



Weekly Memo

Week of September 14th-18th



“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

— Winston S. Churchill

Quick Info/Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Begins Full-Time: September 17th

Brown Bag Lunch and Breakfast: Will begin on September 21, 2020 - Breakfast will be distributed by teachers.

Picture Day: September 28, 2020

Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2020

School Fees: School fees are \$35 and can be paid online through <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>. Should families require a payment plan, please contact Mr. Mchale at the office.

Accident Insurance: Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

Attendance:

SafeArrival automates parts of the attendance process which helps our schools collect and manage student absences much quicker. This means we can track down missing students in minutes instead of hours. SafeArrival allows parents to notify the school in advance of any planned student absences. Parents can do so in a variety of secure ways:

1. by using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival App on your smartphone,
2. by using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Parent Portal website, or
3. by leaving a phone message at the school using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival touch-tone system

For an overview of this new system, visit: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger>

Health and Safety Update:

Please remind your children of the following safety protocols that we have in place at ASM::

- Parents will drop off all children on Glenwood Avenue
- Only the students enter the school grounds
- Students go directly to an orange cone belonging to his/her cohort (See below)
- Wait for teacher to lead class into the building
- Playgrounds are closed for before and after school use
- Students should be prepared to wash their hands upon entry
- Staff will be on supervision in safety vests and wearing masks
- A map with line up locations is posted on our school website and attached
- Please remind your child to wear closed toed shoes to school and refrain from picking up any items on the school ground. Should they see something unusual or dangerous to let an adult know right away. Our school grounds are checked daily by Admin and Custodial Staff.

Please ensure you are completing the Daily Health Check for your child.

Kudos & Kindness

...to everyone for your **courage, patience and kindness** as we navigate these new expectations. We appreciate all our families!

