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Message from the Principal

This June, we have many farewells to share. We have our amazing Grade 5 students moving on to middle school. Many of those students have been a part of the Unsworth community since their kindergarten years. Our Grade 5 students have been such awesome helpers in our school as Peer Leaders, Lunch Monitors, Morning Announcers and more. We wish you all the best as you move into Middle School. We also have a number of staff moving on to new positions (please see more details below).

Thank you to our amazing PAC for their tireless efforts this year. They have worked very hard behind the scenes to help make our school so amazing. They continued with fundraising, hot lunches, helping out with classroom initiatives & keeping the communication going through the PAC Facebook page. We honestly couldn't do all this without your support....Thank you!

I would also like to thank our dedicated Staff for another successful year. They provided incredible learning opportunities for students and continued to engage in their own professional development. We are fortunate to have such a committed and dedicated team of Teachers, Education Assistants, Child and Youth Care Worker, Clerical, Custodians and Noon Hour Supervisors who strive to make a difference for every child.

As another School year draws to a close, so does my time as Principal here at Unsworth. As I previously mentioned in last month's Newsletter, I have been re-assigned as the new Principal of Evans Elementary School, and Mr. Ken Chater, will be here in September to lead Unsworth as your new Principal. My time at Unsworth has been very rewarding and memorable, and I will forever look back on my time here with great fondness. As a part of my transition out of Unsworth, I would like to invite our Parent Community to please provide some anonymous feedback on my abilities and efforts demonstrated as an Administrator here at Unsworth. Please "click" on the link provided - Exit Survey Link or scan the QR code to respond to a brief [Exit Survey](#) to share your feedback/comments.



The Survey is now Live and will be closed as of July 12, 2024

Thank you in advance for taking the time & providing this valuable feedback – Mr. McLeod

Staff Farewells

Unfortunately, the time is drawing nearer for us to say goodbye to some of our amazing staff... Thank you to Miss Robertson (Grade 4), Mrs. Mills (Grade 3), Ms. Derksen (PE teacher), Ms. Alysha Klassen (Resource Teacher) Mrs. Dekker (Music Teacher), Ms. Paw K'Boh (CYCW), and Mrs. Karr (Counselor) who were with us for most or all of this school year. We have appreciated the dedication and enthusiasm that they brought to Unsworth. We have been fortunate to have an additional Education Assistant who was invaluable in supporting our students in the classrooms. Thank you, Ms. Harrison and Mr. Dobmeier. All of these staff members were integral members of our community and we want them to know they will all be missed here at Unsworth.

Cultus Lake Waterpark Info

On **June 25th** we have our school trip to the Waterslides for Grade 3-5 students. We will get a little bit more time to slide and avoid the rush as other schools pack up to go.... Unsworth Students will be leaving the Waterpark at 3:00 arriving back at the school by 3:20 p.m. If you would like to pick up your kids earlier from the Waterpark, please make arrangements with your child's classroom teacher.



School Supplies 2024 - 2025

This year the Provincial Government provided schools with a Family Affordability Fund that is used to assist families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation. We will subsidize the cost of school supplies for all Unsworth families this coming year with these funds. Please note, at this time this is not an ongoing subsidy, we are able to assist families with School Supplies for this coming year only. Please note, once classes are finalized, individual classroom teachers may request a small list of additional supplies in September to be purchased by students.

Unsworth Elementary teachers will collect **\$20** for school supplies for students in grades K to Grade 5 at the beginning of the new School Year.

Moving?

If you are moving over the summer and not returning to Unsworth, please let our office staff know – this will help us to plan for next year more accurately! Thanks!



Summer Learning Registration

Summer school info is posted on the District website. It is never too early to begin thinking about it! If this is something that you are interested in for your child, please check out the electronic information for [Summer Learning](#). These sessions tend to fill-up quickly.

Library News



June 16th - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE

Teachers will be sending home reminders of library books signed out. Please bring the books back to the school ASAP. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, June 12 th	Mini Meet #2
Friday, June 14 th	Fun Day (more info to come from teachers)
Monday, June 17 th	Grade 5 Camp Day
Thursday, June 20 th	District Track Meet – @ Sardis Secondary
Friday, June 21 st	Indigenous Day (wear Orange)
Wednesday, June 25 th	Waterslides – Grade 3-5 9:15 – 3:20 p.m.
Thursday, June 27 th	Last Day of Classes (Early Dismissal 11:15)

September School Start-Up

The **first day** of school for the 2024/2025 school year will be **Tuesday, September 3rd**. School will start at **8:15** and all returning students will line up outside their last year's classrooms (current classroom) and they will be dismissed from the same classroom. All new students to the school will go to the library and then will be assigned a temporary grade equivalent classroom. Students will be dismissed at **10:15** a.m. on the first day. New Kindergarten students do not attend on the first day of school.

Wednesday, **September 4th** will be the first full day of school for students in grades 1 - 5. It is unlikely that students will be placed into their regular classes until Thursday or Friday. For the first few days, students will rotate through stations, reviewing school routines and school wide SOAR expectations. It is important that your child is in attendance for the first week of school, as our staffing and in-catchment counts will be based on the number of students attending during this first week.

Please check the school website at the end of August and first few days of September for additional start-up information.

Last Day

Please remember that the **last day** of school for students is **Thursday, June 27th** (Dismissal @ 11:15). Report cards will be distributed to students just prior to the dismissal. Any students not in attendance on the last day of school will receive their report card in the mail.

Lost and Found

Please be sure to check out our lost and found before the end of the school year. The bin contains many sweatshirts, jackets and other assorted articles of clothing looking for their rightful owners! After the last day of school, we bundle all the leftover items up and send them off to charity, so please be sure to check early!

BELL SCHEDULE (2024-2025)

8:15 a.m.	Warning bell
8:20 a.m.	Classes in session
9:50 – 10:05 a.m.	Recess
12:05 – 12:20 p.m.	Eating Time
12:20 – 12:45 p.m.	Playtime
12:50 p.m.	Classes Resume
2:18 p.m.	Dismissal

Morning Arrival: Students should not arrive at school prior to morning supervision at 8:05 a.m. Students must remain outside until the warning bell at 8:15. Students are expected to line up at their classroom doors.

Dismissal: Students are asked to go home by 2:33 pm following supervision. They are welcome to return to the school, once they have checked in with parents and received permission from their parents to return to the school (with the understanding that there is no longer school supervision provided).

School Success

Please help your children avoid the “summer brain slide” by ensuring that they continue to read. Visit the Public Library, set aside some time for reading every day, share a book together as a family read-a-loud – and then talk, talk, talk about what you have read!!!

Take time to stretch your child’s thinking – do puzzles, play games like “Apples to Apples” (which requires both language skills and the ability to justify decisions); before going on a trip, brainstorm what you might see and do, then after the trip (or during), talk about how your thinking has changed based on what you have actually seen and done. Share your thinking with your children – it is just good modeling!

Get outside, get active and enjoy the beautiful outdoors that Chilliwack and the rest of British Columbia has to offer. We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the planet.

NEXT YEAR School Calendar and Bell Schedule



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2024-2025 School Calendar

Days in Session	187
Number of Instructional Days	177
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	September 27
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 14
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 25 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (A&E Day #1)	November 1
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	November 8
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 20
Christmas Holidays	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 6
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 24
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 14
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 17
Early Dismissal Day #2	February 28
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 14
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 – March 28
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	March 31
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 18
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 21
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 (Pro-D Day)	April 25 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	May 16
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (A&E Day #3)	May 30
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 26
Administrative Day	June 27

SUMMER KAYAKING CAMPS



Register Here:

CCEKAYAK.COM
ccekayak@gmail.com



Learn paddling skills and water safety in Chilliwack, B.C.
\$140 - \$160 – half day camps – Ages 8-17

CCE Kayaking Lessons are based on the Canoe Kayak Canada curriculum – Taught by NCCP Certified Instructors – All equipment provided.

Half Day Lake Camps Ages 8-12 (Levels 1-2)(\$140)

July 9-12: 9 to noon
July 16-19: 9 to noon
July 16-19: 1 to 4pm
July 23-26: 9 to noon
July30-Aug2: 9 to noon
Aug 6-9: 9 to noon
Aug 13-16: 9 to noon
Aug 20-23: 9 to noon

Half Day Lake Camps Ages12-17 (Levels 1-3)(\$160)

July 2-5: 1 to 4:30pm
July30 to Aug2: 1 to 4:30pm
Aug 20-23: 1 to 4:30pm

