

Top of the Hill

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Mini Fun Day

In celebration of the conclusion of our first week back at school, we held a mini fun day on Friday, September 11th. Students gathered in their house teams for some

fun activities that centered around cooperation rather than competition. Students rotated through six stations and worked with other members of their house team to

successfully complete their stations. All members of the Eagles, Falcons, Hawks and Osprey teams enjoyed the afternoon. What a wonderful way to wrap up the first week back!

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School Goals

Staff gathered at James Thomson on Monday, August 31st to discuss ways to support our school goal of being a Safe and Caring School. All staff at James Thomson are committed to ensuring that we create the best learning environment for all of our students. Several ideas were shared and discussed during our pro-d day. As a group we have decided that we would like to focus our energies on three areas that we believe will support our safe and caring school goal.

Each of these three areas will be discussed and reviewed in all of the classrooms and at monthly as-

semblies. We will be using recognition slips to acknowledge their contributions that help to make our school the most safe and caring environment where all students can achieve success and feel that they belong. Each month we will use the recognition slips to conduct a draw at our assembly. Selected students will travel in the limo to the Shinglemill for lunch with a staff member.

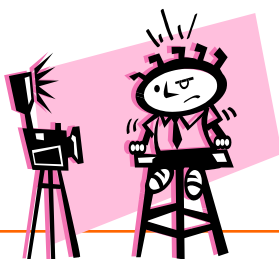


1. **Be SAFE**
2. **Be COOPERATIVE**
3. **Be RESPECTFUL**

semblies. We would like to recognize children at James Thomson for being safe, cooperative and re-

Special points of interest:

* **Photo Day - October 14**



Class Configuration

This year we have had several new students register at James Thomson. When class lists and school configuration were discussed and organized in June, we had not anticipated these new registrations. After the first day of school, based on our new numbers we had to re-

configure our classes. This new configuration saw some classroom changes for several of our students. While it is never easy to make changes after the first day of school, we are happy to note that all of the students who were required to change classes seem

to have settled nicely into their new classrooms. We would like to thank all students, parents and staff for being so patient during this time of change. We do not anticipate that there will be any more changes to classes at this time.

James Thomson Staff (New Configuration)

Div. 6	Kindergarten - Mrs. Paul
Div. 5	Grade 1 / 2 - Ms. Traer
Div. 4	Grades 2 / 3 - Mrs. Harris/ Mr. Ervington
Div. 3	Grades 3/ 4 - Mrs. Shostak
Div. 2	Grades 5 / 6 - Ms. Dimond
Div. 1	Grades 7 - Mr. Roberts
Special Education - Mrs. Gaudreau	
Remedial Reading and Writing—Mrs. Shipley	
Music—Mrs. Hansen	
Counselor - Mr. Brach	
Sliaammon Language - Mr. Adams	
Secretary - Mrs. Dingwell	
Custodian - Ms. Johnson	
Bus Driver - Mr. Bevans	

BELL TIMES

Morning

8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Classes Commence
10:30	Recess Break Starts
10:45	Recess Break Ends

Afternoon

12:10	Lunch Bell
12:40	Warning Bell
12:45	Classes Commence
2:49	Classes Dismissed



Open House / Meet the Teacher

The James Thomson tradition for meet the teacher is to host a welcome back barbeque for all families. The location for the festivities is alternated between James Thomson school and Sliammon. This year the Open House will be hosted in Sliammon at the Salish Centre.

Please come and join us for a hotdog or hamburger and some enjoyable socializing on **Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 pm**. You will have a chance to meet all of the staff at James Thomson and will have an opportunity to connect with other parents of James Thomson students.

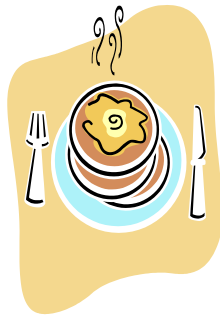
The open house will be held at the Sliammon Salish Centre and there will be a door prize.



'GRUB CLUB'

START YOUR SCHOOL DAY OFF WITH BREAKFAST AT AHMS TAH OW!!

Starting on the first day of school, September 8th, 2009, at 7:30am and every school day thereafter, the Grub Club will open it's doors to all school kids and parents. Come join us for food, fun and prizes!



The program features:
assorted breakfast foods
various activities
hanging out with your friends
special appearances by
the Powell River Kings!

It's all **FREE** and open to **EVER ONE!!**

Strong Start

FREE Program for children from birth to prekindergarten with their Caregivers

Strong Start is an Early Learning Program designed to work in partnership with parents, their children, Early Childhood Educators and community partners.

Your Child Will...

- ☼ Explore using sand and water
- ☼ Explore art using a variety of media
- ☼ Enjoy music while learning songs
- ☼ Enjoy the art of story-telling
- ☼ Experience & learn finger plays
- ☼ Experience building structures with blocks
- ☼ Play with toy animals, little people & dolls
- ☼ Play with natural & real materials
- ☼ Play while solving games & puzzles

Explore, Enjoy, Experience & Play, while developing your child's senses in a safe, friendly, child-centred environment.

Monday & Thursday

Noon - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9 a.m. - Noon

Early Childhood Educator

Anna Strumecki

Upcoming Dates to Note

Wednesday September 16 – Open House in Sliammon
 Friday September 18—Terry Fox Run
 Monday September 21—PAC meeting 7:00 pm in the library
 Friday September 25 – Pro D Day (*school not in session*)
 Wednesday October 14 – Individual Photo Day
 Tuesday, October 13 - Early Dismissal 1:45—Student Led Conference
 Wednesday, October 14- Early Dismissal 1:45—Student Led Conference
 Monday October 12 – Thanksgiving Holiday
 Friday, October 23—Pro D (*school not in session*)



First Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting for the 2009/2010 school year



When: Monday, September 21st~ 7:00 pm

Where: School Library

Who: All interested parents

Your help and support is needed many times over the course of the school year. If you are interested in helping out our school community in any capacity, please join us for the meeting. We look forward to seeing some familiar and new faces!

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

We are sending home the student information verification form (yellow) with this Newsletter. It is **VERY** important to keep your child's contact information up to date at the school. Please make any necessary corrections and return the form to school as soon as possible. This will help us contact you if the need arises. Thank you.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

“WHAT EVERY BABYSITTER SHOULD KNOW”



The above course is being offered on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the St. John Training Centre. The cost of the course is \$46.00 + GST. This is an 8 hour course designed to teach young people ages 11 years and older how to baby-sit children and infants.

If you would like to register for this course, please call
604-483-2250.