

DECEMBER 2019



HOLIDAY MESSAGE

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to sincerely thank all of our school community partners for supporting our students and staff this term. We truly appreciate and value knowing you are there behind the scenes working hard to compliment our efforts here at school. In our building, one gets the feeling - when you first walk in the door - that the school is open, friendly, warm, and inviting. This “feeling” begins with the nature and mannerisms of our students, staff, and families. We are very proud of not only the accomplishments of our students, but of the positive attitudes and fantastic efforts they demonstrate and put forth on a daily basis. With that said, we wish everyone the very best of the holiday season – filled with family, friends, laughter, and memory making! See you all in 2020!!!

WINTER CONCERT



Wow! Time already for another fantastic BEST Christmas

Concert! We are all really looking forward to this special night. Please make note of a few items to help make this event run smoothly:

- Doors to the school, both the main entrance and the east (parking lot) doors, will open at **5:30pm for the 6pm performance;**
- In consideration of others, please – if you must do this – reserve seats only for close family and the minimum number required;
- There will be plenty of parking around our school and only a limited number in our parking lot. Please, if you park here, use only the “Visitor” stalls;
- Classrooms will be open to students at approximately **5:45pm**. If your child is in the

building prior to this time, please make sure they are supervised by an adult;

- Grade six students will need to be here earlier, by 5:30 pm please, to get ready for the performance;
- The concert should last a little over one hour, and we ask parents to please stay seated – in consideration of others – for the entire performance;
- We encourage those parents who are able to attend the 1pm concert to please do so as parents who work during the day can only attend the evening concert and we have limited seating capacity in our gymnasium.
- All information regarding the concert, including class performances, Grade 6 actors, and costumes is available on “Mrs. Phillip’s Fine Arts” blog on the BEST website. Notices will be sent home – closer to the 19th, with additional costume information if required. Our performance this year is called: **“The Christmas Disaster!”**

Thank you, and we'll see you all on December 19th!



WINTER FUNDRAISERS

PAC once again are planning a few "Fun"draisers in December:

- At the Christmas Concert we will be selling 50/50 tickets, raffle basket tickets, and having a bake sale. Watch for notices coming home requesting donations for raffle baskets and bake sale items.
- VIP draw for front row chesterfield seating and a parking spot for the Concert!.
- PAC Christmas store will be open in the library on December 5th and 6th!
- Cookie Dough should be here around December 16th!



MEALS FORMS

Reminder to have January Meals forms signed and to the school office by noon on Tuesday **December 18th.**

DECEMBER /JANUARY CALENDAR

Dec 2nd.....District Non-Instructional Day
(no school for students)
 Dec 4th.....PAC Meeting 6pm
 Dec 5th & 6th.....PAC Christmas Store
 Dec 9th-18th.....Salvation Army Food Drive
 Dec 13th.....Spirit Day: Ugly Christmas Sweater!
 Dec 18th.....January Hot Lunch forms due
 Dec 18th.....Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal
 Dec 19th.....Winter Concert 1pm & 6 pm
 Dec 20th.....PJ Day!
 Dec 23rd – Jan 3rd.....Winter vacation

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Jan 6th.....School opens
 Jan 8th.....PAC Meeting 6 pm

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items will be organized on tables in the main hallway. Please take a moment to check for any of your child/ren's items. Items remaining on December 20th will be donated to a local charity.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE



Donations for the Food Drive will be running from December 9th – December 18th. Please help us during this holiday season to provide for those less fortunate.

The school with the most weight in food items collected will win a pizza party!!! Please drop off all food donations into the Christmas decorated box located in the hallway by the school office.

PARKING REMINDER

Please be respectful of our bus and daycare loading signs around the perimeter of our school grounds. For the safety of our students, it is important that daycare buses and vans have access to the space permitted for their purposes.



Our parking lot is out of bounds for parent vehicles from 8:15 to 8:45 am and 2:15 – 2:45 pm. Please also be respectful of these signs as they are for the safety of our students.

NATURES FARE RECEIPTS

As part of the “Community Giving Program,” Natures Fare Market is



offering to donate 3% of all total expenditures at their store BACK TO SCHOOLS! If you are a Natures Fare shopper, please bring your receipts into the school office, and we are really hoping they will add up to some significant cash donations to our school!

PBIS UPDATE

As a staff at Bert Edwards Science and Technology School, we are committed to creating a school environment that promotes positive behaviors. Recently, we have been focusing on lunch time eating behaviors. Our lunch time acronym is: B.E.S.T. which stands for B = Be respectful / E = Eat mindfully / S = Stay seated / T = Tidy at the bell. Each week we announce winning classrooms. These winning classes are being entered in a draw to win a hot chocolate party with hot chocolate being provided by Woodland's Coffee Shop. The PBIS committee is hosting an Ugly Christmas Sweater School Spirit Day on Friday, December 13th. Find a Christmas sweater and come and show your school spirit



MOTIVATIONAL MAGIC

As part of our efforts to provide live performances here at the school, on Tuesday November 19th Steve Harmer performed his Motivational Magic show at BEST. In this show, students were reminded of the fundamental pieces/blocks to making a better world. Themes such as self-esteem, self control, care for the environment, and the importance of family were taught by using magic and optical illusions. Students were all very excited after the show. Jake, Grade 5, said that he liked how the magician said that gold pencils were the most expensive ones. Jake also said that he learned to believe in himself and never give up. Camryn, Grade 4, said that she enjoyed the plate balancing and the bunny. Camryn also said that she was reminded about the important part her family plays in her life. Preston, Grade 2, said that he liked how the magician turned a fake bunny into a real bunny. Preston also said that he learned it is important to pick up trash and take care of the earth.

