

# Tselcéwtqen Cleeqmélten

## Chief Atahm School

*"We have a vision of a Secwepemc speaking community living in balance with Nature"*

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Principal: Robert Matthew

September 4, 2020



## Weyt-kp Xwexwéytep – Principal Welcome

Chief Atahm School staff hopes you and your family enjoyed your time together. We look forward to another year of working with parents and the community to create a healthy and safe learning community for our students. Important reopening of the school information was emailed and put on the facebook page.

This newsletter has key dates and reminders to help you and your child get ready for school. Included is a calendar of events that you may like to post up in your house. We will keep parents informed of any important changes. Welcome back to another school year!

### Highlights

- ◆ First day of school for Kindergarten to Grade 10 is September 8, half day only
- ◆ First day of school for accepted Nursery is Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Please fill out School bus forms if your child is going to ride the school bus

## Start Dates for School

Kindergarten to Grade 10 Tuesday September 8, 2020  
(First day is half day only 8:30 am to 12:00 pm)

Nursery Monday September 14, 2020  
(Accepted Nursery Students will be provided with a schedule for attendance)

Nursery students attend Monday to Thursday: 8:30am – 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten students attend Monday to Thursdays: 8:30am – 2:30pm

Grades 1 to 10 students attend Monday to Fridays: 8:30am – 2:30 pm

## Chief Atahm School "Remote Learning"

There are parents who have decided to keep their children at home. That is understandable. The teachers will contact those parents to plan remote learning at home which will start on Monday September 14, 2020.



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## School Hours of Operation

\* There is no supervision before 8:15 am, please have your child arrive after 8:15 am

8:15am	students arrive
8:30 am – 10:15 am	Instruction time
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Recess (Nursey to Grade 4)
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Recess (Grade 5 to Grade 10)
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Instruction time
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch (Nursery to Grade 4)
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (Grade 5 – 10)
12:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Instruction time
2:30 pm	School ends

## September Reminders:

1. Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school.
  - If a child has any symptoms, they must not go to school.
2. Routine wearing of masks by grade 3 students and up and staff within the school where physical distancing cannot be maintained is mandatory. Parents need to provide a reusable mask for their child(ren). The school will have disposable masks available. (Parents need to refer to the chief Atahm school reopening plan document that was emailed and put on facebook)
3. Children require indoor footwear.
4. Please provide your children with a nutritious lunch daily. The School provides emergency individually wrapped nutritious snacks when needed. We monitor lunches and give one warning for lunches with high sugar content and/or questionable nutritional value. You can help out by making healthy choices for your child(ren).  
**Please remember the school is peanut free.**
5. Ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather. Nursery/Kindergarten students require a change of clothes for emergencies.
6. Students are not to bring any toys from home including electronic games.
7. Students require sufficient sleep.
8. Attendance: Parents must contact the school if your child will be absent.
9. Personal cell phone/ipod/ipad cannot be turned on during class hours.
10. All school notices & updates are sent home with the oldest sibling. We also email out the notices too and put on the facebook page. Please email [cas-reception@alib.ca](mailto:cas-reception@alib.ca) or phone: 250-679-8837 to give your email for school notices & updates.
11. Please contact the school if phone numbers/emergency contact numbers, addresses have changed, so we can keep our records up to date.



## Chief Atahm School Staff for 2020-2021

### Principal/Administration

Robert Matthew

### Nursery/Kindergarten

#### Program:

Stacey Michel: Teacher

Alisha Billy: Assistant Teacher

Toby Pena: Language Teacher

Sarah Michel: Teacher Aide

#### Grade 1/2 program:

Tammy LeBourdais: Teacher

Cory Sampson: Teacher Aide

#### Grade 3/4 Program:

Janice E. Billy: Teacher

#### Grade 5/6 Program:

Connie Manuel: Teacher

#### Grade 7/8 Program:

Craig Duck Chief: Teacher

Justine Russ: Teacher Aide

### Grade 7/8/9/10

#### Teacher/Coop

Ken Billy

#### Learning Assistant Teacher:

Leanne Elynuik

#### Support Staff:

#### Administrative Assistant:

Kim Dennis

#### Janitor:

Marie Narcisse

#### Bus Driver/Maintenance:

Kurt Louis

#### Post Secondary Language Coordinator:

Melpatkwa Matthew

### Curriculum Staff:

#### Curriculum Coordinator:

Kathryn Michel

#### Media Specialist:

Deborah Smith

#### Language Curriculum:

Anne Michel

Lawrence Michel

Lucy William

#### Curriculum Technician:

Patrick Michel

Lisa Orton

Seth Armitage

#### Curriculum Illustrator

Gregory Barker

## School Supplies:

Parents only need to provide a labeled backpack, inside shoes, water bottle. Chief Atahm School will provide all the other school supplies.



## BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

We are please to announce that Chief Atahm School has been accepted into the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program (Administered by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and supported by healthy Families BC) for the 2020/2021 school year.

Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students during class time. Our Students will receive these healthy treats 13 times over the school year at no charge.

## Literacy

Parents are teachers: This year the school will continue the home reading program "Club Read", coordinated by Leanne Elynuik, Learning Assistant Teacher (LAT). Children bring home books (at their reading level) to read to their parents, from Monday to Thursday. If you want your child to join the program, call Leanne at the school. The school provides all books.

There are many activities that parents can do to encourage reading. Children should have "books of choice" to read. Parents can encourage reading by modeling reading...books, newspaper or e-readers. Parents can read to their child regularly. Helping your child read will give them a very valuable life long skill.



## Chief Atahm School Bus

The temporary Chief Atahm School Bus route will be as follows: **CAS Bus Cell #250-819-0378**

Morning Run		Afterschool Run	
Squilax sub-division	7:40 am	Leave Chief Atahm School	2: 40 pm
Squilax Daycare	7:45 am	Switchbacks	2:45 pm
Switchbacks	8:00 am	Squilax Sub-division	3:05 pm
Arrive Chief Atahm	8:10 am	Squilax Daycare	3:10 pm

**NOTE: on the first day of school the bus will leave the school at 12:00 pm**

These are approximate times. Please have your child ready at least 5 or 10 minutes before. We will have the final bus route confirmed within 10 days of school.

### Chief Atahm School Bus Reminders:

Chief Atahm School has a scheduled bus route with a set of pick up locations.

Parents need to confirm a regular pick up and drop off spot by completing the bus transportation form and handing in to the school

Parents are responsible for arranging their own transportation for their child when there are pick up/drop off changes that are not on the scheduled bus route (please phone the school if your child is not taking the scheduled bus route)

- *Students and parents will be encouraged to consider alternate transportation to school (biking, walking, driving) when it is reasonable and safe to do so. If students need to travel by bus, parents and guardians will be asked to ensure that their children will abide by the following guidelines:*
  - *Perform hand hygiene before they leave home to take the bus, when they leave school prior to taking the bus, and when they get home.*
  - *Sit in their assigned seat (students will be assigned seats based on the order they are picked up and dropped off, loading back to front and offloading front to back).*
  - *Middle and secondary school students **will wear a non-medical mask** that is put on before loading and taken off after offloading, providing that they do not have a health condition that means they cannot tolerate a mask.*

**All parents that are requesting bus transportation for their child need to fill out the attached bus ridership form and complete and sign and hand back into the school.**



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## Chief Atahm School Calendar of Events 2020-2021

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

First Day of School (half-day for K- Gr.10)

Monday September 14, 2020

School starts for Nursery students  
(Accepted Nursery students will be provided with  
a schedule for attendance)

Friday September 28, 2020

Pro-d Day (no school for students)

TBA

School Picture Day

Monday October 12, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

Friday October 23, 2020

Pro-d Day (no school for students)

TBA

Photo retakes

Wednesday November 11, 2020

Remembrance Day

Monday, December 7, 2020

“PRO D” Day – No School

Friday December 18, 2020

Last day of School before Christmas Break

Monday December 21, 2020-  
Friday January 1, 2021

Christmas Break

Monday January 4, 2021

School re-opens after Christmas Break

Friday February 5, 2021

“PRO D” Day – No School

Monday February 5, 2021

Family Day (no school)

Friday March 12, 2021

Last day of School before Spring Break

Monday March 15, 2021 to March 26, 2021

Spring Break

Monday March 29, 2021

School Re-opens after Spring Break

Friday April 2, 2021

Good Friday

Monday April 5, 2021

Easter Monday

Monday April 26, 2021

“PRO D” Day – No School

Monday May 21, 2021

“PRO D” Day – No School

Monday May 24, 2021

Victoria Day

Thursday June 10, 2021

Last Day of School for Nursery/Kindergarten  
Students

Friday June 18, 2021

Last Day of School for Gr 1 - Gr 10 (1/2 day)