

June 24, 2021

Dear parents and guardians of Redfish Elementary students,

Thank you for a great year here at Redfish!

From the COVID start-up and transition back with all new protocols, to Halloween where we paraded around the school for costume showing, to the virtual Remembrance day assembly and winter assembly, to the Redfish Celebration of Learning for the district, to Pink Shirt Day and Orange Shirt Day and Metis flag raising, to spring break with butterflies and record setting moths, walks at the spawning channel, artwork and music, makerspace and now the heat of June and relay races - we made it with smiles in our hearts! We did more than make it, we made it awesome!

This year at Redfish, the students have made every single day special with their eagerness when coming off the bus, their run to their friends, their free-play outside in all weather, and their sweet “good mornings!” and exceptional learning and growth! Students make every single day special here.

To Mr.D’Lerma, our kind, and gentle custodian - what a year! Thank you for keeping us safe, clean and sanitized this year during COVID! You work so hard, to keep our school sparkling clean and more than that, you are a part of our learning family.

To Ms. Conley, the heart of Redfish - thank you for keeping us all organized and on track with memos, orders, attendance, emails...all of it!

To families who are heading to newer places or schools, we send our Redfish love with you as you journey forward. You will forever be in our hearts! Take good care and know we will miss you!

To the staff who will be hitting the dusty trail: Mrs. Newth, Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Hilde, Mr. Nugent Smith, Ms. Donnelly, Ms. Edgar, and Ms. Jaclyn - I know you will all leave little pieces of yourselves here in the magic of Redfish.

And to those staff who will be returning, please continue to work your magic, as you do!

For families returning, a few important fall notes:

- A very big welcome to new principal of Redfish Elementary, Mrs. Jones who will be here in the fall: [Kimberly.Jones@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:Kimberly.Jones@sd8.bc.ca)

- Classes will be organized the first week of September, after enrolment is all finalized and we know with certainty who will be here.
- School supplies will be purchased by the school again, so no need to do that from home. The cost is \$40.00 / student or families of 3 or more \$100.00.
- Please register for the bus, this happens annually and here is the link: <https://www.sd8.bc.ca/schools/busing-transportation>
- The school will be closed for summer from June 28<sup>th</sup> - September 1.
- The first day back to school is Tuesday, September 7.
- Mrs. Jones will be in touch in the fall for start-up! Mrs. Jones email: [Kimberly.Jones@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:Kimberly.Jones@sd8.bc.ca)

As a short stinted principal at Redfish Elementary, I leave with pure joy in my heart. It has been an honour working with students, staff, families and the community this year! I will still be in this community as a parent and so I will stay close. As well, I will be returning to my other role as District Principal of Aboriginal Education, so feel free to be in touch at any time. Find me on twitter at #sd8abed!

Take good care and thank you for an incredible year! I am honoured to have had the time here at Redfish and will look back fondly on this year. Enjoy all summer has to offer: fresh air, cold waters, and hopefully some free time.

Kindly,

Ms. Higginbottom  
Redfish Principal