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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”.

June 2016

Principal's Message

June is the 'celebration' month! I have so very much enjoyed my first year at Stuart Wood Elementary and I look forward to what next year will bring. I am proud to have been a small part in the life of our grade 7 students as they head off to high school. The elementary years are a milestone which is never forgotten. You all are an incredible group of young people and I wish you every success. I hope that you enjoy five happy and rewarding years ahead!

Wishing all of our Stuart Wood students and their families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer ahead! Thank you for all of your support this year and I look forward to working with you and your children during the 2016-2017 school year!

Mr. B. Lloyd
 Principal

PAC NEWS

Join the Stuart Wood Elementary PAC facebook page for up to date information on what's happening at the school. Dawn Armstrong has agreed to stay on as Interim President during the transition to the new Beattie School. PAC is accepting nominations and elections will take place at the PAC meeting in October 2016.

GOODBYES

With each new chapter, another one finishes and we are sad to say goodbye to many of our staff.

A huge congratulations to Ms. Deschamps who has decided that it is time for retirement. Ms. Deschamps has been working in the district 30 years! We wish her all the best.

We also say goodbye to our Certified Education Assistants: Ms. Dergez, Ms. Mechem, Ms. Schulz, Ms. Turmel; Library Assistant Ms. Sabyan and Custodian Marcel Cardinal.

Teachers on our staff also leaving our team at

the end of June: Ms. Bozek. Ms. Mcdiarmid, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Wium.

Our school will be a different place without these individuals. They will be extremely missed.

TALENT SHOW

Ms. MacLaughlin has been busy working with intermediates and primary students for the upcoming talent show. It will take place on Tuesday, June 14th starting at 1 pm in the Stuart Wood gym. Parents are welcome to attend this fun filled event!

YEAR END ASSEMBLY

The last day of school is TUESDAY, JUNE 28th, with report cards for TERM III coming home as well that day. Our YEAR END ASSEMBLY is at 10:15 on the last day and all parents are welcome to attend. We will have an early recess to ensure we start on time. Children will be dismissed at 12:00.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please help us get all books back to the library for year end. Lost books can be paid for at the

main office. Bills not paid will stay on the student's record into next school year. Students will not be able to borrow anything until bills are paid.

RIVERSIDE PARK FUN DAY

On June 24th, all classes will be going to Riverside park for a day of fun and games. Please make sure your child dresses for the weather – sunscreen, bathing suits, water and hats are highly recommended.

GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY

Parents of Grade 7 students please set aside the morning of Monday, June 27th from 10:30-12:00 pm so that you can join teachers and administration to honour our Grade Sevens moving on to the high school.

TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to all the students who attended the zone and/or district Track and Field day held at the Tournament Capital Center. A BIG thank you to all the organizers who made this day possible!

SEPTEMBER FIRST DAY

The first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 10:30 am. Please listen for a synervoice message for directions about the first week of school that will come home to families the Labour Day long weekend.



ARE YOU MOVING for 2016-2017?

Parents of SWES who plan to move their child to another elementary school for September 2016 should contact Ms. Deschamps as soon as possible and let her know your plans to relocate. Our classes are extremely full for 2016-2017 and knowing we potentially have spots in K-7 would be extremely helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year.

SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN and PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our school presented our goals and our growth to the team from the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 18th. We did this presentation with our other SKSS schools in what we call our “Family of Schools”, but each school presented for 15 min about how collaboration has changed teacher practice and student engagement. We also presented on what skills our school will be focused on moving forward with Re-Designed BC curriculum. SWES staff decided that Inquiry/Project Based Learning and Assessment will be the two skill areas we will concentrate our professional development on for the 2016-2017 school year. My thanks to the teaching staff for embracing the School Learning Plan process.

STAR CATCHERS

The children continue to “Reach for the STAR(S)” Students have met their goal of 700 STAR CATCHERS and will have an extra recess on June 10th. before the end of the school year. Parents can take great pride in how their children are showing great morals and values even while away from their caregivers.

We will hold our last STAR Assembly on June 10th. All students are eligible to be given the award. Criteria is based on the following:

1. Follow the **S.T.A.R.** Beliefs (Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect)
2. Have a positive attitude
3. Listen and pay attention
4. Follow directions and criteria
5. Produce quality work
6. Complete all assigned work on time
7. Follow classroom routines and expectations
8. Treat other students with respect
9. Treat those around themselves with respect
10. Show respect for property
11. Put their best effort into all they do!

**From the Board Meeting of:
MAY 30, 2016**

JUNE DATES

June 8 – PAC Meeting
June 10 - STAR Assembly
June 14 – Talent Show
June 17 – Wildlife Park – Ms.McDaniel,
Ms. Lewis, Ms. deJardin, Ms. Bymoen,
Ms. Bozek
June 20 – 22 – Eagle Bay – Mrs. Morgan
June 23 – O'Keefe Ranch – Ms. Bymoen
Hat Creek Ranch – Ms. Piva
Shumway Lake – Ms. Charron
June 24 – Riverside Park (all classes)
June 28 – Last Day – 12:00 dismissal
**** One day earlier than rest of the District****
June 29-30 – Administration/Packing Day

1. The Board recognized and presented a Long Term Service Award to Vice Principal McVittie for his years of service with the school district.
2. The Board enjoyed a Student Voice presentation from four students who attend Valleyview and Sa-Hali Secondary Schools. The students were accompanied by Vice Principal Stoudtz.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Erin Khelouiati and Maureen Hegadoren on the First Steps Program partnered by Interior Community Services, School District No. 73, and the Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops.
4. The Board approved Superintendent deBruijn's report on Forest Fires and Continuing School District Operations.
5. The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on the 2015-2016 K-12 Regular Enrolment Compliance Audit.
6. The Board received a report from Superintendent deBruijn on Dry Grad Activities 2016.
7. The Board approved School District No. 73 participating in a Pilot Project with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health: Data Transfer.
8. The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on the changes to the Graduation Program and Assessment.
9. The Board received an update from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on Capital Plan Submission projects and new reporting procedures.
10. The Board approved revised Policy 709.2 Educational: Aboriginal.
11. The Board received *Notices of Motion* on the following policies:
 - Policy 415.1 Next Generation Network (NGN)
 - Policy 506.3 School Fees
 - Policy 521.1 Extra Curricular Athletic Programs
 - Policy 706.2 Education Choice: Enrolment
 - Policy 1103.2 Maintenance of Order

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 13, 2016 at Barriere Secondary School, 4811 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, BC.



Fun Summer Reading!

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Summer reading helps children feel confident and ready for September!

Parents and children might wish to try these ways to make reading fun:

2016 BC Summer Book Club



Children are encouraged to join the Summer Book Club at their local **TNRD Library**. This year's theme is **Book a Trip!** It runs July 4 to August 27. Children try to read every day and record their reading in a "Book a Trip" booklet. When they visit the library, they can receive stickers for books read and enter draws for prizes. Registration at your public library opens June 13.



Bright Red Book Bus

The Bright Red Book Bus (BRBB) will be visiting nine Kamloops schools and various parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the cool bus and select a

book each time they come. There are many great new titles! They may keep these books or return them another week. Come to hear a story or read with your child. Children can even pick up their TNRD Library Book a Trip! stickers here. Visit Facebook to learn more and see the schedule: <https://www.facebook.com/brightredbookbus/>

Online books

Online books work well when children are on the move, and they can be engaging. Here are some resources that share books for free:

Epic! is an eBook library for children up to 12, and it works on most devices. There are a lot of interesting books and some have audio. It offers parents free access (usually \$4.99) for the month of July.

Register [here:](https://www.getepic.com/summer) <https://www.getepic.com/summer>

National Geographic Young Explorer has nonfiction fact books for early readers with audio: <http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/>

Happy Summer Reading!

