

## Attendance

The BC Sector are required to keep careful records of student attendance. Therefore, if you know in advance that your child is going to be absent from school, please call the BC School Office or send a note ahead of time, stating the date and reason for the absence. If your child is unable to be at school due to an unexpected illness, please inform the office and send a note with your child when returning to school.

If you are taking your child out of school during the day, you must sign them out at the BC School Office. Please do not collect the children from the class without informing the office first.

## Cafeteria

The IY6-IY7 lunchtime runs from 12:45 p.m.—13:30 p.m. Your child may bring a packed lunch from home; use the automated lunch payment system or pay in cash with US dollars or Euros. The weekly menu is available on the school website and can be found in the newsletter and will be emailed to families. Be sure your child knows the PIN required to use the automated system.

## Welcome to School Year 2016 - 2017

### Planned Field Trips.

- Brunssummerheide.  
Science activity day.
- Continium Discovery Center.  
Science activity day.
- Brunssum Town Hall.  
Interview Mayor.
- Aachen.  
Tour of town and Cathedral.

### Planned Workshop Activities

- Heide Orienteering.
- Geocaching.
- Cooking.
- 'Flour Baby' caring week.
- Space Dome.
- Instrument making workshop.
- 'Mad Science' investigation workshop

## AFNORTH International School

### British - Canadian Sector

2016-2017



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## **Our Philosophy**

IY6 is a year of transition for the children as they are no longer in the lower primary elementary school. Intermediate primary is where learning takes on a different course, one of more involvement in class discussions, learning to research and begin to take on more responsibility for their own learning. The children have been introduced to the basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy. It is the goal of this year level to consolidate and promote these skills as they apply them in various ways in each of the curriculum areas. Literacy and Numeracy skills will be taught in a spiral form: revisiting concepts again and again throughout the year.

Along with working to be successful in the academic areas, I hope to encourage confidence building and awareness of the World around them. I hope to encourage independent thinking and children who are responsible for their choices and actions, both in and out of the classroom. Social skills are also emphasized in order that they become co-operative globally aware team workers.

## **Home School Relations**

We believe that children are successful when teachers and parents work together as a team. We have an open door policy and encourage parental involvement and communication. Please feel free to contact me through emails which are checked regularly, or by phone calls to the BC Office.

## **Physical Education**

The children must have appropriate clothing at school on PE days—shorts, a comfortable t-shirt, and non-marking sports shoes.

## **Swimming**

January—June 2017

All children are expected to participate in this program. We will be walking back and forth to the pool each Friday morning when our time starts at the end of January. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed. Please keep valuable items at home on swimming day and ensure that they have their kit with them.

## **Homework**

At the IY6 level, you should expect your child to have 25 - 30 minutes of homework each night during the week. The work will vary and include a balance of homework from the curriculum areas. Literacy and Numeracy work consolidates the work the children are doing in class. The activity/task may also relate to our Science or History themes

In addition, on-going tasks such as reading library books and working on memorization of the basic math facts and spellings should be done on a regular basis.

Homework will be given out on Friday in a Homework Folder and will need to be returned the following Thursday. We appreciate that everyone has busy lives and therefore we are very amenable to a flexible schedule. We view homework as something that can be done in collaboration, encouraging discussion and fun. Children need to have the support at home to ensure the homework is progressing on the right track. If your child has problems or is struggling with their homework please do not hesitate to contact us. We can work it out together!