



# Cawston School Courier

September 8, 2011



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon                          | Tue                                      | Wed                               | Thu                                 | Fri | Sat |
|-----|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|     |                              |  |                                   | 1                                   | 2   | 3   |
| 4   | 5                            | 6<br>School Opens<br>8:45-11:15          | 7<br>StrongStart<br>opens         | 8                                   | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12<br>Kindergarten<br>Begins | 13<br>PAC Mtg.<br>7:00<br>School Library | 14<br>Individual School<br>Photos | 15<br>School Meal<br>Program Begins | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19                           | 20                                       | 21                                | 22                                  | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26                           | 27                                       | 28                                | 29                                  | 30  |     |

### Attached or Included with this newsletter are:

1. 2011-2012 Calendar
2. Field Trip Permission Form - please return (Gr. 1-4)
3. Emergency Contact Form - please return (Gr. 1-4)
4. Aboriginal Ancestry form-return if applicable to your child
5. School Meal Program envelope
6. Student Insurance Form
7. Cawston School Handbook

### Reminder:

Parents - we are a peanut-free school.

### School Meal Program Menu for September

Thursday, Sep 15 –Pizza Pop, Veggies & Dip, Yogurt Tube  
 Thursday, September 22– Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Fruit  
 Thursday, September 29– Soft Shell Beef Taco  
 (with lettuce & cheese), fruit.

Payment of \$ 9.00 must be received by  
 Tuesday, September 13.

## WELCOME TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

On behalf of all the staff at Cawston Primary School, a warm welcome to all our "Sunflowers". We are very happy to be back at school with you and glad we are in our new classes, ready to begin the year. Special welcome to all students who are new to our school and to our brand new Kindergarten students. We are pleased and excited to have you join the Cawston School family.

At Cawston School, we believe that all students can be successful. Students are encouraged to always strive for their personal best: academically, socially, emotionally, physically and artistically. Our staff is committed to helping each and every student be all that they can be.

We appreciate the encouragement and support we receive from our families and from the entire community. We hope that our parents will continue to be involved in all our school activities and in the day-to-day educational experiences of the students.

Our 2011-12 School Plan is available at the office or on the District website (School District No. 53). This year we are once again focusing on one goal area - writing. We will, of course, continue to do all the wonderful things we have always done in Reading, Math, and Social Responsibility.

Our School Handbook is being sent home for all families. The Handbook contains important information about our school. The Cawston School Code of Conduct will be sent home with the October newsletter after it has been reviewed by our Staff, PAC & School Planning Council.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. Together - home, school & community - we make Cawston School the great place that it is.

Best wishes for a wonderful year!



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Forms

We have attached forms which we require that parents fill in each year:

1. Local Field Trip Permission Form - giving your child permission to participate in field trips around Cawston which do not involve a bus.
2. Emergency Contact Form - names of people who could pick up your child in the event of an emergency.
3. Aboriginal Ancestry- if your child is of First Nations, Inuit or Metis descent, please sign the Aboriginal Ancestry form. Your child will qualify for additional classroom and cultural support.

### Supervision

Supervision begins each morning at 8:10. Please do not drop off your children or have them come to school before 8:10. Having unsupervised children on the playground is a safety concern for all of us. Also note, outside afternoon supervision concludes at 2:40 when the three buses leave.

### School Meals Program

Our school meals program will be the same as last year.

Breakfast is available to any student each morning. Please note, this is only a bowl of cereal to tide students over. It is not a full, complete breakfast and is not intended to replace a regular breakfast served at home.

We will continue to serve our Thursday hot lunches. The cost will again be \$3.00 per week. Kudos to Mrs. Douangpanya for her great menu planning and economical shopping skills. For \$3.00, students get an extremely well-balanced, healthy and complete hot lunch.

### School Planners

All Grade 3 and 4 students are asked to pay \$4.00 to cover the cost of their planners (agenda books). Please note our planners are \$ 1.00 less than usual and there are no other school fees at Cawston School this year.

### School Day

Our school office hours are 8:15 to 3:00. Please let us know if your child is not going to be at school. If you are picking up your child during the school day, please inform the office and your child's teacher.

## Change of Address/Phone

During the year, please notify us at the office if you change your address, home/work/cell number or emergency contact. It is critical for us to have up-to-date information. In case of illness, injury or emergency we need to be able to contact you. Thank you.

## B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable Program

Cawston School will be participating again this year in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program. Twice a month, fruit or vegetables are delivered to the school and given to the children for a recess snack. The program, sponsored by the Province of British Columbia, is completely free of charge. If you do not wish your child to participate in this program, please send a note to the office.

## Library

Our Library schedule for classes will be as follows:

- Thursdays—Mrs. Nunes, Mr. Lucich, Miss Martin, Mrs. Bews
- Fridays—Mrs. Reichl, Ms. Kruger, Mr. Fairbrother/Mrs. Tamang, Mrs. Keyes/Mrs. Doi, Miss Webster

Please have your children return their library books to school on these days so they can sign out a new book.

## Spic and Span

A special Sunflower thank you to our custodians, Mrs. Dawn Agar and Mrs. Jitka Cermak. Our school sparkles-it is so clean! We want Mrs. Agar and Mrs. Cermak to know how much we appreciate all their hard work over the summer.

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

### Photo Day - Wednesday, September 14

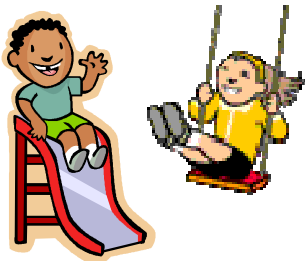
Individual student pictures will be taken throughout the day. The pictures, along with the pricing package, will be sent out approximately three weeks after photo day. Class pictures and the whole school photo will be taken later this year.

### PAC Meeting—September 13.

All Cawston School parents are welcome to join us for our first PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

## Playground

We have our new playground! Special thanks to our PAC who worked tirelessly for two years, fundraising for this playground. Also thank you to our District Maintenance, who installed it for us on a couple of very hot August days. We also want to acknowledge Vespers Transport who picked up and delivered the playground for us from the factory—for free! On behalf of all our “Sunflowers” thank you Cory & Tammy Vesper—we are very grateful!



## Roots of Empathy 2011/2012

Roots of empathy is a character education and emotional literacy program that seeks to foster empathy and compassion in students. SD53 is entering the sixth year of ROE implementation and we are keen to bring this valuable people-building curriculum to more SD53 K-7 classrooms. We are inviting all families in the community who will have an infant approximately 2-4 months old in October 2011 to join us as an official ROE family. The ROE family commitment is a once-a-week visit facilitated by a ROE certified instructor using official ROE baby materials and curriculum resources. If you wish to learn more about the ROE program, please visit [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org). ROE is also looking to train and certify new instructors with a time commitment of once a week in a SD53 classroom. If you are interested in learning how to join our ROE team as an instructor, or are a family with a new baby contact: Mrs. Marieze Tarr at 250-498-1333 or Ms Lisa McCall at 250-689-0524.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **CUBS AND BEAVERS REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, September 14  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Cawston Primary School Gym  
Beavers—ages 5—7  
Cubs—ages 8—10

For more information contact  
Daryn Sheppard at 250-499-0181.



### **LEARN ENGLISH**

You can be speaking, reading and writing better English in just a few months.

Keremeos has FREE English lessons for adult newcomers to Canada.

To get started call or leave a message for Andrea at the Lower Similkameen Community Services Society 250-499-2352

### **Be A TUTOR to A YOUNG READER!**

Are you someone who enjoys a good read, who likes young people and is ready to commit an hour or two a week to a young reader?

In cooperation with classroom teachers and in support of students at Cawston Primary our volunteers will be recruited, trained and paired up with students at your school. A young reader will benefit from your time and good use of reading.

For more information or to sign up call Cheri Mitchell at 250-499-2352, the tutoring program of Similkameen Family Literacy.

