

Ash Lee Jefferson Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Sept 13 Stand Up Against Bulling Day (Pink Day)
Sept 18 Picture Day
Sept 17 SAC Meeting (5:00 pm)
PTO Meeting (6:00 pm)
Sept 20 Curriculum Night
Sept 27 Every Child Matters (Orange Day)
Sept 28 PD Day – No School

Administration Message

Welcome back/Bienvenue to another school year at Ash Lee Jefferson! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and found time to relax and have fun with family and friends. We would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. We are looking forward to working with you and your children!

Lynn Mills
Principal

Jennifer Cholock
Vice Principal



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 18th (Primary to grade 6) by LifeTouch. Notices will be sent home soon with the students.

Curriculum Night

Parents and students are asked to join us for Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 20th from 6:30-7:15 pm. There is more information to follow from your classroom teacher.

This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet their child's classroom and specialist teachers. Teachers will provide an overview of the curriculum and discuss student expectations. If you have any specific concerns or questions regarding your child's progress, we ask that you please arrange to meet with the teacher on another date.



Life Threatening Allergies

The school asks that all families continue to respect that we are a **Fish & Nut Aware School**. Please be aware that there are a number of students and staff who have allergies of various types.



Stand Up Against Bullying – Sept 13th

The second Thursday of each September is Stand Up Against Bullying Day, a day designed to help raise awareness and promote activities designed to foster respect and kindness in our schools. Students are encouraged to wear pink as a symbol of their refusal to accept bullying in our school.



Every Child Matters – Sept 27th

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Student Registration Forms (4 pages)

Student Registration forms will go home this month. It is extremely important that you return these forms as soon as possible. Please ensure we have accurate information, paying particular attention to parent phone numbers, medical concerns and emergency contacts.

If you have updated information, please put a line through or highlight the information that we have provided and replace it with the correct information. In an emergency situation we will always contact the parent first, therefore it is important that the "alternate" be someone who is NOT the parent. Please print legibly as all information has to be entered by Ms. Eisenhauer, School Secretary.

Remember to provide us with any changes throughout the school year.



Safe Arrival & Late Students

If your child is absent or going to be late, please call the **SAFE ARRIVAL LINE (902) 860-4375**. Please do not leave voicemails on the office line.

Students are considered **late** for school if they are not here by 8:10 am. Being late is very disruptive to your child's learning and his/her classmates. It is also very distracting to the teacher when classes are interrupted with students arriving late.

Changes to Students' Afterschool Dismissal

If there is a change to a student's dismissal, please ensure you **send in a note for the teacher**. We understand that emergencies occur, however we are a very busy school and cannot guarantee that messages are passed onto the teacher in time.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our school. If you would like to volunteer your time, you may either contact your child's teacher or you can email our school secretary at Heisenhauer@hrsb.ca.

We are currently in need of Safe Arrival volunteers, cafeteria, and library volunteers.

Please remember a Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry is required for all volunteers. Once the checks are complete they are good for three years.

No Child Without

Parents may wish to visit the website <http://www.nochildwithout.ca> to receive medical alert information available to parents. This is a charitable organization linked to children with medical needs wearing bracelets or necklaces.

