



## BEST 2024

### Message for Mrs. Edstrom

This month, we will focus on deepening our knowledge and understanding of diversity and inclusion. Good luck to our basketball teams as they participate in many practices and games this month! Thank you to our coaches Amber Neufeld, AJ Nijjer, Mike Wood and Justin Hummel.

As you are aware, next year we will have Grade 7 students at BEST. A letter outlining the North Shore Reconfiguration was emailed to our BEST families on Jan. 22nd.

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional Day
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting (6pm)
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Pizza Day
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	SPCA Dance
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	BC Family Day
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Duffelbag Theatre
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Talent Variety Show 1:35pm

### Skating

Please see schedule for upcoming sessions:

Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bowden, Farber, Adams
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Duquette, Weber
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Duquette, Weber, Denison
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Duquette, Weber, Denison
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hummel, Lovell
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Denison, Adams

### SPCA Dance - February 14th

*Love Your Pet Dance* to support the SPCA. On Wednesday, February 14th, we will be hosting a dance in support of our local SPCA. Intermediate students will dance from 1:35-2:00pm and primary students will dance from 2:05-2:30pm. Students are invited to bring donations for the SPCA (items can include paper towel, toilet paper, cash, dog/cat food, towels). This is optional and all students will attend the dance. Glowsticks for this event can be purchased for \$1.00. Order forms have been sent home.

### BEST Library Fundraiser with Purdys Chocolates!

- **Order deadline: Feb. 28**
- Order Online:  
<https://bit.ly/BEST2024Easter>
- **Orders can be picked up from BEST on March 11, 2 - 3:15.**

### PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

If personal devices are brought to school they must stay out of sight and are only to be used (including recess/lunch) with staff permission, most often to contact parents and caregivers. Student photographing or video-recording can ONLY be on a *school* device and under the direction of the classroom teacher for a project, etc. For the well-being of all, student cooperation with technology is appreciated.

## **PBIS**

As usual, the office has been swamped with *Best Buzzes* for Respectful, Responsible and Safe student behavior around our school! Keep up the excellent effort BEST students. Beginning in February, we will hold weekly Best Buzz draws so that students can win small prizes for their efforts.

## **PINK SHIRT & POSITIVE DAY**

Wednesday, February 28th 2024 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Here at Bert Edwards, we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on the 28th as a symbol of their commitment to demonstrate respect to themselves and others. To help at home, talking to children about positive, pro-social behaviors on a regular basis, and modeling this behavior, has shown to decrease negative interactions at school, in the community, and with parents.

## **SCENT FREE SCHOOL**

In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies and severe environmental and chemical sensitivities, Bert Edwards Science and Technology School is striving to be scent-free throughout our entire school! Students, staff and guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products at BEST. This often includes perfume, cologne, aftershave and scented hair products, but also includes items such as essential oils, hand sanitizer, and skin lotions. We have several students and staff with significant sensitivities, and your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated!

## **Parent Engagement Session**

School District 73 is offering a session for parents titled “Effective Communication Between Parents and School” with *Chelsea Jelic, POPARD*. Families and school teams work together in a variety of ways throughout the year. Research shows that promoting family-school engagement leads to increased trust and collaboration, as well as improved student achievement and development. This session will:

- Briefly review research and the new “family-school engagement playbook” to highlight important themes
- Provide strategies to enhance collaboration and communication between family and school
- Discuss connections between the roles, rights, and responsibilities of teaching staff, administrators, and parents.
- Review how to work towards solutions in times of conflict or differences.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 22nd 2024 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to register [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

**Remember to wear BEST Spirit wear day every Friday!**

## **PAC News**

THANK-YOU to everyone who came out and supported the B.E.S.T PAC Movie Night! We had a great turnout, raised some money for the school and most importantly the kids had so much fun! The BEST PAC really appreciates your continued support as we try out different fundraisers and events! Getting such positive turnout and feedback only encourages us to put on more family events!

The next PAC Meeting will be Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! The next B.E.S.T PAC Hot Lunch: Panago pizza will be Friday Feb 9. Orders are now closed.

March B.E.S.T PAC Hot Lunch: Senor Froggy will be Fri Mar 1st. Order forms will be coming home soon. \*Parents please remember to fill out or check that your child has filled out the lunch order forms fully with the student's first and last name as well as the teacher's name. We have been receiving numerous forms missing this important information, which adds a lot of extra work for our PAC volunteers. If order forms are not filled out in full, we cannot guarantee that the order will be processed. Also please make cheques payable to Bert Edwards PAC and do NOT combine with school lunch money or any other money for the school. B.E.S.T PAC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a **SPRING CARNIVAL** in May! We are super excited to put on this fun filled family event! More information is to come!

## **MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY**

In January/February 2024 Grade 4 students will complete the Ministry Student Learning Survey. Parents are also invited to provide feedback. Please complete this survey by Friday February 16th 2024. Parents have direct access with no codes needed to complete the survey. You can find the link on the BEST Website "I'd like to" tab. Your views are completely anonymous, but very helpful in planning for our school.

