

NOVEMBER 2016

PAC NEWS

- B.E.S.T PAC will be having a Christmas Gift Shop December 7 – 9 for students to buy Christmas gifts for their family. Items will be priced between .5 cents - \$5.00.
- We have 2 coupon books left @ \$10 each. Please text or call Christina at 250-819-2729 to purchase.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 10....Remembrance Day assembly 10:45 am
 Nov 11.....School is closed
 Nov 14.....FUNdraiser at Chapters Bookstore
 Nov 23.....Come Read With Me (Gr 1 Parents)

Dec 3.....McQueen Lake Fundraising Dinner
 Dec 5.....District Non-Instructional Day
 Dec 6.....Term 1 Report Cards distributed
 Dec 14.....Christmas Concert 1pm & 6pm
 Dec 19 – Jan 2.....Winter Break

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Thursday,
 November 10th
 10:45 am



This will be a solemn remembrance of those, both past and present, who have bravely served our country. Parents are invited.

Poppies will be given to students on Thursday, November 10. Please remember to support our Veterans by bringing a cash donation (if you can) for the poppies that day.

CHILLY WEATHER



As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child/ren are dressed for the outdoors. Students are expected to be outside during the breaks unless the weather is not cooperating ~ that means significant rain or if the temperature is below -10, depending on the wind chill. It is healthy for children to play outside. We do not have enough supervision to monitor children inside and outside.



Students should have separate inside and outside footwear. Please us keep our school clean by having your child remove his or her outside footwear at the door, particularly as we move into wet weather.

COME READ WITH ME

An invitation is extended to all parents and caregivers of our Grade 1 students to attend a Come Read With Me session in our library on November 23rd from 8:15 – 10 am.



PHONE CALLS/MESSAGES for STUDENTS



It is helpful to us if children have their after school plans in order prior to leaving for school in the morning. It can be challenging to try to get messages to all the children who have a change in plans at the end of the school day.

Please inform your child each morning BEFORE saying goodbye:

- who is picking them up
- whether they are to walk home
- where the meeting spot is
- arrangements for play dates, etc.

FRUIT 'n VEGGIE PROGRAM

Again this year we are pleased to offer a Fruit 'n Veggie Program to students. Fruit, veggies and milk are delivered to our classrooms approximately once per month. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this program, please let the office know. It is amazing how many fruits and vegetables get consumed on these days.



NUT & PEANUT AWARE



We have students and staff with life-threatening nut allergies at BEST. The following safety guidelines are to be followed by all classes:

We ask parents of students at our school not to send peanuts, peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter cookies, or any snacks that contain peanuts, peanut butter, or any other nut products to school. There are snacks available that are marked "peanut free".

1. Please do not send cakes, cupcakes or cookies for class parties that contain nuts. Any special event food items must meet our Nut Aware criteria.
2. If your child ate peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate you making sure that his/her hands and nails are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone does not suffice.
3. Students will be washing their hands before and after snack and lunchtime.
4. We have a no-share policy for snacks and lunches.

We trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns about food allergy related issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hembling.

WOWBUTTER



We are pleased to inform you that our school is accepting the use of WOWBUTTER in school lunches. WOWBUTTER is a 100% peanut and nut free safe-for-school spread made from toasted soy that has NO added colours, flavours or preservatives. It naturally has a similar look, taste, texture and smell to peanut butter and also has great nutrition.

To label your child's lunch as having been made with WOWBUTTER, remove and discard the outer WOWBUTTER jar label to reveal the lunch identification stickers underneath. Peel an easily identified bright yellow "Made with WOWBUTTER" sticker from the jar and apply to the sandwich container. This is a good solution for school lunches that satisfies the needs of both allergic and non-allergic students.



You're invited to a FUNdraiser for
Bert Edwards Science & Technology School

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Monday, November 14, 2016

@ Chapters Bookstore, 1395 Hillside Drive
250-377-8468

Chapters and Bert Edwards school cordially invite you to this community FUNdraising event. Come out and go shopping while supporting Bert Edwards school. With every purchase of regularly priced, in-store items at Chapters on this special evening, up to 20% of the purchase will be donated directly back to Bert Edwards school!

Choose from a wide selection of book, gifts, toys, magazines, music and much more! Your purchase will make a difference. Please join us to see how much fun giving to Bert Edwards school can be!

When you arrive at the store, please ensure that you register at the registration desk, which will be located directly inside the main doors.

Please note, in order to ensure the most successful and profitable FUNdraiser possible for Bert Edwards school, any discounts (including iRewards, Plum Rewards, Bestsellers, etc.) will not be in effect during the event, and the purchase of Gift Certificates, Membership Cards, Electronics and Love of Reading Donations do not count towards the FUNdraiser.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents please be reminded that student absences should be reported using our dedicated SafeArrival number rather than calling the school. Techie parents can also use the SafeArrival smartphone app (iOS or Android versions available) or log their child's absence using the SafeArrival website. We ask that you please report student absences prior to 8:30am.



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public education."

School District No. 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's
absence please call

1-844-350-2647

or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com



Safe ARRIVAL



**McQUEEN LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL
CENTRE**

**Fundraising Dinner,
Silent and Live Auction
Saturday, December 3, 2016**

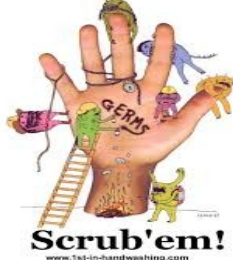
Tickets to this event are available at the school office.

Parents wishing to make a financial donation toward a school basket for the silent auction can do so at the school office.

Also, if families are interested in putting together a basket for the silent auction themselves, please let the school office know.

Thank you for your support of this important fundraising event.

Germ Farm



Regular handwashing is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself and your children from the flu. Please practice this important habit with your children at home.



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: October 24, 2016

1. The Board recognized Teacher Katie McCormack who received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award from the BC Association of Math Teachers.
2. The Board received an update from Danalee Baker on the progress of this year's United Way Campaign. School District No. 73 was recognized and presented the Quantum Leap Award for the outstanding contributions employees of the District made to the campaign last year.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Theresa Hafeli and Student Katlyn Sangha on the Google Classroom project.
4. The Board received a report on the final results of the 1701 Echo Report received from the Ministry of Education.
5. The Board received an updated report on Class Size and Composition.
6. The Board received an update on the District's School Enhancement Program submission and the funding that will be received from the Ministry of Education for the flooring project at Brocklehurst Middle School.

From the Board Meeting of: November 7, 2016

1. Principal Grigg, Aboriginal Education Worker Shane Camille, and students of Haldane Elementary School provided the Board with an Aboriginal Education presentation that included a welcome song with dancing and drumming. Packages of sage were also provided to the Board, district administration, and members of the public who were present.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Problem Based Learning from Teacher Telisa Johnston and students from Chase Secondary School.
3. Superintendent Sidow provided the Board with a report on the activities of the Superintendent's Council for the month of October.
4. *Notice of Motion* was provided on Policy 306.3 Assessment: School Completion (Evergreen) Certificate.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 21, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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