

June 2021 – Year-End

**‘We inspire competence, character and compassion’**

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## Principal’s Message

What a year it has been and one that will not soon be forgotten. The success of any school relies on the support and help of many people. I would like to thank the following people and groups:



## Mrs. Picco and Mrs. Jimmie

For keeping the office running smoothly each and every day, particularly while I was required be out of the office attending to the many things a new form of school and supervision brought our way. Having doors locked in the school ensured safety and minimal people entering the building, resulted in both Mrs. Picco and Mrs. Jimmie making numerous trips to the door every day, several times a day.....making it all the more difficult and challenging to complete the regular demands of the job -but they always did it with much positivity, smiles, laughter!

## Health and Safety Committee

A note of appreciation to Mr. Fiddes, Ms. Moore, Ms. Templeton, Mrs. Litster who attended many meetings, walked side by side with me putting all the safety protocols in place to ensure student and staff safety and helped explain the protocols to others so they can be understood and followed. In addition, working together to understand new protocols as information continued to come forth with updated changes throughout the year.

## All our Staff

They went above and beyond to support students, families, administration, the office, and each other during a difficult time. Becoming experts on the importance of disinfecting, hand washing, and teaching with masks is something teachers never thought they would have to do outside of Halloween. Above all they ensured all students were safe, happy and truly engaged in learning!

## Noon Hour Supervisor Assistants

We literally couldn’t have run the school without them! We had 3-4 supervisors on every day of the school year. Having staggered school day starts/dismissals along with two lunch hour eating and play periods all year long meant many hours of supervision overseeing students safety, ensuring personal hygiene was followed before/after eating, and exiting the school and upon returning back inside.

## Our Custodians: Mr. Green and Mr. Gerhard

Our lead in keeping everyone safe with their constant cleaning, wiping, and troubleshooting with a no problem approach with whatever issue that arose and their prompt attention to resolving it.

## PAC Executive/Hot Lunch/Fundraising Team

They were there for us every step of the way. Providing emails, texts, social media of support and never saying “no” to anything that we needed for the school and our students. From attending monthly meetings, planning hot lunches, weekly milk deliveries, and leading various fundraisers. Thank you for your tireless and ongoing support -we could not achieve as much as we do without you and the support of our families!!

## TTOCs and Casual EAs

We also couldn’t have run the school without a number of people who cover us when we are away. A special shout out to our “Regular TTOC’s” (you know who you are!!) who became part of our team to ensure students had a successful and happy day of learning.

I wish everyone a happy and restful summer. To staff who will be leaving us for other opportunities, we wish you the best of luck and we hope you return for a visit soon!

To families who will be leaving us, I wish you well as you move to new schools. Please come by for a visit. To those who will be returning to Strathcona Elementary, I look forward to seeing your smiling faces back at the school when we return for the first day of classes on September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Goodbyes & Farewell to Staff Members:**

As this school year comes to an end, we want to take the time to acknowledge staff members who will be leaving the school. We extend a special farewell to Ms. Hurley who will be joining Vedder Elementary to teach Grade 2.

We were also fortunate to have Ms. Bain, Ms. Allenby, and Ms. Morgan join our team this past year. All three of these teachers gave their time and energy to support students, their colleagues and the school community.

As we say goodbye to these staff members, we want them all to know how much we have appreciated their hard work and commitment to the students, parents, and their colleagues at Strathcona. We are grateful for the knowledge and enthusiasm you brought to your teaching along with your commitment to seeing our students succeed.

**Farewell to our Grade 5's**

The staff and students of Strathcona would like to say a goodbye to our Grade 5 students. You have left your mark in the classrooms and our hallways. You are all more than ready for Middle School and we wish everyone the best of luck! Please remember to come back to for a visit!

All Grade 5 students participated in a special in class Farewell Assembly where students were specifically acknowledged, received their leaving certificate, and were given a specially decorated and individually wrapped sugar cookie. The assembly was recorded for viewing by their families.



**Good Luck to Our Grade 5s as you move on to Middle School! You will be missed!**

**School Supplies for Grades 1 – 5**

It's time to begin thinking about your 2021-2022 school supplies! Our school supply lists will be sent home with report cards. They can also be found on our website: <https://strathcona.sd33.bc.ca/node/151>



**Are You Leaving Strathcona?**

In order to plan for the 2021-22 school year, we need to know if any families will be leaving us over the summer. Please notify the school at : strathcona@sd33.bc.ca or call 604-792-9301.

**Rainbow Crosswalk**

Thank you to all the families and staff that came out to assist Two Girls on a Roll paint our rainbow crosswalk.



### Office Re-Opens

The school office will re-open on Monday, August 30th.

### School Re-Opens

Schools re-open on Tuesday, September 7th. Classes will be session from 8:25 to 10:30 am on the first day of school.

### New Bell Schedule

8:10	Playground Supervision Begins
8:20	First Bell
8:25-10:15	Class in Session
10:15-10:30	Recess
10:30-12:00	Class in Session
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-2:22	Class in Session
2:22	Dismissal
2:32	Playground Supervision Ends



## SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS SOON!

*Crack the Case!* Be a super sleuth this summer when you join FVRL's 2021 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone — preschoolers, kids, teens and adults — and it's all absolutely free!

Make reading fun this summer! Kids who read over the summer do better at school.

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