Day: 8:45 - 2:45	22 School Planning Day – no school for all students

Kindergarten
teachers will
contact families to
set up individual
parent-teacher
conference times.



Supervision at ARES

REMINDER

Morning Supervision starts at 8:20. Please
do not send students to school before this
time, so that we can ensure their safety.



A.R.E.S. Information



Our Breakfast Program:

- We have a dedicated PAC (Parent Advisory Council) 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.



Looking For Sponsorship



Our Breakfast Program is funded through grants, sponsorship, and donations. To continue offering this free meal to ARES students, we require financial support. If you or your business are willing to donate or sponsor a portion of this worthwhile endeavour, please reach out to PAC at: AdamRobertson.PAC@gmail.com



PAC meets monthly and all parents are welcome to attend. The first PAC meeting is on:
Wednesday, September 13th @ 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).

The Circle of Courage is centered around an indigenous philosophy of child-rearing, incorporating their sophisticated thoughts on child development, to nurture caring, respectful, and courageous children. The model emphasizes the importance of a community, with a shared set of values, raising children together.

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 and 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 2023-2024

Principal – Darryl Adams
Vice Principal – Tanya Christenson
Clerical – Mary Scott
EA – Rhonda Sloss
EA – Karen Mottl
EA – Cindy Healey
EA – Colleen Kuny
EA – Dora O'Brien
EA – Jacqui Miller
Library Clerical – Lillian Leslie
Aboriginal Education Success Teacher – Danielle Sonntag
Aboriginal Youth & Family Liaison – Josie Fullarton
Custodian – Aaron Bennett
Custodian – Joyce Johnson
Early Literacy Support Teacher – Tina Harms
Fine Arts Teacher – Blakeny Delcaro
Inclusion Support Teacher – Darci Bysouth
Inclusion Support Teacher – Tracy Walker
Teacher Librarian – Tracy Walker
School Counsellor – Tanya Christenson

Kindergarten/Grade 1 – Heather Vigna
Kindergarten/Grade 1 – Lindsay Miller
Kindergarten/Grade 1 & Prep Teacher – Jen Gardner
Grade 1 – Melissa Feragotti
Grade 1/2 – Linda Cote
Grade 2/3 – Amanda Smith
Grade 2/3 – Lisa Page
Grade 3/4 – Lorraine Doeleman
Grade 3/4 – Caroline Vandenberghe
Grade 4/5 – Matt Blick
Grade 5/6 – Kelly Ellert & Kathleen Asher
Grade 6 – Max Percival
Grade 6/7 – Danielle Sonntag & Kathleen Asher
Grade 7 – Kyla Hamm

Note: Staffing &
Grade
Configurations
may change

A.R.E.S. BELL SCHEDULE

Welcome Bell 8:45

RECESS – All students: 10:45 – 11:00

LUNCH : 12:00 – 12:45 (Upstairs Outside 12:00 – 12:30 / Downstairs Outside 12:15 – 12:45)

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



Family Picnic & Corn Feed

Wednesday, September 13th:
4:30 – 6:00



Please join us for a casual, school community gathering on **Wednesday, September 13th**. Bring a picnic for your family & enjoy some locally grown corn from **4:30 – 6:00**.



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



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