



# STETTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*SES Working Together To Empower Leaders*



## September Newsletter

### Dates to Remember

September 14 - Open House – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

September 25 and 26 – Swimming starts for grades 4 and 5

September 29 – School Council Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs

September 29 – Terry Fox Run

### Principal's Message

Welcome back to school!

We are very excited to be back at school and to see all of the happy faces of our students. The staff at Stettler Elementary School hopes you had a fantastic summer holiday, and had lots of time for visiting family, enjoying the sunshine, and simply relaxing. It truly is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” and we are very excited about the 2017-18 school year. Our teachers have been trained in “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” and we are continuing with the “The Leader in Me” program again this year. We have seen much growth in our students as leaders since the implementation of this program and we look forward to seeing continued growth.

As our school is Playschool through Grade 6, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our staff:

The staff in our StartRight Playschool Program include Mrs. Karen Meyer, Mrs. Donna Gendre and Mrs. Caitlin McNickle. In Kindergarten we have Mrs. Geraldine Bruketa, Mr. Kevin Leis, Mrs. Michelle Marek and Mrs. Kim Thorne. Our grade 1 teachers include Mrs. Theresa Jackson, Mrs. Kelly Lang, Ms. Jodie Limpert, Miss Alix McDonald and Mrs. Jill Neitz. In grade 2 teachers we have Mrs. Donna BoydStadelmann, Mrs. Brandy Erickson, Mrs. Sonya Geddes, Mrs. Annette Hunter and Mrs. Cindy Starling. Our grade 3 teaching team include Mrs. Glennis Ecklund, Mrs. Erin Prehn, Mrs. Karen Rachar, Ms. Haley Tod, and Mrs. Rachelle van Ringen. In grade 4 we have Mrs. Kobi Brower, Mrs. Bonnie Lynn, Mrs. Barbara Pisko and Ms. Leah Watts. In grade 5 our teachers include Mrs. Carmen Fox, Mrs. Sandra Norman and Miss Aimee Roste. Our grade 6 team is Mrs. Susan Gregory, Mr. Rob Howell, Mrs. Erin Prehn, Mrs. Christie Ruddell and Ms. Sheena Sawula. Mrs. Trisha Kirby and Mrs. Beth Lynes will continue teach Music and Mr. Eric Rahn will once again teach band to our grade 5 and 6 students. As well, Mrs. Kim Poapst is once again our physical education lead teacher. Our Librarian and Maker Space teacher this year is Mrs. Becky Baltimore and our Teacher Assistants at SES this

year include Mrs. Shauna Cornelssen, Mrs. Kendra Duff, Mrs. Colleen Helgeton, Mrs. Gelasia Long, Mrs. Liana Nichols, Miss KaeLynn Sorensen and Mrs. Tanya Tulan. Mrs. Denise Wiens will continue to take on a supervisory role during lunch recess and after school, and our Family Wellness Worker is once again Mrs. Penny Dahl. We are excited to have Mr. Jeff Lee and Mrs. Kate Syson continuing as our Vice-Principals. In our office we are once again thrilled to have **Mrs.** Patti Sahli and Mrs. Leila Ternes.

We are also looking forward to working with the parents and the community again this year. Your input is valuable, so please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time. The programming and opportunities for our students will continue to be excellent, but we depend on you and your input to make this a truly collaborative environment. Our newsletters are an important source for communication between the school and home. For your information, you can typically expect a newsletter to be available on the first Wednesday of every month. The newsletters can be downloaded from the SES website at <http://ses.clearview.ab.ca>, and if you have signed up for the "Remind" messages you will receive notification that the newsletter is ready. As mentioned above, another great source of information is to join the SES remind group. We currently have many, many parents who have subscribed to receive reminders from the school on the various events that are happening at the school. These reminders come in the form of a text or email, and it is a very simple process to sign up for the reminders. Please check information that came home with your child, to learn how to sign up for this, or plan to attend the Open House on Thursday and this information will be available there as well. We are thrilled to have both a Stettler Elementary School Facebook and a Twitter page as well, and these platforms will be used to cover many of our events as well.

We are looking forward to another fabulous year at Stettler Elementary School, and again we welcome and encourage parents and community members to visit our school. As well we make every effort to make your child's experience at Stettler Elementary School as positive as possible. Our students and staff doing everything possible to make this school a great place to be, however if your child is experiencing any difficulties at school, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **School Fees/KEV**

Stettler Elementary School is excited to be in our third year of using a cashless system. Our fees for three day kindergarten program are \$70.00, and fees for five day kindergarten are \$100.00. Fees for grade 1 are \$76.16 and fees for grades 2-6 are \$84.16. Please note that these fees include field trip coverage this year, so that is an expenditure that you will not see later in the year. We invite you to please use our KEV cashless system or make cheques payable to Clearview School Division #71. This online cash system will make it more convenient for families to pay for most school items, including school fees, extracurricular activities, milk program, and hot lunch.

### **School Web Page**

Our school web page has a calendar and a wealth of other information along with pictures and news items relating to our school. Check this site often at

<http://ses.clearview.ab.ca> or simply go to [www.clearview.ab.ca](http://www.clearview.ab.ca) and find our web page under the schools section of Clearview's web page.

### **Terry Fox Run**

SES will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 29. Students and staff will meet in the gymnasium at 2:00 for an assembly and dance, and then we will all head out to the track. Everyone will walk/run on the track for approximately 20 – 30 minutes. Parents, grandparents, babies in strollers, babysitters, siblings, and friends are welcome to join us! Students will be collecting pledges during the next few weeks, and we ask that all money and pledge sheets (even if not used) be returned to their teacher no later than the day of the run. The classes with the highest earnings will be rewarded with a Pizza Party, and I am certain that Mrs. Syson, Mr. Lee, and I will be up to whatever challenge the students have for us this year. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 29<sup>th</sup>.