



September 2020

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 - 21 school year at Sardis Elementary. This is probably the most different start of school that you have ever encountered, but together we will make it work!

If you have returning children, I hope you are ready for another great year. If you are new to Sardis, I hope you will soon feel at home here.

My name is Janine McCurdy and I have the pleasure of being the Principal of Sardis Elementary. Many of you have also met our new Vice Principal, Mr. Brad Hagkull. If you see him walking around the playground, please introduce yourselves. We are both still working on learning everyone's name!

We have had an exciting few days at Sardis as we work through all the changes that we have implemented to keep everyone safe during COVID-19. Thank you for your patience as we have made some changes rather quickly. We will continue to do this as we encounter things that are not working as well as we had planned or thought that they would.

Most students are now in their classrooms and will be able to begin working on classroom routines and expectations. Students (except for our Kindergartens) have been working hard on learning and following all of the new safety protocols.

Communication is an area that is extremely important and even more so right now. Here are some ways that we will use to keep everyone informed:

1. Monthly newsletters will be sent home by email the first Friday of every month. There will also be paper copies available at the office.

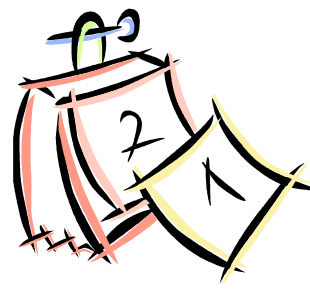
2. Our school website, <http://sardis.sd33.bc.ca/> is kept up to date.
3. Emails will be sent to parents as reminders and updates so please make sure that we have a current email address on file.

It is also vital that you communicate with us, so if your child is going to be absent, please call the school at 604 858-7145.

Also, if there is any information that is necessary for us to know in order to provide the best educational environment possible, please contact your child's teacher or phone the office.

Until next month!
Janine

Calendar of Events



- Monday, Sept. 21st – Cops for Cancer (12:00 – 12:20)
- Monday, Sept. 21st – PAC Meeting @ 6:45 PM
- Wednesday, Sept. 23rd – Kindergartens First Full Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 30th – Individual Photo Day
- Monday, October 12th – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Friday, October 23rd – Professional Development Day
- Thursday, October 29th – Early Dismissal (11:30)
- Saturday, October 31st – Halloween

Welcome!



We are very lucky to have some new and returning staff members joining us at Sardis Elementary.

Please extend a warm Sardis welcome to

Mr. Hagkull, our new Vice Principal who will be providing Learning Assistance support as well as teaching PE Prep.

Ms. Mehat, who is teaching Grade 1 while Mrs. Veenendaal is off on Maternity Leave.

Mrs. C, who is teaching Grade 3.

Mr. Klassen who will be teaching Grade 4/5.

Mrs. LaRoy, who will be teaching Music Prep.

Ms. Donaldson, who will be providing Aboriginal support until Ms. Duerksen returns.

Miss Romeyn, who is working with Mrs. Sumner in the Office until February.

Mrs. Bonner, who is one of our new Supervision Assistants.

Ms. Chestney, who is also a new Supervision Assistant.

Ms. Climie, who will be with us until January as a Supervision Assistant.

Welcome Back –

Mrs. Brown, who will be providing ELL support.

Mrs. A. Irvine, who will be working with us as an Educational Assistant until Mrs. LaHaise returns.

Mrs. Fournier, our daytime custodian until Mr. Moore returns.

Verification Forms

Verification Forms are being sent home this week. They will be printed on coloured paper. Please check backpacks for this form. Please ensure that all the information on the form is accurate, make any corrections and then send it back to school ASAP.

If your child has allergies, please make sure you include the symptoms as many are similar to COVID – 19 ones.

Throughout the school year, if contact information changes, please let the office know so that our records are correct. Thank you

Coupon Books

Our PAC is currently selling The Great Little Coupon Book for \$10.00. We have both the Chilliwack and Abbotsford books. Order forms went home last week with students. There are a lot of great savings and the school benefits from every coupon book purchased. (Almost \$5.00 from each book stays at the school)



Photo Day



Individual photos will be taken on **Wednesday, September 30th**. Mountain West Studios will be taking the photos. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Staggered Recess & Lunch

To ensure the integrity of our Cohorts, we will be having 2 recess breaks this year.

Half of our students will be out during Recess #1 and the other half during Recess #2. Mr. Hagkull has also divided our playground into zones, so the cohorts will play in assigned zones. The cohorts will rotate through the play zones.

During lunch, our K-2 students will eat for the first 25 minutes while the 3-5 students play outside and then a bell will ring and they will switch.

Please see Bell Schedule below.

PAC Meeting

Our first PAC meeting of the year will take place, **Monday, September 21st @ 6:45 PM** in the Gym. All parents are invited to attend. Chairs will be set 6 feet apart. Unfortunately, childcare will not be able to be provided.

Bell Schedule

Please do not send your children to school before 8:15 as that is when supervision begins.

8:25	School Entry Bell
8:30	Morning classes begin
9:55	Recess #1 begins
10:10	Recess #1 ends
10:15	Recess #2 begins
10:30	Recess #2 ends
12:10	Lunch begins
12:59	Lunch ends
2:34	Dismissal



Sardis Elementary Staff

Administration

Ms. J. McCurdy, Principal
Mr. B. Hagkull, Vice Principal, Learning Assistance,
PE. Prep

Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten – Mrs. D. Forrest, Mrs. A. Hipwell,
Ms. M. Greenwood, Mrs. G. Anderson

Grade 1 – Mrs L. Lacerte, Ms. K. Mehat,
Ms. V. Rempel

Grade 2 –Mrs. P. Duval, Mrs. E. Kadar,
Mrs. L. Murphy, Mrs. A. O’Grady

Grade 3 – Mrs. S. Bateman, Mrs. C. Mrs. R. Herrin,
Mrs. J. Neufeld, Mrs. J. Price

Grade 4 – Mr. R. Klassen, Mrs. S. Mulder
Mrs. C. Noer

Grade 5 –Mrs. A. Dow, Ms. Halvorson, Mr. R. Klassen,

Support Teachers

Mr. C. Hunt, Teacher-Librarian
Mrs. J. Jackson, Resource Teacher
Mrs. J. Johnston, Learning Assistance Teacher
Mrs. M. Cavanagh, PE Prep Teacher
Mrs. A. LaRoy, Music Prep Teacher
Mrs. H. Brown, ELL/ESD Teacher
Mrs. H. Logan, Speech-Language Pathologist
Mrs. N. Karr, Counsellor

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. L. Sumner, Miss B. Romeyn

Education Assistants

Mrs. K. Croucher, Mrs. A. Irvine, Mrs. W. Lillicrap,
Mrs. S. Piper, Mrs. C. Barbosa, Mrs. T. Perkins,
Ms. K. Chambet

Aboriginal Support

Ms. C. Donaldson, Ms. V. Joe

Custodians

Mrs. K. Fournier, Mr. D. Tjepkema

Supervision Assistants

Mrs. D. Bonner, Ms. S. Chestney, Ms. A. Climie,
Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. R. Montgomery