We’re at that point in the school year where we are torn between finishing the year and getting things ready for a new one. I hope I can give an overview of how all the moving pieces fit and how to make sense of it all. I also want to share what we have been doing at Sherwood Park around the school planning process.

One important part of Spring is when families declare their intentions to attend Sherwood Park in the English Program or French Immersion Program. The Deadline for this was March 4th and it is always around the start of March every school year. The School District bases our staffing in the school upon the students registered by that deadline. That’s why it’s so important to get those transfer requests in early. If we have enough advance warning we can staff properly for the changes!

Once we receive these staffing numbers we come up with a plan to use the staffing to accommodate all our students as best as possible. We have to weigh things like leaving some seats open for families who move into the catchment throughout the year.

Once we draft up possible school organizations based on our numbers and allotted staffing we start to try to figure out which students should go where. Funny enough, at Sherwood Park, this is mostly straightforward. Because we are a ‘dual-track’ school, kids in English and French tend to just march forward lockstep. This process takes right up to the first few days in September. We meet in that first week to try to finalize the classes. More information on classes and a process for parents and guardians to communicate on issues of class placement will be forthcoming.

Parallel to the nuts and bolts of building classes and placing kids, is our work around a vision and plan for the school. Input from parents, staff and students is used to clarify a shared vision and come up with goals and a plan to achieve those goals. In a nutshell: We are trying to create a vibrant learning community. We already do a lot in this realm but going a step further and formalizing the process is valuable.

Our intent is to report out to the Sherwood Park community what we have been up to! For instance, if we have a vision of a community that has strong self-regulation abilities and we think we can use the Zones of Regulation program to help this, we would be recording that process (pictures, testimonials, etc.) and reporting this out publicly at PAC meetings and online. More information about this will be shared at the next PAC meeting – I hope to see families there!

Joe Campbell

School Fees for 2015-2016

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Note: Please check online calendar for the most up-to-date dates on all of our upcoming events!
For the safety of all our students, please make sure you do safe drop-off and pick-up on the streets around the school.

For example, do not do u-turns on Dollar Road, do not pull into the staff parking lot, or our wonderful neighbours’ driveways, and please do not drop off your child at the four-way stop.

Thank you from all of us here at Sherwood Park.

Congratulations to all the Sherwood Park students and families! We raised $5,093.00 from Jump Rope for Heart! Thank you to all for participating in and supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

The above is the Draft Calendar from the North Vancouver School District. Keep posted for a complete Sherwood Park calendar for next year as soon as possible.
We learned Drumming at our Workshop!

Our Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team
...and Monsieur DesBiens
The Used Book Sale is coming!
It will take place in our library from Monday, May 16th to Thursday, May 19th this year. This is always a popular event, as it offers a chance for those in the Sherwood Park community to purchase books of all types (novels, picture books, nonfiction and French resources, Learn-to-Read books, cookbooks, adult best-sellers, graphic novels, comics, etc.) for very little money (most are $0.50 - $1.00)! Remarkably, many of the titles will look brand new! We hope you will take time that week to stop by!

Donations gratefully accepted!
Are you doing Spring cleaning? Looking for a place to bring books you are clearing out of your home? Mme McLeod is more than happy to accept your book donations to sell at this sale. As long as they are in reasonable condition (and not old university texts or travel books from the '70s), just pack them up and drop them off any time in the weeks leading up to the sale. For more info, contact Mme McLeod at pmcleod@sd44.ca.

And that’s not all! The big Spring Scholastic Book Fair will open the evening of Friday, June 3rd for the Sherwood Park Carnival, and will then run the following week from Monday, June 6th to Thursday, June 9th. This sale is always a crowd pleaser, full of hot new titles and fun summer activities. The timing is perfect - just before the school library must shut down for the year and all books must be returned - as students have a chance to pick out a few titles they are inspired to read in the summertime. Because it will be the second book fair of the season for our school, the library is able to keep 60% of all sales which serves to supplement the library budget for the following school year. More information will be forthcoming!

Students at Lunchtime

- Did you get a new cell phone number?
- A new work number?
- Have you moved? New email address?
- How about your emergency contacts?
  This is important information to give to us in the office, as if there is ever an emergency, we will need to reach you or your contacts as soon as possible.

Written permission must be presented to the classroom teacher and the office staff prior to any student having lunch outside of school. Regular Student Sign-Out and Sign-In procedures must be observed at all times.

In the interest of safety, thank you for taking the time to review these procedures with your son or daughter.

We think your children are growing! We have SO many children coming to the office at lunchtime saying they are hungry! (We have some emergency granola bars in here) Please make sure to pack enough food for your child.

-Thanks from the Office Staff