

## APRIL 2021

### APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Good Friday
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	Easter Monday
April 6 <sup>th</sup> - 16th.....	Axis Theatre: The Hungry Feast Dish
Apr 7th.....	PAC Meeting 6 pm
<b>Apr 7th</b> .....	<b>Day of Suwentwecw</b>
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Reporting Point of Progress
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Early Dismissal at 11:20 am
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Professional Development Day
May 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	PAC Meeting



### DAY OF SUWENTWECW

Kamloops/ Thompson School District No. 73 currently occupies the territories of the Suwentwecw and Nlaka'Pamux people. On April 7<sup>th</sup> this year all schools in the Kamloops/Thompson School District have chosen to formally acknowledge that we are on these traditional territories as well as acknowledging and recognizing the aboriginal peoples it serves.

The theme of this year's day of recognition is **“Learning Together in memory, history, and story using aboriginal perspectives.”**

Our Day of Suwentwecw committee is busy organizing a variety of awesome learning activities for us – related to this theme – as we look forward to this special day.

### STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Information on the Student Learning Survey has been sent home to Grade 4 parents! Deadline to complete the online survey is Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and no password is required to access the survey. Your input is valuable to us, as we work to create valuable and relevant learning experiences for our students ~ thanks in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts!

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Starting in April, grade five and six students in Mrs. Villeneuve and Mr. Wood's classes



will be offered the opportunity to participate in our after school art program. Students in Mr. Hummel and Mrs. Unsworth's classes will have the opportunity to participate in a Volleyball program! These sessions will run into May, and will take place in the detached classroom and gym. Parents will be best served picking their student up on **York Avenue** at the end of each session for the **ART** program.

### PBIS UPDATE

We continue to see many respectful, responsible, and safe behaviours at school. We have been, and will continue to work with students on peaceful resolutions when a conflict occurs. One way we teach students to solve a problem peacefully is by using their WITS (Walk Away / Ignore / Talk It Out / Seek Help). At times, students want to retaliate when a conflict occurs. It is important to have students think about if this is an effective solution to a problem by asking them questions. Some questions include: Did it work? Did the retaliation stop or solve the conflict? Do you feel safer now than before? We want students to stand up for themselves in peaceful ways, and consider various or alternative ways of standing up for themselves. Please have these discussions at home too.

### EARLY DISMISSAL/POINT OF PROGRESS

Our next Reporting Point of Progress will take place for parents sometime the week of APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. On WEDNESDAY APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> of this week we will be having an **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY**. Students will be coming home on this day at **11:20 am**. Teachers will use this time for the reporting point of progress, and this may include ZOOM interviews,



written reports, student self assessments, or phone calls; each class may be a little different. We really appreciate families making arrangements to pick up students early on this day.

### SPRING FLOWERS!

Our Spring Flower fundraiser is officially in bloom!



Order forms will be coming home early in April, or families can order on-line at

<https://bertedwardselementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

This link, and additional information, will be available on our BEST home page. Please think about supporting this awesome cause – all monies will go directly into learning opportunities at our school – and brighten up your home at the same time!

### BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTRE

Registration is now open for their Spring Robotics Club and for Summer Science Camps!

**Robotics Club** begins April 8 and goes to June 10, after school (2:45 or when you can arrive) to 4:30pm. This is an excellent program for anyone interested in robots and coding, and is for ages 9 and up. Join us for ten weeks of designing, building, coding, and playing with your own Mindstorm Robotics Kit. As you are working at your own level (with support and instruction), this is an excellent program for beginners to experts.

The super interactive and fun **Summer Science Camps** include:

**Super Wow Science Camp** for those aged 5 and up (must have finished Kindergarten);

**Senior Science STEM Camp** for those aged 8 (if they have previously taken a junior camp), 9 and up;

**Robotics Camps** for those aged 9 and up.

Each camp will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily, for the full week; pre and post childcare is not available. Camps will follow the current summer Covid protocols.

**Please apply with your application NOW to hold your space for the camp(s) of your choice. Payment will be taken in June, when we are able to confirm how many children will be allowed in each camp.**

Full and partial bursaries are available; application forms are available upon request.

Feel free to contact Susan if you have any questions about these programs. Applications available upon request from the BEST office.

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### TRACK AND FIELD FOR STUDENTS!

