

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe, but we are nearing the end of our fourth week of school already. It has been wonderful getting to know your children and those of you I have had the pleasure to meet. Avondale Elementary is part of a larger community, and you all play an integral role in that community. My hope is that you will all feel comfortable to come into the school and become an active part of your child's education. You can do this by volunteering your time (in the classroom, on field trips), participating in school events, and coming to School Council meetings, to name just a few ways. Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, October 11th. I truly hope to see many of you there, so that you can learn about our school, and provide input into our future direction. I know we are going to have an amazing year, and it will be made even better by our partnership in your child's education. Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours in Education,
Kristina Black, Principal



AVONDALE SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Avondale School Newsletter

October 2017

Orange Shirt Day

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, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

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.

Please visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/> for more information.



We are in need of parents to join our School Council Team

Next Meeting will take place:

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 11th

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Avondale School

⇒ Snacks will be provided

⇒ Babysitting will be provided

Please RSVP to Ms. Black at:
kristina.black@gppsd.ab.ca

Attention Parents:

When entering Avondale School it is District policy that you sign into the office, collect a Visitors Pass and wear the pass while in the school. It is mandatory to sign in for **any reason and applies to every grade including Preschool.**

Some examples are:

- Walking child to the classroom, picking up from the classroom
- Dropping child off late/picking up early
- Dropping off lunch, clothes or any other items
- Quick visit, or appointment with the teacher
- Checking lost & found

Visitors pass to collect when signing in:



Morning Bell Schedule:



8:20 am—Warning Bell—make your way to class quickly

8:25 am—2nd Bell—Oh Canada plays, class begins

Please sign into the office and collect a late slip if you arrive later.

Important Message

Avondale School is currently collecting any outstanding school fees from last year: **2016-2017.**

You may pay at the school office - we accept cash, debit, cheque, and M/C or Visa.

You may also call in your credit card number at 780-532-3230.

Important Dates:

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| Sept. 29 | School Spirit Day |
| Sept. 30 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Oct. 9 | Thanksgiving Day - no School |
| Oct. 21 | Gr. 5/6 Triple Ball |
| Oct. 27 | PLD - No School for |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween Parade |

Welcome to Avondale!

Student Attendance

If your child will be late for school, or away from school due to illness, on vacation, or any other reason, please call the office at

780-532-3230

and leave a message or email:

avondale@gppsd.ab.ca



A reminder about the staff Parking Lot

Please refrain from parking in the staff parking lot to drop off or pick your child up. Please keep in mind this is for staff only and can get congested at times.

Please park on 108th Avenue. Thank you so much



Lost and Found

If your child has lost anything, lunch kit, hoodie, jacket etc. please feel free to check out our lost and found container located just outside the gym!



Thank you to everyone who came out to Meet the Teacher / Open House Evening!



We  our community

All Parents who wish to volunteer in your child's classroom or volunteer to go on a Field Trip must provide a "Vulnerable Sector Check". Please pick up this form at the school office, and return the results to us once complete. A new check must be done each year. Thank you.



PLAY AND LEARN

STARTING THURSDAYS SEPTEMBER 14-JUNE 14

Families, join Nettie for a fun filled morning of exploring through play activities including: sensory activities, stories, games and songs.

****Please register at the school office upon entering the building****

parentcentre

Stepping Stones

Avondale Play and Learn

Avondale School

Starting Thursdays
September 14-June 14

Time:
9:30am-11:00am

Facilitated By:
Nettie Letuorneau

**Free program for families and children ages 0-6 years. **

ECRC-PARENT LINK
780-882-8679

Please call with any questions.



Parenting of Anxious Children and Youth



What is it?

This presentation provides a brief overview of anxiety, including the different types of anxiety, the origins of anxiety and it describes some of the possible ways anxiety can be expressed behaviourally, emotionally, physically and cognitively. There will be discussion on both helpful and unhelpful ways to support children and youth who struggle with anxiety through classroom management, coaching and parenting tips and speaking to your physician about pharmaceuticals.

Where and When is it?

September 28, 2017
6:30pm - 8:30pm
GPPSD Central Office
10127 - 120 Avenue
Grande Prairie, AB

November 23, 2017
6:30pm - 8:30pm
IV Macklin Public School
8576 - 100 Avenue
Grande Prairie, AB

February 15, 2018
6:30pm - 8:30pm
GPPSD Central Office
10127 - 120 Avenue
Grande Prairie, AB

April 26, 2018
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Isabel Campbell School
7149 - 114 Street
Grande Prairie, AB

Alberta Health Services