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### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

It is my pleasure to welcome staff, students and parents back to Giscome Elementary School. Start up activities were in full force yesterday with teachers learning about Pyramids of Intervention, and Positive Behaviour Intervention Support Systems. Teachers also had time to review our School Plan for Student Success and review the goals for teacher inquiry this year.

The first day with students is always an exciting day as everyone catches up after a summer away. Although today was a short day, the regular school schedule starts tomorrow.

We are pleased to welcome our new to us Vice Principal to our staff, Jason Schwartz. Jason is coming to us from China where he was a vice principal and an international school. Before that, he was a vice principal in Ontario public system. We are thrilled he is here and can lend his expertise to our team! Please see Jason's message below:

*Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of Giscome Elementary School:*

*I am so pleased to be now working as the Vice Principal at Giscome Elementary School with School District 57!*

*I am looking forward to meeting you and your children in the next short while. I also will encourage you to drop by during the School Open House on September 26, 2019 between 5:00 - 6:00 pm when you will meet me and the rest of the Giscome staff.*

*Over the past three years I have been working overseas in China as a Vice Principal of an International Secondary School and before that I was in Ontario and Nunavut teaching Kindergarten - Grade 8.*

*I have been working as an educator for the past 20 years and have a lot of great professional experiences to draw upon and share with staff, students and parents alike.*

*A new school year is the beginning of new relationships and new learning opportunities for everyone. I am optimistic that we will have a great year ahead as we learn and grow from each other and building the skills necessary for success in the 21st century global world.*

*If at anytime you would like to speak with me please do not hesitate to contact me at the school (250) 568-2204.*

*Sincerely,  
Mr. Schwartz, Vice Principal*

As always, please contact us immediately with any questions or concerns. It important that we communicate effectively and work together to resolve any issues that may come up!

Take care. Have a great week and welcome back!

Yours truly,

Sarah Petrisor

### **BELL SCHEDULE**

8:05	Enter
8:10	Classes in session
9:40	Recess starts
9:55	Classes in session
11:30	Bell - All to go out to play at this time
12:00	Lunch- students eat in classroom
12:15	Classes in session
2:11	Dismissal

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sep 26 – Terry Fox Run**

**Sep 26 – Giscome Open House @ 5.30 p.m.**

**Sep 27 – Non-Instructional Day**

### **Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule:**

Sept. 4-6, 2019 8:10 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.  
Sept. 9 -13, 2019 8:10 a.m. –11:30a.m.  
Sept. 16, 2019 on 8:10 a.m. – 2:02 p.m.  
Once students start taking the bus home, parents must make sure they are at the bus stop to meet their child.

### **GISCOME STAFF**

#### **Administrative Staff:**

Mrs. Petrisor	Principal
Mrs. Nicholl	School Secretary
Mr. Schwartz	Vice Principal

#### **Teaching Staff:**

Mr. MacLise	K-3
Mr. Schwartz	Grades 4-7 (M,W,Th,F)
Mr. Hooker	Support, Library and prep coverage, Thurs. coverage (Gr. 4-7)

#### **Support Staff:**

Mrs. Giesbrecht	Education Assistant & Custodian
Mrs. MacDonald	Education Assistant
Mr. Thakur	Tech Support

#### **Aboriginal Support Staff:**

Mrs. Jacobs	Aboriginal Education Worker
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### **STRONG START BC**

The StrongStart program at Blackburn has been moved to Pineview School and will open in October. Please contact Pineview for the scheduled days. There is also a program at Buckhorn Elementary.

### **VERIFICATION SHEETS**

Verification sheets will be sent home with your child once they have been assigned to a class. Please check these over carefully and make any additions or changes to the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Please sign back page.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Two Rivers Gallery** Welcome back to another fun-filled school year! When your school day is over, join us at Two Rivers Gallery for an [after-school art class](#) or for [MakerClub](#). If your weekdays are too busy, there are also [Saturday classes](#) and [Sunday Open Studio](#). Tell your parents that we also have [classes for adults](#), and for [preschoolers](#) too! You can register online, by phone at 250-614-7800 or drop by the gallery to register in person. See you soon!

**DISTRICT 57 Tapestry Singers** would like to welcome new members to join them for their 11th Season! JUNIOR Singers include Grade 4-7 students from the Prince George public school district and SENIOR Singers include Grade 7-12 students from the Prince George public school district. The mission of Tapestry Singers is to create a joyful and beautiful sound, to strive for choral excellence, and to foster a lifelong love of music and music making. For more information regarding their 2017-2108 season, check out their website: <http://tapestrysingersd57.weebly.com/> or contact their director: 250-964-8184 [cduerksen@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:cduerksen@sd57.bc.ca)