



Chantrell Creek Elementary August 2023 Newsletter



Aug. 31, 2023

Principal - Mrs. C. Koppensteiner

Principal's Message



I hope this newsletter finds you well and excited for the up-coming school year! I am thrilled to welcome back our amazing students to another year of learning, growth, and fun at Chantrell Creek Elementary. The first day of school is right around the corner, and our staff have been hard at work preparing engaging lessons, creating a safe and inclusive environment, and planning exciting activities to make our year memorable for all our students.

Please see below for further information regarding the start of school.

School News

First Day of School

The first day of school for students is on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. **Students will attend school for one hour, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** No school supplies are needed for this day. Please note, it is important for students to attend this day as we use the attendance to confirm our school registrations.

Parents/guardians should contact the school office to report if their child(ren) will be on vacation and will not be in attendance. If a family has moved over the summer, and students will not be attending Chantrell Creek Elementary for 2023-24 school year, please let the office know.

On the first day of school, new and returning students should go to the exterior doors of the following classrooms:

M.A.C.C. students - Room 123 (Ms. Whiteside's room)

Grade 7s - Library

Grade 6s - Gym

Grade 5s - Room 132 (Ms. Wilson's room)

Grade 4s - Room 108 (Ms. Phillip's room)

Grade 3s - Room 106 (Ms. Atkinson's room)

Grade 2s - Room 111 (Ms. Heinrich's room)

Grade 1s - Room 110 (Ms. Drew's room)

Kindergarten students - Room 103 (Ms. Nicola's room)

Signs will be posted on outside classroom doors or windows to help direct students to the correct room. We will also have staff circulating outside to direct any new students to the correct classrooms.

Wednesday, Sept. 6th will be a full school day for all students in grades 1 to 7.

[Staff Updates](#)



Chantrell Creek is delighted to introduce some new faces to our school family. Please join us in welcoming them to our staff. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school community.

Mr. Allan Zhu - intermediate teacher

Ms. Kate Bowers - kindergarten teacher
Ms. Christine Dalzell - learning support teacher
Mr. John Ames - inclusion support teacher
Ms. Tammy Uppal - school counsellor
Ms. Shara Sasmaz - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)
Ms. Ruth Buchner - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)
Ms. Anissa Rimer Ly - clerk

Our returning staff include:

Ms. Kim Chapman - intermediate teacher
Ms. Kathleen Michaud - intermediate teacher
Ms. Brynn Hendrix - intermediate teacher
Ms. Kristy Inouye - intermediate teacher
Ms. Sandra Wilson - intermediate teacher
Ms. Brooke Issa - intermediate teacher
Ms. Emiley Phillips -intermediate teacher
Ms. Jamie Samson -intermediate teacher
Ms. Lauren Atkinson - primary teacher
Ms. Amanda Bradley - primary teacher
Ms. LeeAnn Heinrichs - primary teacher
Ms. Michelle Gall - primary teacher
Ms. Katherine Drew - primary teacher
Ms. Michelle de Jager - primary teacher
Ms. Jordace Hoschka - Kindergarten teacher
Ms. Christina Nicola - Kindergarten teacher
Ms. Janelle Martens - learning support teacher
Ms. Carmen Lyne - learning support teacher
Ms. Susan Soo - teacher librarian
Ms. Laura Davis - music teacher

Ms. Susan Penner - grade 7 band teacher

Ms. Whiteside - M.A.C.C. teacher

Ms. Tara Ross - inclusion support worker (education assistant)

Ms. Jennifer Williamson - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)

Ms. Hailee Parmar - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)

Ms. Shana de Leeuw - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)

Ms. Britney Kent - inclusive education support worker (education assistant)

Ms. Riana Mathot - childcare worker

Ms. JoyLynn Jordan - head secretary

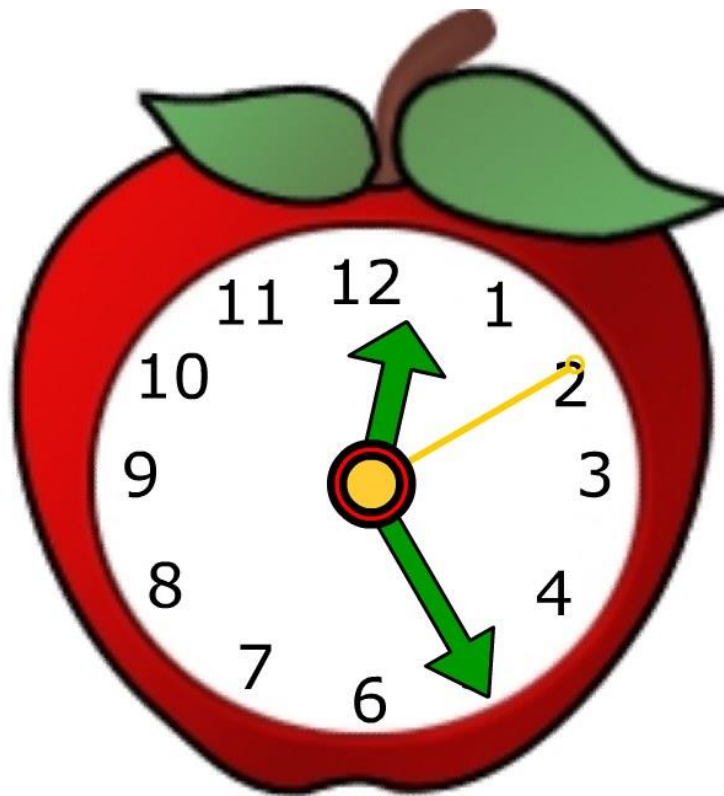
Ms. Petulla Dedish - speech language pathologist

Ms. Erin Fleming - school psychologist

Mr. Lal Bisessur - custodian

Ms. Chris Koppensteiner - principal

[Bell Schedule for 2023-'24](#)



The school day bell schedule has changed slightly, for this school year. The new bell schedule will be, as follows:

8:35 a.m - Welcome bell

8:40 a.m. - Morning session starts

10:20 a.m. - Recess starts

10:35 a.m. - Recess ends

11:45 a.m. - Lunch break - students outside to play

12:15 p.m. - Lunch break - students inside to eat lunch

12:30 p.m. - Afternoon session starts

2:32 p.m. - School dismissal

Up-coming Important Dates



Tuesday, Sept. 5 - First day of school

Thursday, Sept. 21 - Meet the Teacher/Open House

Friday, Sept. 22 - Terry Fox run

Monday, Sept. 25 - Professional development day - no school for students

Friday, Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day

Safety Measures

The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. It is essential that students, families and staff follow all safety guidelines.

Health Guidelines

We will continue to follow all recommended health guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. Contact the office (604-535-6708) to let us know your child will not be at school. Please stay tuned for any updates or changes to our safety protocols.

Before/After School Supervision

Students are supervised on school property before school from 8:20-8:35 a.m. and after school from 2:32-2:47 p.m. **Please do not drop off students before 8:20 a.m. and ensure students are picked up at dismissal.**



School Drop Off/Parking

Traffic in front of the school can get quite busy and hectic at drop off and pick up times. Ideally, students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school, whenever possible. It is a great way to keep active, build healthy habits, and reduce car congestion in the school community.

If parents or guardians do need to drive to drop off or pick up students, please consider that the roadway in front of the school is a narrow street and has parking restrictions in marked areas. Chantrell Creek has a drive-through student drop off area. If you are driving to school for drop off or pick up, please make sure that you stop in appropriate and designated areas. To keep the drop off/pick up process moving safely and efficiently for all families, please make sure that students exit/enter the vehicles with their belongings from the sidewalk side. Drivers should pull as far forward as they can in the drop off lane to make space for other cars. Do not block entrance ways to the the staff parking lot or the drive-through loop. Check out the [PAC website](#) for more information.

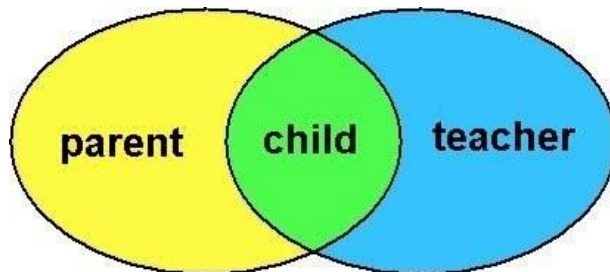


Parent - School Partnership



We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for a child's success. We encourage you to stay involved through the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), volunteering opportunities, and open communication with teachers and staff.

For more information regarding the PAC, check out the Chantrell Creek PAC website [HERE](#).



Before/After School Care



Hey did you hear.....

The Children's Foundation is coming to Chantrell Creek Elementary and operating a **Before and After School Care Program!**

Do you need before and after school care?

Contact angie.casoria@childrens-foundation.org as soon as possible to reserve your child's/children's space. Angie will be happy to give you all the information you need.

Hours of operation: September** to June:

7:00 am to morning bell

2:30 (afternoon bell) to 6:00 pm

Early dismissals and professional days included in the monthly fee. Fee is based on number of sessions/days registered for.

Christmas Break, Spring Break and summer camps are offered, at an extra cost.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** We hope to be in operation as of September 2023 but that is subject to licensing and city approval. We will update families as soon as we have more information.

School Calendar for 2023-'24



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023-2024

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS (1:32 pm)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Thursday, June 27, 2024

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Monday, September 25, 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023

Friday, November 10, 2023

Friday, February 23, 2024

Friday, May 3, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday, October 2, 2023 (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

Monday, October 9, 2023 (Thanksgiving)

Monday, November 13, 2023 (Remembrance Day)

Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024 (Winter Break)

Monday, February 19, 2024 (Family Day)

Monday - Friday, March 18-22, 2024 (Spring Break)

Monday - Friday, March 25-28, 2024 (School Closure)

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

Monday, April 1, 2024 (Easter Monday)

Monday, May 20, 2024 (Victoria Day)

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Please remember that there may be changes and/or additions to our calendar, during the year. Please check our website and newsletters for additional information.