



Stuart Wood Elementary
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“Working together as a school community in an atmosphere of success and belonging, we have as our goal the development of each student's fullest potential as a lifelong learner in a changing world”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I blinked my eyes and September was gone! Thank you to all the families who have made me feel welcome at the school and for being patient as we placed students into classrooms. After families came and went, we now have a steady population of 194 students here at Stuart Wood Elementary!

Our students, while just starting this year, have already begun to experience great learning experiences of fall. Classrooms and hallways are teeming with students exploring new concepts, stories, and activities. As we begin the school year, we like to try to have our school community and parent community use similar language when working with behaviour and expectations. Please take a moment to go through the school matrix found in this newsletter to familiarize yourself with the beliefs of our school. At Stuart Wood Elementary, we aspire to reach for the STARS: Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, and Respect. It is these four words that we have chosen to embody our school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. We really appreciate your continued support and look forward to a productive educational year.

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL

Stuart Wood has a Safe Arrival program. Please contact the school before 8:30 am at 250-374-1755 if your child is going to be absent or late. A phone call will be made to your home if there is not an explained absence. Students who are late (after 8:30 am) must report to the office to sign in.

VERIFICATION FORMS

Verification forms along with other various permission forms have now been sent home and are due to the office as soon as possible. It is extremely important for all information to be checked carefully so that we have emergency contact phone numbers and other current information readily available. This information ensures that your child will have appropriate care in the event of injury or illness.

BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell	8:20 am
Class Starts	8:30 am
Recess	10:12 am
Recess Ends	10:27am
Primary Outside/Intermediates inside (eat lunch)	11:57 pm
Intermediates Outside	12:12 pm
Primary Students inside (eat lunch)	12:26 pm
Intermediates Inside & Primary clean up	12:46 pm
Instruction begins	12:50 pm
Class Starts	12:50 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

PHOTO DAY

Photo Day is scheduled for October 21st with retakes on November 13th.

ART 4FUN

Students looking to hone their leadership skills, are leading fun arts workshops for elementary students from Stuart Wood. Music, art, drama and dance sessions are run by Beattie School of the Arts senior students with support from a few adults. Beattie students are learning to be leaders in the community and the students from Stuart Wood are having some fun with the Arts!! This is a win-win all around.

COOK IT! TRY IT! LIKE IT!

This after school program provides an opportunity for children to learn about healthy choices while they participate in food preparation of healthy snacks and meals. Students will increase their understanding of the benefits of vegetable and fruit consumption, the negative health effects of sugary drinks, and too much sodium. Each week students will participate in preparing and cooking meals and snacks. At the end of the program

students will participate in a field trip to Safeway. Limited number of seats are available for this worthwhile after school program.

NUT AWARE

Within our Stuart Wood school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods. This is predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts although some are at risk for insect stings and latex as well. We feel that the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to AVOID sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients or other tree nut items. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is appreciated. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The PAC meets regularly every month and encourages new members to come out to meet at the school to plan fundraising and other type of events to support our children. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm in the staff room.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

October 8 and 9th are Early Closure days at Stuart Wood. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on both Thursday and Friday. Classroom teachers are communicating with families to arrange parent teacher interviews. If you cannot make any of the times available, please let your child's teacher know so that an alternate arrangement can be met. This first informal meeting is a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how your child has transitioned back into the school culture.

THANKSGIVING

A reminder that the school is closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 12th. Enjoy this extra special day with family!

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball has spiked back into action. Official league games start on the week of Oct. 19th.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

Safety of the children is paramount at Stuart Wood Elementary. Along with planned fire drills throughout the year, students will also go through lock down procedures. Our first lock down was held on October 5th.

S.T.A.R. Cards and Recognition Assemblies

As a PBIS school we are working hard to honour the positive behaviour we see in our school each and every day! Please find a copy of our STAR matrix at the end of this newsletter. Please go over the expectations with your child.

Our first Recognition Assembly will be at 1 pm on November 6th. If your child is being recognized you will be notified by the teacher well in advance so that you can organize to attend.

FOUND 4 KIDS

This is a program for recycled clothing (left over in District school lost & found bins) that one of the parents in our District has coordinated for all students in School District #73. The actual store is located in the Sahali Mall and is amazingly clean and clothing is well displayed. There is an abundance of clean clothing available in all sizes for both elementary and high school students. You can visit the store by contacting found4kids@gmail.com and take along a coupon you can pick up from the office. If you need a coupon for the Found4Kids store for admittance at any

time, please see Mr. Lloyd at the office.

MEALS PROGRAM

Stuart Wood Meals program has begun. Each month a form will come home for parents to sign and send back with their child. Forms are collected at the office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Oct. 8	Early Closure at 12:30
Oct. 9	Early Closure at 12:30
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving
Oct. 21	Picture Day
Oct. 23	Non Instructional Day
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Dec. 4	Report Cards home
Dec. 7	Non-Instructional Day
Dec 9 and 10	Christmas Concert
Dec. 19-Jan. 3	Winter break
Jan. 4	School re-opens
Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb 12	Early Closure at 12:30
Feb. 19	Non-Instructional Day
Mar. 18	Reports Cards out
Mar. 19-Apr 3	Spring Break
Apr. 4	School re-opens
Apr. 15	Early Closure at 12:30
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
Jun. 29	Last Day of School- Report Cards

At Stuart Wood we believe in Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, and Respect - STAR

SETTINGS

	All Settings	Inside		Outside	
		Classrooms	Halls/Stairs/Washroom	Playground	Off School Grounds
S Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Self regulation ★ Wait your turn ★ Watch out for each other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Stay seated while eating ★ Listen to and follow directions ★ Put everything in it's place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Walk on the right side in single file ★ Use stairs properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Hands off play style ★ Use equipment safely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Be stranger aware
T Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Encourage and include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Make sure your friends can learn ★ Include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Know what's expected of you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Include others ★ Use kind words ★ Play fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Be positive ambassadors for Stuart Wood
A Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Be on time and prepared ★ Try your best ★ Look after personal belongings ★ Do your job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Recycle ★ Keep desk clean ★ Daily use of agenda/folder ★ Do your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Keep lockers/cubbies clean ★ Change indoor/outdoor footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Enter/exit school in an orderly manner ★ Return equipment ★ Dress for the weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Be courteous
R Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Respect others, property and self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Use polite language and respectful tone ★ Take care of materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Consider other's learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Help keep playground clean ★ Respect playground environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Use polite language with a respectful tone



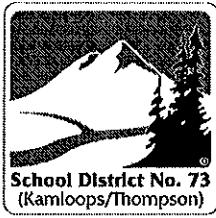
Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Chase Secondary School's Alternate Program by Principal Ian McGoldrick.
2. The Board received notice of the proposed amendment to the School Calendar for Distributed Learning from Superintendent deBruijn.
3. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on the student enrollment.
4. The Board received an update on the International Student enrollment from Director Dean Coder.
5. The Board approved the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Spending Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.
6. The Board approved the amendments to the Non-Instructional and Parent Teacher Interview dates for the 2015-2016 school year.
7. The Board received/approved the audited School District No. 73 Business Company financial statements for the 2014/2015 fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.
8. The Board approved Capital Project Bylaw 126881 for the Annual Facility Grant for 2015/2016.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 5, 2015 at Logan Lake Elementary School at 7:00 pm.

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Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: OCTOBER 5, 2015

1. The Board received an update on enrollment from Superintendent deBruijn.
2. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip request from NorKam Senior Secondary School for senior biology students to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii in February, 2016.
3. The Board received *Notice of Motion* on the following policies:
 - a. Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident
 - b. Policy 709.7 Education: Independent Directed Studies (IDS)

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the School Board Office.

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