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SEPTEMBER 2018

Hello Bert Edwards families and welcome to a brand new school year full of awesome learning opportunities and new friendships! We are thrilled to be back spending time with the children and interacting with our families; it is going to be a FANTASTIC year! Personally, I am very excited to be a part of this wonderful school staff – who have been here a good portion of September readying their classes for your children – and to meet all of you. Of special note, this is the third official year of the redesigned K-9 curriculum. Related to the new direction in education, our school goals this year continue to be:

- 1) Student improvement in the foundational skills of literacy and mathematics; and
- 2) Student improvement with the ability to resolve problems effectively and establish positive relationships with peers.

Our students will be working hard to improve their understanding and abilities in these areas. You will see, over the course of the year, evidence of your child's participation, learning and development in relation to these goals.

Mr. Frank Law, Principal

BEST STAFF 2018-2019

Mr Frank Law..... Principal
 Ms Dyan Gunnlaugsson..... Vice-Principal
 Mrs. Tabitha Grigg (On leave)..... Vice-Principal
 Ms. Grace Benz..... LART
 Mr W Deptuck..... McQueen Lake Resource
 Mrs L Phillips..... Prep
 Ms K LeFlufy..... Librarian & Prep

Mrs C Farber..... Kindergarten
 Mrs A Bowden..... Kindergarten
 Ms L Duquette..... Grade 1
 Ms S Dickinson..... Grade 1/2
 Ms K Chernoff..... Grade 1/2
 Ms T Weber..... Grade 2/3
 Mrs J Ernst..... Grade 3
 Ms G Campbell..... Grade 3/4
 Mr J Hummel..... Grade 4
 Mrs A Unsworth..... Grade 4/5
 Mrs H Villeneuve..... Gr 5/6
 Mr. M Wood..... Grade 6

Ms D Repar..... Secretary
 Ms B Turley..... Library Asst
 Mrs K Bassett..... CEA
 Mrs S Dupont..... CEA
 Mrs S Edgell..... CEA
 Mrs A Haucke..... CEA
 Mrs J Murphy..... CEA
 Ms W Leonard..... AEW
 Mr B Karstein..... AM Custodian
 Mrs Kuljinder Khabra..... PM Custodian

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:25 am.....	Doors open
8:35 am.....	Classes begin
10:00 – 10:15am.....	Recess
11:55 – 12:25pm.....	All students outside
12:30 - 12:50pm.....	Eating time
12:50pm.....	Classes resume
2:30 pm.....	Dismissal



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please telephone our Safe Arrival system 1-844-350-2647 prior to 8:30am if your child is going to be absent or late.



Sept 4.....	School begins 10:30am
Sept 12.....	PAC Meeting 6pm
Sept 14.....	Terry Fox Run 11:30am
Sept 21.....	District Non-Instructional Day
Sept 25.....	Student Individual Photos
Sept 26.....	Raise A Reader Day
Sept 28.....	Orange Shirt Day



Oct 3PAC Meeting 6pm
 Oct 8Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 10.....Photo Retakes & Class Photos
 Oct 18.....Early closure 12:30 pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Oct 19.....District Non-Instructional Day
 Oct 31.....Happy Halloween!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

With the safety of our children and staff in mind, we undertake the practice of both Fire and Lockdown Drills early in the school year. RCMP Constable Wiedenman will be contacted to help us with our first Lockdown drill – date to be determined. If you or your child feel any anxiety or concern with the drills, and we can help in any way, please contact us at the school.

RECESS / LUNCH

- We encourage parents to send a nutritious snack with their children for recess.
- All students are expected to go outside at recess and lunch. Exceptions will be made during inclement weather.
- Students will not be able to leave the school grounds during recess and lunch break unless their parent or guardian has called the office.

PARKING / DROP OFF

Our student drop off area on York Avenue is meant for parents to pull in to the zone and drop students off. *It is not a short term parking area.*



Bus zones are NO PARKING at any time. Parking is available in many areas around the school and your help with road safety will assist us in providing a safe place for students to walk and ride to school.

Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is off limits to parent vehicles from 8:15 – 8:45am and 2:15 – 2:45pm. Please respect this policy for the sake of student safety.

NEWSLETTERS ~ In an effort to save costs and paper, our monthly school newsletter will be available through our website at

<http://best.sd73.bc.ca>. Printed copies will also be posted in each wing of the school.



Our Lunch Program begins on Monday, September 17, 2018. A permission form / menu is attached with a due date of no later than noon Wednesday, September 12th. Lunch costs are \$4 / student / meal.

- **Payment by cheque is the preferred method of payment for the Lunch Program.**
- Please do not combine these monies with other school monies.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school Terry Fox Run/Walk is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14th at 11:30am. Please JOIN US if you have the time. We will undertake a short warmup then a short run around the school grounds for the primary students, and through the community for our older students. We will be spearheading our fundraising efforts with “A Toonie for Terry,” but any donation for the Terry Fox Foundation would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to better our total of \$300.00 from last year! Together, we can help keep Terry’s dream alive and win the battle against cancer! Thanks in advance for your support!

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING



Our District Cross Country running team springs to action SOON! More information will be coming home when dates are confirmed. Please encourage your Grade 3-6 student to take part in these AWESOME character building events. Typically there are meets at MacPark, Dufferin, Westsyde, RLC, and Dallas each year. We will be looking for families that can help with driving to the events, and really appreciate your support!


FORMS



The following forms are attached. Please peruse each form, sign and return to the school office at your earliest convenience.


- Outside Media Consent
- Personal Information Consent
- Walking Field Trip form (within 2km of school)

- Meals form – due Wednesday, September 13
- **Verification forms will come home this week. Please make any necessary changes and return, SIGNED, ASAP.**



11th Annual Campaign
Sept 26 ~ 8:00 - 8:30am

Make a donation and make a difference. Literacy matters! Look for Raise a Reader volunteers in bright orange t-shirts when you drop your children off at school on Wednesday, September 26. Your extra coins support family literacy programs in your community.



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 the school.

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.



Please submit all school related fees to the office, and ensure your child's name and teacher's name are included. Please keep these monies separate from Meals monies. Thank you.

FEE SCHEDULE	
Kindergarten.....	\$40.00
**includes craft & cooking fees	
Gr 1, 2, 3 (Supplies & Agenda).....	\$39.00
** Mathletics fee (1/2 paid by PAC).....	\$6.00
TOTAL Gr 1, 2, 3.....	\$45.00
Gr 4, 5, 6 (Supplies & Agenda).....	\$54.00
** Mathletics fee (1/2 paid by PAC).....	\$6.00
TOTAL Gr 4, 5, 6.....	\$60.00
Yearbook (Optional).....	\$20.00

We offer a payment plan of **\$5.00 per month per student payable prior to the end of each month**. Please opt for this plan if funds are tight as it helps eliminate the cost of NSF cheques. Please advise the school office as soon as possible if you are considering this option. **School fees are due Friday, Sept 28th**. Please detach below and return this form with your child's school supply fees.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Yearbook (optional) \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED :\$ _____