

# HEFFLEY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #1

## Welcome to Students, Staff and Parents!

Welcome Back Everyone! I hope you had a great summer. I hope you and your family have had a smooth transition from summer vacation back to the routine of school.

We are so lucky to have two wonderful new teachers at Heffley Creek Elementary. I would like to welcome Mrs. Jasmine Morrison, who will be working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and Mr. Josh Ruddick, who will be working on Wednesdays. I would also like to welcome Mrs. Wendy Sabyan to our Staff. Mrs. Sabyan is our new Rural Support Worker and is thrilled to be here at Heffley working with your children. We are fortunate to be welcoming back Mrs. Maureen Cherris as our custodian and Mrs. Charlien McCauley will be returning as our morning bus supervisor.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!

## NEW TO OUR SCHOOL

If your son or daughter is starting out at a new school, you can help them adjust by preparing them for this situation. Important messages to give your child about a new school include:

- Being positive about the school situation and re-assuring your child that you and the school will work together to make the school year successful;
- Going to a new school can be scary – it's OK to feel nervous;
- Making friends can be hard – it may take some time for this to happen; and
- Share your experiences / feelings when you start out at a new school.

It is also important to help your child meet other children and find something about school they enjoy. Find help if your child needs it. Talk to your child's teacher if difficulties persist.

## HEFFLEY CREEK STAFF FOR 2011-2012

**Principal** – Mrs. D. Brady  
**Teacher** – Mrs. J. Morrison  
**Teacher** – Mr. J. Ruddick  
**Support Staff:**

Mrs. W. Sabyan – Rural Support Worker  
Mrs. D. Isenor – Secretary  
Mrs. M. Cherris - Custodian



## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be late or absent we would appreciate you calling the school office. We have a "safe arrival" program at Heffley Creek and if your child is absent and we have not received a call from you, we will call your home. Calling us first at (250)578-7227, saves a lot of time. We have a voice-messaging machine to report absences prior to 8:00 am.

## 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Professional Development Day	Mon, September 26, 2011
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Mon, October 10, 2011
Photo Day	Wed, October 12, 2011
Early Closure-12:30 – P/T Interviews	Fri, October 13, 2011
Early Closure-12:30 – P/T Interviews	Fri, October 14, 2011
Professional Development Day	Fri, October 21 2011
Photo Retake Day	Mon, November 7, 2011
Remembrance Day Holiday	Fri, November 11, 2011
Professional Development Day	Mon, December 5, 2011
Last Day before Winter Break	Fri, December 16, 2011
First Day after Winter Break	Tues, January 3, 2012
Professional Development Day	Fri, February 24, 2012
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri, March 16, 2012
First Day after Spring Break	Mon, March 26, 2012
Early Closure-12:30 – P/T Interviews	Thur, March 29, 2012
Good Friday Holiday	Fri, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday Holiday	Mon, April 9, 2012
Professional Development Day	Mon, April 16, 2012
Professional Development Day	Fri, May 18, 2012
Victoria Day Holiday	Mon, May 21, 2012
Last Day of Classes – Students	Thurs, June 28, 2012
Administrative Day – Staff Only	Fri, June 29, 2012

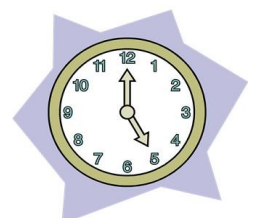
## PAC INFORMATION

Our first PAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm in the Library. Parents are needed to represent a Heffley PAC. They will have signing authority and disburse some government funding. If there are no volunteers, government funding must be returned.

Other PAC activities are subject to volunteer availability. Anyone interested in providing or using the services of a Hot Lunch program, or a daily Milk program for the kids are asked to attend the PAC meeting, send a note back to the school or contact: [KAMPACHEFFLEY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KAMPACHEFFLEY@GMAIL.COM).

## SCHOOL HOURS

**Classes begin at 8:30 in the morning. Doors will open to students in the morning at 8:15**, allowing sufficient time to be ready for the start of the day. In cold weather, below -10, the doors will be opened sooner. We have Mrs. Charlien McCauley as our Rural SSW who is at the school to supervise only the bus arrivals. If you drop your child off before 8:15 am, please be aware there is no supervision.



**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

1. **Forms, forms, and more forms.** Please be sure to review and complete all the forms that are coming home. All forms and fees can be returned to the school office.
  - a) The "Technology Acceptable Use" and "Photograph Consent" forms have now been combined and only need to be completed once during a student's elementary school years.
  - c) **Verification forms must be signed, dated** for every student and returned to the school no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please review the information for each child and make corrections where needed. These forms are used for Ministry data collection and goes towards funding for our school. It is important to have every form returned
2. **School Fees** - School District #73 offers a program that allows families to purchase their child's school supplies directly through the school. Please review the School Fees form, complete as indicated and return to the school office. Fees can be paid by cash or cheque.
3. **School Website** - This is an excellent way to view the newsletter, see upcoming events and find current information. The website address is <http://heffley-creek.sd73.bc.ca>
4. **Newsletters** are sent home around the first week of every month and detail upcoming events at school.

**SAFE HOUSE SITES**

Our school has in place, procedures for dealing with various emergencies i.e. fire, medical problems and the like. There is always the possibility that at some time we may be forced to evacuate the school (in case of a fire, gas leak or earthquake). If this should happen during the winter months, we would need some warm, dry secure place for the children to go. The classroom teacher would be responsible for getting his/her class to the safe house and remain to help supervise the children. In this situation working parents or families who live a distance from the school would know their children are safe, have one phone number to contact, and a designated place where children could be picked up. The chance of this happening of course is remote; still we want to be prepared. If you would like to participate, please cut out and complete the form below and return it to the school by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



<p><u>Safe House Site – Heffley Creek</u></p> <p>We would like to offer our home as a "Safe Site" for children should an emergency situation arise.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Cell: _____</p> <p>Child's classroom teacher: _____</p>
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**GYM FLOOR AND GYM STRIP**



Please ensure the runners you supply your child for indoor gym are of the **NON-MARKING** type. Let's keep our gym floor looking good for years to come?  
 As well, students should have T-shirts and shorts or sweat pants for gym. Use whatever you have that is neat, clean and presentable. Our Lost and Found is always full of good clothing that we cannot identify. **Please label clothing, backpacks, lunch kits and runners** with a permanent marker.

**BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDERS, ROLLERBLADES AND "HEAL ROLLERS"**

Provincial helmet laws are in effect and all students riding bicycles to school need to conform to these laws. For the safety of all, students must dismount bikes, scooters, and skateboards while on school property. Cyclists should be using the bike racks provided and are encouraged to lock bikes while they are in the racks. Rollerblades and "Heal Rollers" must be removed before entering the school. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, "Heal Rollers" and rollerblades are intended for safe personal transportation to and from school and are not to be used on the school grounds.



**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**1ST HEFFLEY CREEK BEAVERS & CUBS**



First meeting will be  
 September 12, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
 at Rayleigh Elementary School

Beavers and Cubs meet every Monday  
 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the  
 Rayleigh Elementary School

For more information  
 call – Janna De Witte at 250-578-200

**HEFFLEY SCOUTS**

The Heffley Scouts will have a bottle drive on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and will be collecting in Upper and Lower Heffley.

**RIPTECH DIVING**

Learn to Dive  
 We offer an introductory program for youths. Beginners learn the fundamentals of diving in a fun and safe environment and individual's progress at their own rate. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday. Choose a one day or two day a week program. FunDive is where the emphasis is on fun!

Registration and Information:  
 Phone: 250-320-0436  
 Website: [www.riptechn.ca](http://www.riptechn.ca)



**GIRL GUIDES REGISTRATION**

Registration for Girl Guides will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Rayleigh Elementary for all girls who are interested.