

Majagaleehi Gali Aks School

School Starts at 9:00

Bell Schedule

8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Classes Start
10:30	Break
10:45	classes
12:15	Lunch
1:05	End of Lunch
1:05	classes
3:01	Dismiss

Student Absenteeism

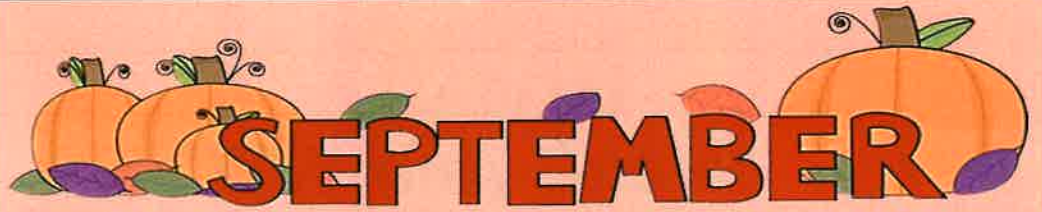
Please remember to contact the school whenever your son or daughter is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers.

Visitors and Guests to the School

Our doors remain locked at all times. All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to check in at the main office upon arrival. Thank you.

Students Leaving the School

In the interest of student safety, we are a closed campus. All students are to remain on school grounds for the day. If a student has to leave the school for any reason, i.e. an appointment, home for lunch – they are required to have a parent or guardian contact the office. Thank you.



Newsletter – September 27

2021

Dear MGA Families,

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start at Majagalheel Gali Aks. Staff members have been hard at work preparing and planning for the start of the year and the arrival of our students. We are looking forward to working together as a team to provide the very best educational experience for your son/daughter. Our newsletter is one way we maintain communication between school and home. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read the enclosed information.

We are very fortunate to have such a talented, caring group of teachers and support staff in place at Majagalheel Gali Aks. We are looking forward to working together as a school community to make the 2021 - 2022 school year a fantastic one.

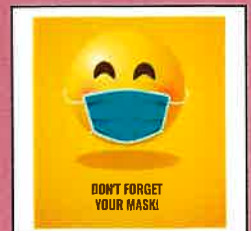
We want students and parents to know that we welcome the opportunity to talk with you in the hallways, in classrooms, in the office, at meetings as well as cultural and sporting events. We want to work with our entire school community to continue to establish a positive, dynamic learning and social environment. We encourage all of our parents/guardians to continue to take an active role in their son or daughter's education.

Please feel free to contact your son or daughter's teacher or Mr. Newbery with any questions or concerns at any time during the year.

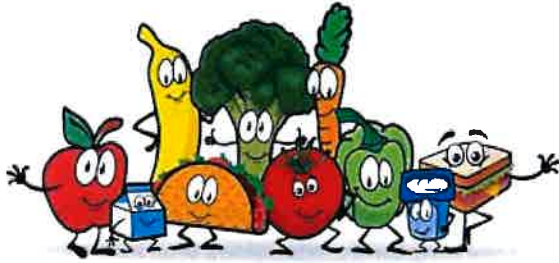


Some important points for a safe return to school

1. **We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.** Please ensure your child has a snack and lunch that is nut free.
2. Masks continue to be mandatory for all staff and students in Grades 4 and up.
3. We ask that parents and guardians continue to complete the Daily Health Check. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick.



Meals and RECESS



We offer a **Breakfast Club** each morning at 8:30. All students are welcome to come in and have a simple breakfast before they start their day.

During lunchtime at MGA all students will eat their lunches in their classrooms.

All students will be able to take advantage of lunch provided by Gitanmaax Band. The cost of the lunch program is \$2.50 per lunch. Parents can pay Gitanmaax Band. Bands will pay for their students.

MGA is a Nut Free School



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Outside Days: Outdoor days are a priority. It is rare that we will have indoor days. Please ensure your child arrives to school dressed to be outside. Wind, rain, snow, cold temperatures... we will be outside.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There is no school on this day.

September 29 is Orange Shirt Day at MGA. All staff and students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt.



Terry Fox Run

MGA will be holding its Terry Fox run on the morning of September 29. Please see the attached information.



Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

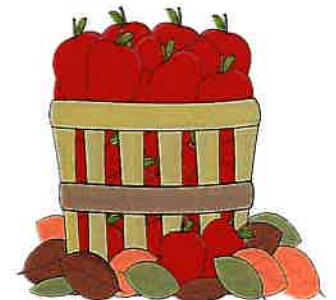
All parents/guardians are reminded that our bus lane (the lane closest to the building) is reserved for school buses only until 4:00 pm.

Please follow the signs, obey the speed limits, and watch for children crossing the road.

We have a new Parking Lot

We are very thrilled to have a newly paved parking lot. Our parking spaces have increased in number and our bus loop is a one way loop.

Please follow all signs and park only in designated parking areas.



SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- We all care about student safety. It is important that we continually remind students about following safe traffic and road rules.
- Talk to your child about taking extra caution near busses and in parking lots.
- Students should be cautious and fully aware of their surroundings and avoid using their cell phones and listening to loud music.
- bicycles can be brought to school; however, it is crucial for students to follow safety and road rules. It is also essential that those riding bikes to and from school have the necessary safety equipment. Helmets are a required piece of equipment..
- If your child is bringing a bike or scooter to school, they must lock this up as soon as they arrive on grounds. Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school grounds.



CLASSROOM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

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WELCOME BACK TO MGA!

Hello and welcome back!

For those who still don't know me, my name is Daniella Melanson, a former resident of the Hazelton's. I recently moved back from Alberta and am so excited to be back at MGA! I will send out monthly newsletters to highlight our learning, important events/reminders, as well as additional resources to better support your child at home, specifically with the language. This month's focus has been routine building and "getting to know me". This is to help me discover how your child learns best and where they are at so I can support them as best as I can for the remainder of the year. The students have also started Gitksan Language and Culture class and will begin book sign out in the library on Tuesdays.

PE AND ART

- In gym class we have been working on cooperative games.
- For art we are exploring different forms of self portraits

MATH

We are reviewing and learning

- *graphing
- *number sense
- *patterns

SCIENCE

- *Force and motion
- *energy

For health and careers we will be discussing illness prevention, growth mindset and goal setting.

French Resources:

Canadian Parents for French:

[For Parents Archives - Canadian Parents for French - British Columbia - Yukon \(cpf.ca\)](#)

French for Life games:

[Students - Games - French for Life](#)

REMINDER TO DO OR BRING SOMETHING

IMPORTANT BY THIS DATE!

1. FORMS SENT HOME - PLEASE SEND BACK
2. CANSKATE/HOCKEY FORMS NOT MANDATORY
3. MGA IS PEANUT FREE (THIS ALSO INCLUDES "MAY CONTAIN" ITEMS)
4. FRIDAY, SEPT 24TH, PD DAY NO CLASSES
5. SEPT 29, TERRY FOX RUN
6. THURSDAY, SEPT 30TH NO SCHOOL, CLOSED FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Greetings from Mrs. Dodd's grade 4-5 class😊

It is wonderful to be back and so great to see all of my students. We are in for a fun year as we have so many exciting things to learn!

....to share my love of quotes...

“The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.” E.B. White

We have...

- been learning routines, reviewing respect, responsibility and our class rules
- started our unit on Personal Narrative writing and have
 - practiced writing sentences that are complete thoughts
 - reviewed how to organize ideas by drawing detailed pictures and creating webs
 - created ‘All about Me’ posters
 - written interesting journal entries and a descriptive biography poem😊
- reviewed the importance of making ‘Connections’ when reading
- listened to some excellent stories about kindness, courage and bucket filling
- been practicing number sense and showing our thinking for adding and subtracting in a variety of ways using power of ten cards and base ten materials
- started a unit on patterns and algebra
- created self-portraits and colorful name art projects

In addition our class has and had a lot of fun...

- making mosaics outside using items from nature (flowers, leaves, rocks, sticks)
- doing an activity called, “Saving Fred” using paper clips, gummy worms, lifesavers and paperclips😊
- using Stem Bins with a variety of materials to create interesting mazes
- picking apples, using a jazzy peeler to turn them into spirals and devouring them!

...We are looking forward to learning and taking part in Truth and Reconciliation week from September 27 – October 1

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a great school year with your children.

Cheers! Mrs. Dodd😊



Return one or both draw slips to win a prize
Remember, a parent/guardian needs to read the
newsletter in order to enter the draw.

Entry # 1

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Entry # 2

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____



