



Austin Elementary School

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Dear Austin Elementary Families,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope you have had a chance this summer to rest, relax, rejuvenate and spend time with family and friends. I am excited about all of the changes to our school environment and community this year and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Please join me in welcoming our AES Staff for 2016-2017 at AES!

Mrs. Michelle Ryz – Kindergarten & Reading Recovery Teacher & Resource

Mrs. Angela Donald – Grade 1 /2 Classroom Teacher

Mrs. Jaclyn Sheppard – Grade 2/3 Classroom Teacher

Mrs. Jennell Manns – Grade 4 /5 Classroom Teacher

Mr. Rob Rintoul— Grade 5/6 Homeroom & Science & Social Studies Teacher

Ms. April Murray – Grade 7/8 Homeroom & Middle Years ELA, Math & Literacy

Mrs. Pam May – Physical Education Teacher

Mrs. Joanne Shettler – Resource Teacher

Mrs. Melissa Buhler – k-5 Music and 5-8 French

Mrs. Melissa Fehr – Administrative Assistant

Ms. Carmen Dawyduk - Support Staff

Mrs. Sandra Peill – Support Staff

Mrs. Shauna Bjarnarson - Support Staff

Mrs. Sian Pollard - Support Staff

Ms. Tiffany Jones – Support Staff

Mrs. Donna Thiessen - Librarian

Mr. Andrew Dyck – Skills Coach

Mr. Clayton Read – Custodian

Mrs. Glenda Sattler – Custodian

School Communication:

The education of all students is a priority for the staff at Austin Elementary School. This year we will continue to keep the interruptions and distractions to your child's learning environment and school schedule to a minimum. If there is a message that you would like to relay to your child please feel free to call and leave a message with the secretary, and staff will relay that message during our break periods which occur at 10:40 am, 1:00 pm and just prior to the end of the day at 3:15 pm.

End of the School Day:

If your child is not going home via their regular route, please ensure that your child, teacher, bus driver and school are aware of their alternative arrangements for the day. Please send a note with your child or in their personal agenda to clarify any changes that may be occurring at school's end. This will ensure that there is no confusion for your child or the staff member that is on duty.

Personal Property:

The goal of the school is to provide students with a positive and enriching learning experience. Toys, games, trading cards, and other play-related items or personal property should be left at home, as these items pose a distraction to the teaching and learning process at Austin Elementary School.

Staff are currently looking at the best way to incorporate students' personal devices (iPods, iPads, etc.) into the classroom that will best ensure proper usage and safety for all. More information will be forthcoming.

Parental Communication:

It is our school's goal to maintain an open line of communication with parents in order to build an educational team, working together with the best interest of our students at heart. Our students will continue to use agenda books as organizational tools in each classroom and can also be used by parents to check on what is happening in their class. Please check for school and classroom notes, reminders, and lunch orders within their agendas. Teachers will be contacting you each term to inform you of the objectives and goals of their classroom. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's education please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and contact your child's teacher.

Welcome Back BBQ:

We would like to invite you to our welcome back BBQ that will be held on Thursday, September 22nd from 4-6 pm. Come out and meet our teachers and staff and enjoy Barbequed hotdogs with our school community.

In closing, we look forward to providing another positive and enriching school year at AES. Please contact the main office at (204)637-2240 should you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kim Young
Principal
Austin Elementary School