

October 2018

PAC NEWS

- Please return any coupon books or orders ASAP to the office.



Reminder that our doors open at the 8:25 am bell for students to enter and begin their day. We kindly ask students to wait outside until the 8:25 am morning bell.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox Run! We raised approximately \$406.50 and those monies have been forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. *Good job BEST students!!*



SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE



Reminder: school supply fees were due and payable September 28th. If for any reason you are not able to pay at this time, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 1.....Salmon Run for Gr. 1-6
 Oct 2.....**PAC Meeting 6pm**
 Oct 8Thanksgiving Holiday
 Oct 10.....Photo Retake/Class Photo Day
 Oct 11..... Cst. Wiedenmann/Lockdown drill
 Oct 12.....Rivers Day
 Oct 15.....F.S.A. Begins for Grade 4
 Oct 15.....Blazers/RCMP EDGE
 Program for grade six students
 Oct 17.....Kamloops Blazers Visit
 Oct 17.....Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:45 – 7 pm
 Oct 18.....Early Closure 12:30 pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews 12:45 – 2:30pm

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| Oct 19..... | District Non-Instructional Day |
| Oct 19..... | Original school photo orders due |
| Oct 22..... | Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) |
| Oct 31..... | Happy Halloween |

RETAKES PHOTOS and ORDERS



Those students wishing to have retakes done (or those students who did not have a photo taken due to absence) will have their photo taken on October 10th. If you wish to have a retake done for your child, please return the proof envelope with your child on October 10th. Students will hand this envelope directly to the photographer on retake day. Please remember to order your photos prior to OCT 19th for FREE SHIPPING to the school. Orders placed after this date will be mailed to you at home, and be subject to a shipping fee.

CELL PHONES

The School District has a policy (Policy 406.1) concerning the use of cell phones at school. Children bring cell phones to school at their own risk. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. Please encourage your child to leave their devices at home.

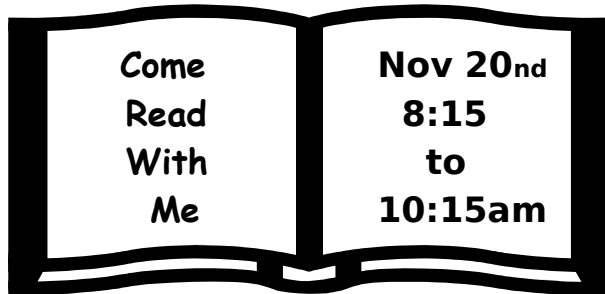


EARLY CLOSURE/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This month we will undertake the first of two INFORMAL school reports. The informal reports can take the form of a phone call, a class open house, a letter, or a face to face conversation. We will be having parent/teachers interviews on Wednesday October 17th from 2:45 pm until 7 pm and Thursday October 18th from 12:45 pm until 2:30 pm. Of note, Thursday October 18th will be an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY, and students will be going home on this day at 12:30 pm. Please phone

the office anytime after October 1st to book your appointment. If you are not able to attend the school at this time, please make arrangements with your child's teacher for an alternate form of informal report.

SAVE THE DATE



Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) is excited to offer the Come Read With Me program for parents and caregivers of Grade 1 students in partnership with their teachers. Parents of Grade 1 students, please join us on **November 20, 2018 from 8:15 – 10:15 am** for a session with a Kamloops Literacy Outreach Coordinator and One to One Children's Literacy Program Trainer.

This is a 2 hour session for parents that teaches a variety of strategies they can use to support their child(ren) with home reading and assists with building a home-school connection. Parents go home with many new strategies and a bag full of materials including a new book, sight word cards, word games, foam dice, a bookmark, and more.

FLU SEASON



As we head into inFLUenza season, it is a great time to review ways to help keep staff and students healthy! Handwashing, covering a cough, and staying home when sick, are all ways to prevent the spread of illnesses.

HEAD LICE

Please check your children at home at least once a week for head lice. If you find any, please treat immediately, and report it to the school so that we can take steps to keep them under control.



Vigilance at the home is the best way to control the spread of head lice. Remember, it isn't enough to just use the shampoo. Some lice are immune. Removal of all the nits (eggs) from the hair after treatment is necessary to prevent hatching. It only takes one live louse to lay hundreds of eggs.



We will be continuing with our Bert Edwards tradition of morning costumes and "Halloween Train" this year (classes walk around the school in costumes) and will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday October 31st. Students are invited to dress up in their costumes on the 31st; they can bring costumes to school in packs and change first thing if they like. Please talk to your child's teacher regarding sweets, and bringing treats to school, as the children will likely be into PLENTY of sweets on Halloween. A reminder: AGE APPROPRIATE COSTUMES PLEASE AND NO MASKS OR WEAPONS! Look for additional information from our classroom teachers coming home prior to Halloween.

KAMLOOPS BLAZERS VISIT



Members of the Kamloops Blazers will be here at Bert Edwards for two days in October. On Monday the 15th, the players – along with the RCMP – will be presenting the EDGE program to our grade six students. On Wednesday the 17th, the players will be visiting classrooms, reading with students, answering questions and playing a game of floor hockey with our grade six students at recess!



ONE TO ONE READING

We are really excited that One to One Reading is returning to our school! This fantastic program involving trained adult volunteers from our community reading with students who need just a little support as they work to improve their reading skills. If you can help with this awesome program for our second session which starts in the new year - please contact Ms. Gunnlaugson in the office!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS

Our first of FOUR Young People's concerts is taking place on Thursday November 1st. Entertaining us on this day will be the Dance Troupe "Tapco." Monster Theatre (Feb), The Jellyfish Project (April), and Tiny Island (May) will be upcoming performers this season. Please look for a YPC payment form coming home the week of Monday October 15th. Cost for the four performances is a REAL DEAL at \$15.00 per child.

RIVER'S DAY

On Thursday Oct 12th, we'll be celebrating River's Day with awesome activities down near the Thompson River with a host of community presenters. World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Presenters will be setting up at the corner of Schubert Drive and Windsor Avenue, and students will arrive to start their sessions at 10:15 am. We will all return to the school for our regular lunch period, then return to the stations until 2pm. Please join us for this wonderful community event!



FOOD DRIVE

This year the Grade 5/6 class is having a food drive for the food bank on the 31st of October [Halloween]. For the Halloween Food Drive you can bring in any food if it is not expired. You can bring: canned food, crackers, dry food or snack foods. Thanks for helping us help those in need!

RECYCLING BATTERIES

At our school (Bert Edwards Science and Technology School) we can now recycle batteries. All you have to do is bring your batteries here to our school. A group of kids from Mrs. Villeneuve's class will bring the batteries in from our school to a place where we can recycle them.

