



## SEPTEMBER 2025

Éy kwesé e'mi – welcome – it is good that you are here!

### Welcome Back Sockeyes!!

We hope that you all had a great summer and are glad to see you all back at school.

Whether you are a new student, or you have been a Sockeye for several years, we trust that it will be a year filled with excitement and learning! Our staff has done a great job preparing to make your school experience a positive one.

On Tuesday, we welcomed 271 Sockeyes through the doors. In addition to new students, we have new staff members joining us this year. Ms. Bestwick will be teaching Grade 1/2. My name is Ms Charlie, I am the new Principal. I have been at Central before, in the past I was the Vice-Principal as well as a teacher. We are in the process of hiring 2 teachers, as we had 2 teachers move on to other schools.

~ Ms. Charlie and Mrs. Padgham, Central Administrators

**Kindergarten Families:** Our Kindergarten students follow a gradual entry plan. You should have received your child's plan in an email. If you have not, please contact the office ASAP.

**Class Placements** - The whole first week, students spend time in grade level groups to build relationships with each other and all the teachers in that grade. This allows us to have the best possible placement for your child. On Monday, Sept. 8th we will post class placements for the school year. Students will then line up and be dismissed from here for the remainder of the year.

**Communication** - We will be shifting to weekly emails being sent out to families, these will also be posted on our website. This email will have important information/ reminders for the next week. Please ensure we have the most up to date email and phone contact for you. Your child's teacher is the first person to reach out to with questions, concerns or comments regarding your child. They will communicate with you as needed about your child. If you are unable to receive email, please let the office know.

**School Supplies** - We have ordered all supplies your child needs. Payment per child for school supplies is \$40. This is paid either online using [SD33 PayOnline/Forms](#), or payment brought to the office. We are able to process credit cards. Please note: We are not able to make change for any money coming to the school. We will be accepting payment from families 8am-8:20am & 2pm-2:30pm or you can give your child the payment to hand into the office.

**Code of Conduct** - This guides our expectations of students, staff, families and community members. We expect families to follow this as role models for our students. This can be found on our website. If we are Safe, Warm- Hearted, show Integrity and are Mindful - we can all SWIM for success! Please also see our site for the document about [Fair Notice](#).

## Dates To Remember

Sept. 8	Class Lists Posted
Sept. 9	PAC Meeting @5:30pm in the Library
Sept. 18	Welcome Back BBQ @ 4:30-5:30pm
Sept. 15	Kindergarten – First Full Day
Sept. 24	Individual Photo Day
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 29	Non-Instructional Day – No School for students
Sept. 30	National Truth & Reconciliation Day - No School

**Breakfast & Lunch Program** - Are available to those who need it. We do ask to complete a form to track that we have permission to feed your child. For those that are accessing breakfast, it begins at 8:10am, we are asking students to enter through the Multi-purpose room doors.

**School Hours - 8:24am-2:22pm.** Recess is 9:45-10:00am & Lunch is from 12:00-12:45pm. If you are not able to pick up your child at 2:22pm, please contact the office.

**Reporting a Student Absence** - To report your child absent we have a Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following:

- Option 1: Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Option 2: Use the SafeArrival website, <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Option 3: Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

**School Grounds Etiquette** - Those who 'wheel' to school, we require safety of all. When possible, walking wheels when on school grounds or slowing your roll for those who are not able to walk. We ask that you are mindful of the images/messages on clothing to support our School Code of Conduct and are school appropriate. We are Pet Free from 7:30am-3pm. If you need to bring your pet, we ask that they remain on the outside of our fence during these hours. **We also go outside in all weather and rarely have inside days.** Please have your student dress appropriately. Reach out if you need any items.

**PAC Update** - As a guardian of a student that attends Central - you are a member of our Parent Advisory Council. This group meets monthly, organizes Hot Lunch, fundraisers and supports our school! We invite you to come build community and get involved. Come check out a meeting to learn more. We are a child friendly meeting space.