

NOVEMBER 2018

PAC NEWS

- Please remember to come out and support our PAC Craft Fair on Sunday December 2nd from 10am – 2pm in the school gym.
- Our 2018-2019 BEST Yearbook is available to order! Cost of the book is \$20.00, and order forms can be found in the hallways.
- Our Bert Edwards Science and Technology school CLOTHING FUNDRAISER is underway! We have shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, baseball shirts, and sweat pants for sale – all with emblazoned with our BEST logo! Please think about purchasing an item and show your school pride!

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1.....	Young People's Concert
Nov 5.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 6.....	PAC Meeting 6pm
Nov 9.....	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 12.....	Remembrance Day in Lieu
.....	(school closed)
Nov 26 – 30.....	Hockey Week @ BEST
Nov 20.....	Come Read With Me
Nov 23.....	You Can Count on Me
Nov 30.....	Reports home
Dec 3.....	District Non-Instructional Day
Dec 4.....	PAC Meeting 6 pm
Dec 20.....	Winter Concert (1pm and 6pm)
Dec 24 – 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.

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 9th at 10:45am. We have invited veterans from our community, and students from our school will demonstrate their learning of this important occasion. Poppies will be given to students on Friday, November 9th. 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, November 30th. 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 With Me" session in our gym on November 20th from 8:15 – 10 am.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Friday,
November 9th
10:45 am



"Come Count With Me" is for Kindergarten parents on November 23rd 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 26th to Friday Nov 30th, 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 Saskatoon Blades on Saturday November 30th! 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; Hockey trivia; Table hockey, and much more!

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.

NOT A BOX NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

The Bert Edwards Science and Technology School staff is hosting a 'Not a Box' Challenge. This challenge will incorporate a critical thinking approach to learning that involves analyzing, questioning, and developing a plan. This challenge will be launched on Monday, November 19. More information will be coming home about this challenge closer to this date. Students will have the task of transforming a box into a 'magnificent' thing.

Finished projects will be displayed at school on Friday, December 7. Parents, friends, or family members are welcome to drop into the school to view these projects between 1:15 and 3:15 on this day. Coffee and cookies will be served by donation. Proceeds will go to fund Applied Design Skills and Technologies (A.D.S.T.) supplies for the school.

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 1, 2018

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.