



September 6, 2011

L'Ecole Sherwood Park School

Welcome Back Sherwood Park!

Since becoming Principal of Sherwood Park Elementary a few weeks ago I have



felt so welcomed by this amazing community. I would like to take this opportunity to pay that welcome forward to all families, new and returning, who have children coming to Sherwood Park this year.

This is an incredible school. It inspires fierce loyalty in the students, staff and parents who have the fortune to pass through its halls and with good reason. It is a community school. Walk through the halls, visit classrooms, walk the grounds and you will find that students are learning in an environment where they interact with a wide range of passionate adults

who have hearts filled with caring and concern.

Sherwood Park is a Tribes school. The staff at this school endeavours to let the principles of Tribes infuse their practice. Tribes is a new and dare I say better way of conceptualizing how school should work. In the words of Jeanne Gibbs: *"Every school should be a model home, a complete community actively developing future compassionate citizens capable of creating, leading and contributing to the kind of democratic communities - in which we all long to live."* Jeanne Gibbs. For more on the Tribes Learning Community go to tribes.com.

Just because school has started it does not mean your connection with your child must grow weaker. Please come by the school. Meet your teacher. Talk to the office staff. Chat with me. Sher-

wood Park has a long tradition of parental involvement and volunteerism. The Parent Advisory Council is a great place to get involved and even if you don't have the time for an executive position you can stay on top of all that is happening.

Once again, welcome. I am excited about this year and the opportunities we will all have to learn, share and grow together. I hope you are too.

- Mr. Joe Campbell, Principal



When Do We Find Out About Our New Classes?



Typically, students are informed of new class assignments a day or two after they return to school. On occasion, however,

class placement is not confirmed until the end of the first week of school.

In any case, keep in mind that placements are based on a variety of considerations: the needs of the individual students, new registrations, the academic and social background of each student and information received from parents in June. As such, it is important for families to understand

that since a school has the obligation to organize effectively for all students, requests for particular class assignments cannot always be accommodated. Sherwood Park's first priority is to produce the best possible educational environment for each child and this is achieved through careful consideration of individuals by a team of dedicated school staff.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 7th, is a full school day and students will return to the classroom from which they left Tuesday morning. The school bell will ring at 8:45 a.m.

Students new to the school will return to the library.

Hours of Attendance & Supervision

The daily schedule for students is listed below. This schedule is the same as last year. Please note that there is no supervision provided before and after school. Unless students have a specific task or responsibility to perform with their teacher, we request that they not enter the school until the entry bell sounds at 8:45am.

All of us require a little fresh air and the opportunity of stretching our legs during the day. This is especially true of children. Therefore, we expect all students to go outdoors during scheduled breaks. Only the most inclement conditions would make for an exception. As such, we ask parents to make sure that their sons and daughters are appropriately dressed for the day's weather when they come to school.



Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Entrance Bell	8:45 a.m.
First Instructional Period	8:50-10:20
Recess	10:20-10:40
Second Instructional Period	10:40-12:05
Outside Time (play first, eat after)	12:05-12:35
Entrance Bell and Lunch	12:35-1:00
Third Instructional Period	1:00-3:00

The French Scholastic Book Fair

will open at noon on **Tuesday, September 13th, and will run through to Friday, September 16th**, before and after school and at lunch. It will also include an evening sale on Sept. 16th from 5 - 9 pm, during the "Fall Carnival". You will find lots of French resources at all levels for both French Immersion students and English students in Gr. 5 - 7 who are studying French as a Second Language. On two of the days in that week (including the evening sale on the Friday) Cathy Good-

ban of Usborne Books will be set up just outside the library. Usborne Books specializes in lovely nonfiction resources for all ages, and Cathy will bring a large selection in **both French and English**. Sales of Usborne Books will benefit our school library, as well.

Volunteers needed! Are you able to volunteer to work at our September Book Fair? Wonderful! Please e-mail Mme McLeod (pmcleod@nvsd44.bc.ca) or drop by the library right away to sign up for a shift! It would help out enormously!

Thank you to all parents who tended and watered our gardens and our pumpkin and sunflower patch over the summer!



Mark Your Calendars

- **Sept. 13-16** - French Scholastic Book Fair
- **Fri. Sept. 16** - Fall Carnival (& Book Fair) 5-9pm
- **Fri. Sept 23** - Sherwood Park Professional Day (students not in attendance)
- **Sept. 27-29** - Family Photos 5-9pm
- **Tues. Oct. 4** - Early Dismissal 1:45pm
- **Thurs. Oct. 6** - Student Photos
- **Mon. Oct. 10** - Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Oct. 11-13** - Bighouse
- **Mon. Oct. 17** - KidsEat
- **Fri. Oct. 21** - Province Wide Professional Day

Bear Aware Please be aware that, from time to time, bears pass through in the woods around the school. Please go over safety procedures with your children. For more information, contact the North Shore Black Bear network at 604-990-2327 or go to the following website: www.dnv.org/bears

Please donate your Canadian Tire dollars (box is in office) to benefit the Seycove Auction!

Bring your SuperValu receipts to the office! SuperValu kindly donates a percentage of all receipts returned!



For your child's safety, please call 604-903-3812 if your child will be late or absent!



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