

♡ **FEBRUARY 2021** ♡

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, February 5th, 2021
No school for students.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 2nd.....Ground Hog Day
Feb 3rd.....PAC Meeting 6 pm
Feb 3rd.....Kindergarten Roundup
Feb 4th.....Valentine Cookie Orders due
Feb 4th.....Pink Shirt Orders due
Feb 5th.....District Non-Instructional Day
Feb 5th .. Last Day for School of Choice registration
Feb 9th.....School of Choice Lottery (If needed)
Feb 12th.....Valentine Cookie Delivery
February 14th.....Valentines Day
February 15th.....BC Family Day
.....School is closed
Feb 16th to Mar 12th.....FSA for grade four
Feb 24th........Pink Shirt Day
March 3rd.....PAC Meeting 6pm

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES



If phones/ipods/etc 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 UPDATE

There have been many BEST Buzzes coming to the office and students continue to demonstrate safe, respectful, and responsible behaviours. Recently, we had a school wide focus reminding students of the power of compliments and put ups. Displays fill our halls with examples of these kind words. We expect kind words, compliments, and put ups to continue as we approach Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, and of course beyond. We will continue to focus on positive playground behaviours in February. Please refer to your Parent PBIS Handbook and review with your child or children what behaviours they can show on our playgrounds to promote friendships and expected behaviours.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder for those families that have yet to pay school supply fees. Please contact the office as soon as possible to arrange payment. These fees are really important in having the children fully prepared for their learning on a daily basis. Huge thanks to the families that have sent payment for supplies to date; we really appreciate it!

PARKING / DROP OFF




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

The bus zones are NO PARKING at any time. A bus will pick up and drop off Brock Middle School students each day on York. **The bus zone on Windsor Ave is also NO PARKING at any time.** Parking is available in many other areas around the school and your support here helps to provide a safe environment for students walk ing and riding to school. The City of Kamloops has informed us that they will be enforcing this expectation due to a high number of concerns. **PLEASE PARK OUTSIDE THIS AREA!**



Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is for staff only vehicles at the start and end of the school day (8:00 - 8:45 and 2:15 - 2:45). Please respect this policy for the sake of our students' safety, as we have had some really close calls in our parking lot. Please also respect parking spaces reserved for staff, our handicap stall, and loading zone.

 Our next Reporting Point of Progress will take place the week of APRIL 12th. Please expect some form of progress report from your child's teacher between Monday and Friday of this week. Teachers may choose formats such as open houses, letters, phone calls, or self-assessments for this Point of Progress. Your last report will be on the final day of school on June 29th. This will be a summative written report.



PINK SHIRT & POSITIVE DAY

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Here at Bert Edwards, we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on the 24th as a symbol of their commitment to demonstrate respect to themselves and others. Students new to the school have been given

an opportunity to purchase a Pink Shirt for \$15.00 (DUE FEB 4th) – with Bert Edwards Science and Technology School printed on the back - and we are hoping all students will wear their shirts to school. 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 (Tea Tree Oil), hand sanitizer, and skin lotions. We have several students and staff with significant sensitivities, and your cooperation and support here is greatly appreciated!



STAYING SAFE and HEALTHY with our DAILY HEALTH CHECKS!

"Is Your Child Too Sick To Go To School?!"

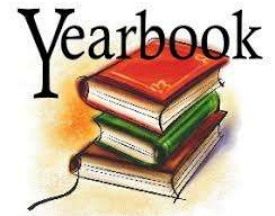
Interior Health advises parents to keep children home if they have:

- **Fever, chills, cough, or worsening of Chronic cough;**
- **Shortness of breath and/or Loss of sense of smell or taste;**
- **Nausea and vomiting;**
- **If you have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days, or a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19 (You would be following directions from Public Health)**
- Please review your **Acknowledgement to Complete Daily Health Check – Student** for additional information.



PAC NEWS

Just a reminder: We have yearbooks left for purchase. If you would like a book, please complete the form that came home, or ask your child to pick up a form at the school. The PAC will also be sponsoring a Yearbook Cover contest later this month. Please encourage your child to enter and design a cover for our 2020-2021 book! We are very happy that our BEST SWAG – clothing – has arrived! If you have not received your order, please contact the office. Huge thanks for your patience, as there were several unforeseen challenges with purchasing and transporting the clothing. Lastly, a final call to purchase a Cookie Gram for Valentines Day! Surprise a family member or friend! Last day will be Feb 4th.



KYSA COMMUNITY SPRING LEAGUE





U3 to U7 Initiation	U8 to U18 League
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose the day, time and location that works for you! • KYSA staff coaches • Jersey, shorts and socks included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based teams w/ friends • Indoor pre-season training • BC Soccer certified volunteer coaches • Participate in KYSA tournaments
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For more info or to register, visit www.kysa.net

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VALENTINES DAY!

Valentines Day is coming right up! We are mindful of providing some sense of normalcy on such days for our students, at the same time we are focused squarely on keeping our school safe and healthy for all students and staff. To this end, regarding Valentine's Day, the students at our District schools CAN share **PAPER** Valentines only. So, no plastic or other material on the card please – if you are sending any! We CAN NOT share food of any kind – so no packaged candy or cookies, etc of any kind please. As always we really appreciate your support!

