



September 2011

# L'Ecole Sherwood Park School

## A Message From the Principal

The veterans tell me this was a wild start up. We were building classes right up until the Wednesday of the first week back. We welcomed a new staff member: Ms. Simone Meilleur to our school and she was to teach a Kindergarten - Grade 1 combined class. This allowed class sizes to improve in all the English classes. The next week we found that we could add another staff member: Mr. Ian Cunliffe. We reorganised again and formed two straight Kindergarten classes and managed to form a straight Grade 4 and a straight Grade 5 class in addition to the straight Grade 7 that already existed. All this was possible due to

the Herculean efforts of the office staff and all the teachers involved - many of whom came in on the weekend to get things organised and moved for the Monday morning start. Mr. Cunliffe set up his Grade 1/2 combined class from scratch in two marathon days and Ms. Howick moved her Grade 4 classroom to a new room in a massive operation reminiscent of the Great Trek that saw UBC relocate to its present lands in 1922.

All change is first perceived as loss. Cognizant of this I have visited the classrooms many times in the last week and talked to children and staff. I am confident that we are all settling in to our

new rooms and routines solidly. I am positive that this year is going to be a wonderful one for our students due in no small part to the newly established classes.

Now we can get to the regular business of the school. Cross Country is in full swing and the Basketball season is just starting. Earnest Intermediate students are volunteering to serve as lunch monitors in the Primary classes. Fall is upon us and the beautification committee will be continuing their work - look for evidence in the gardens and grounds of the school!

-Mr. Joe Campbell

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### Mark Your Calendars

- Sept.27-29 - Family Photos
- Tues.Oct.4 - 1:45pm Early Dismissal
- Thurs.Oct.6 - Student Photo Day
- Mon.Oct.10 - Thanksgiving Day (students not in attendance)
- Oct.11-13 - Bighouse groups
- Mon.Oct.17 - KidsEat
- Fri.Oct.21 - Provincial Professional Day (students not in attendance)
- Mon.Oct.31 - KidsEat
- Tues.Nov.1 - Sherwood Park Professional Day (students not in attendance)
- Mon.Nov.14 - KidsEat
- Nov.14-18 - Gr.6 Outdoor School
- Mon.Nov.28 - KidsEat



Please donate Canadian Tire dollars to benefit the Seycove Auction! Our donation box is on the front counter at the office.

### Thursday, October 6th is Student Photo Day.

Students, please make every effort to be here on that day, especially grade seven students, as these photos will be the ones used on your grad certificate.

### School Badge Please



Were you planning to drop something off at your child's room, or help the teacher for a morning? For the safety and comfort of all children in the school, please come to the office and get a school badge for your use while you are here. Thank you!

## Kindergarten Registration for 2012/13



### Kindergarten Information Meeting for Parents

7 p.m. October 19, 2011

Lucas Centre, 2132 Hamilton Avenue

Kindergarten registration for the 2012/2013 school year begins at the Central Registration Office on November 7, 2011. What to bring: Child's original birth certificate (Canada) or original proof of citizenship and Proof of current residence (Hydro bill, purchase or rental agreement)

Visit: [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) or call 604.903.3368  
Email: [registration@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:registration@nvsd44.bc.ca)

Registration forms are available at all elementary schools, the Central Registration Office, and on [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca)

## Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up

For the safety of all of our students, please take the time to set up an outside-designated spot to meet with your child after school. This will help to establish a calm and orderly end to the school day and it will help teachers to set up routines and expectations for students leaving the building. Also, please be aware that from 8am to 4pm there is NO student drop-off or pick-up in the staff parking lot. *Please note: There is no supervision by staff on school grounds prior to 8:50am and after 3:00pm.*



## Our Lost Needs Finding...



If that brand new coat has a name inside, it may just find its way back to your home. Already we have quite a collection in our Lost and Found!

## Our Cross Country is Up and "Running"!

The 2011 Sherwood Park Cross Country Running team is breaking all records this year! With 95 runners from Grade 3 - 7 on the team, it is not only the biggest team we have ever had, but the biggest of all



of the elementary schools in the whole district! WOW! Thank you to Tanya Jefferson, Megan Wheatley, Susan Yaniv, Liette Johnson, and Pamela McLeod for stepping forward to coach and organize the team, and to all of the parents who have been running with the group each week. If you are looking for a way to get a short run in twice a week, why not join us on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10 until 4:00? You don't have to be fast - you just have to be THERE!

Four district meets will take place in October:

1. **Wed. Oct. 5th** at **Cates Park** (hosted by **Sherwood Park School**) 3:45 start (Volunteers needed\*)
2. **Wed. Oct 12th** at **Inter-River Park** (hosted by **Highlands Elementary**) 3:45 start
3. **Wed. Oct 19th** at **Carisbrooke School** (hosted by **Carisbrooke Elementary**) 3:45 start
4. **Wed. Oct. 26th** back at **Cates Park** - but a different route (hosted by **Dorothy Lynas School**) 3:45 start



\*If you are able to volunteer at the Oct. 5th meet at Cates Park, please let Mme McLeod know. You can contact her at [pmcleod@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:pmcleod@nvsd44.bc.ca) or in person by dropping by the library.

## Out For Lunch?

Should parents wish to have their child go home for lunch we ask that they notify the school office and the teacher, in writing, of the arrangement. If the plan is to be in place for an extended period of time, including the entire school year, please indicate that in your note.

Students who are given permission to eat lunch at home must either stay at home throughout the entire lunch hour or return directly to Sherwood Park. This stipulation is necessitated by the School Act, which states that schools do have some responsibility for students as they travel to and from home. Unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, it is not acceptable for students to spend time during lunch hour at a location other than Sherwood Park or at home.

Written permission must be presented to the office and the classroom teacher prior to any individual having lunch outside of school, and student sign-out and sign-in procedures must be observed at all times. Finally, students may not invite friends home for lunch unless written permission has been received in advance from both the host and guest families.



## Our Summer Readers!

Congratulations to the "Savour Each Word" Summer Readers at Sherwood Park who participated and completed seven weeks of reading.

Baker, Ryan	Jorgenson, Eddy
Barber-Starkey, Tiana	Klassen, Aurora
Brossard, Emily	Learoyd, Dayton
Brossard, Paige	Lewis, Jorja
Brown, Cleo	Lucas, Adam
Brown, Gavin	Lucas, Ella
Buhr, Amanda	Lucas, Jack
Buhr, Brandon	McKay, Emily
Carson, Grata	McKay, Samantha
Cho, Yoo Bin	Rizzuto, Anna
Choi, Julie	Screpnek, Marika
Couvell, Alex	Sharpe, Hannah
Couvell, Nate	Sharpe, Paige
Culhaoglu, Burak	Six, Benjamin
Damsell, Brandon	Smiciklas, Emily
Dorey-Havens, Aubrey	Soroka, Dylan
Dorey-Havens, Danica	Theoret-Yip, David
Dykes, Jacintha	Theoret-Yip, Matthew
Gerbrecht, Evan	Tuck, Ally
Gilson, Ruby	Wharton, Robbie
Gilson, Zoe	Wiggins, Alex
Hall, Logan	Wong, Kiera
Hall, Nathan	Yamamoto, Jessica
Hutchison, Evan	Zakirov, Nikolay
Hutchison, Rhiann	Zakirov, Sasha
Javer, Malaika	

## 2011/12 School Fees

Grade 3 Outdoor School - \$140 (March)  
Grade 6 Outdoor School - \$250 (November)  
Grade 4 Bighouse - \$95 (September)

Parents, please make sure we can always reach you in case of emergency. Thank you.

Call 604-903-3812 if your child is going to be late or absent.

## Please Remember to Call!

In the interests of safety for our students, the office will continue to follow the 'call back' system that has been in place at the school for a number of years.

It is essential that you assist us with this program by:

- Calling the 24-hour call back line (604-903-3812) if your child will be late or absent from school
- Informing the school immediately if your emergency

contact names/numbers change

Should a student need to leave for an appointment during the school day a parent/guardian must sign out the child and upon return from the appointment, sign the child back in again. The sign in and out books are easily accessible and located on the office counter closest to the main entrance. Many thanks for your support with this important matter.



## Our Garden Inspired Art...



We've enjoyed seeing how big our sunflowers got during the summer.

We even harvested some pumpkins out of our pumpkin patch! We were inspired to create these masterpieces. We hope you enjoy them.

Thank you to all the parents for organizing and running our Carnival! Many children were heard saying, "I just LOVE my school!"

Watch for pictures of the carnival in our next issue!



## New Additions to Our Library



An enormous thank you goes to all of the parents and students who volunteered their time and energy to ensure that this year's French Scholastic Book Fair was a success. Because of your efforts, and because so many families made time to stop by and check out the French books, \$750 worth of new French books will now be added to Sherwood Park's library collection. What an exciting beginning for all of our French Immersion students! Thank you all. And mark your calendars now: an English Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled just before Christmas this year from Dec. 5th - 8th.



### Sherwood Park School

4085 Dollar Road Phone: 604-903-3810 Call Back Line: 604-903-3812

*"Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Inclusive, Be Compassionate, Act With Integrity"*

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/SherwoodPark.aspx>