

NOVEMBER 2017

PAC NEWS

- BEST PAC will be having a Christmas Gift Shop December 5 – 7 for students to buy Christmas gifts for their family. Items will be priced between .5 cents - \$5.00.
- Please remember to come out and support our PAC Craft Fair on Sunday November 12th from 10am – 2pm in the school gym.
- Our 2017-2018 BEST Yearbook is available to order! Cost of the book is \$20.00, and order forms can be found in the hallways.
- If you have any good used skates at home that would be suitable for student use, please consider donating them to our school. We have secured 15 skating sessions for our classes, and many students do not have skates! Any help would be appreciated!

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1.....	PAC Meeting 6pm
Nov 2.....	Young People's Concert
Nov 2.....	Primary Popcorn Sale
Nov 3.....	Intermediate Popcorn Sale
Nov 5.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 10.....	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 12.....	PAC Craft Fair
Nov 13.....	Remembrance Day in Lieu
.....	(school closed)
Nov 18.....	Walmart Fundraising
Nov 20 – 24.....	Hockey Week @ BEST
Nov 22.....	Come Read With Me
Nov 24.....	You Can Count on Me
Dec 4.....	District Non-Instructional Day
Dec 8.....	PAC Meeting 6 pm
Dec 20.....	Winter Concert (1pm and 6pm)
Dec 25 – January 4.....	Winter Break

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents please be reminded that rather than phoning the school, student absences should be reported using our dedicated SafeArrival # [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647) or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com. Techie parents can also use the SafeArrival smartphone app (iOS or Android versions available) to log their child's absence. Please report student absences prior to 8:30am.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Friday,
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 and encouraged to attend our assembly on Friday November 10th at 10:45am. We plan on having veterans from our community present, and students from our school will demonstrate their learning of this important occasion.

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

CHILLY WEATHER



As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child/ren are dressed for the outdoors with cold weather coats, headgear, gloves, scarfs, pants and boots. Students are expected to be outside during the breaks unless the weather is extremely cold ~ that means significant rain or ice and cold, depending on the wind chill. It is healthy for the children to play outside and move around – even in cold weather.

Students should also have separate inside and outside footwear. Please help us keep our school clean by reminding your child to remove their outside footwear at the door, particularly as we move into wet and chilly weather.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will come home with students on Friday, December 1st. They will be sent home in a brown envelope. Please be sure to indicate on that envelope if you would like to meet with your child's teacher after reviewing their report card. It is important for all parent/guardians to sign and return the envelope back to the school.



COME READ WITH ME & YOU CAN COUNT ON ME



An invitation is extended to all parents and caregivers of our Grade 1 students to attend a "Come Read and With Me" session in our library on November 22nd from 8:15 – 10 am.

"Come Count With Me" is for Kindergarten parents on November 24th from 8:15 – 10 am. The early primary years are an exciting time for children and their parents. Teachers are working hard during this time to establish foundational literacy and numeracy skills. We know that parents play an important role in their child's learning. Schools rely on parents to support classroom instruction, and offer this workshop to help adults practice and confidently employ strategies to support their young students. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided for parents attending these wonderful sessions.

HOCKEY WEEK



From Monday Nov 20th to Friday Nov 24th, we will be celebrating hockey week at BEST. As an important piece of this fun, action packed week, families are encouraged to participate in our joint fundraising effort with the

Kamloops Blazers and buy tickets for a game against the Prince George Cougars on Saturday November 25th! Let's see how many Bert Edwards families we can get out to the game! During the week, we will have events such as: Jersey day; Staff/Student game; Skills sessions at lunch; Name that player; Hockey trivia; What would a player do? And much more! Look for more information coming home in November.

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!



McQUEEN LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

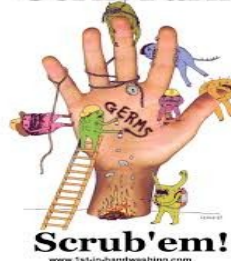
Fundraising Dinner,
Silent and Live Auction
Saturday, December 2, 2017

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.

Germ Farm



Regular hand washing with soap and warm water is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself and your children from illness. Please practice and reinforce this important habit with your children at home, and when eating out in our community.