



BERT EDWARDS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2021

Kindergarten Registration 2020-2021

To be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2021, a student must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2020. Please phone for an appointment, and bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Care Card, and proof of address with you when registering. This year, parents may also register by contacting the school, and sending the required information by email or fax.



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

January 25th – February 5th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Registration closes at 3:00 pm on February 5th

***Please register anytime during this period. This registration is NOT first come, first served.**

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 pm. This is a VIRTUAL session, and registration is not required.

Schools of Choice will register as follows:

- Kamloops School of the Arts
- Bert Edwards Science & Technology School
- Montessori at Aberdeen Elementary
- French Immersion - Lloyd George Elementary
- French Immersion - South Sa-Hali Elementary

NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOLS

REGISTRATION is February 15th - 26th
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for kindergarten on these dates, but registration will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

Registration takes place at your neighbourhood school based on catchment boundaries. If you are unsure where to register, contact the School Board Office at 250-374-0679.

STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Request for student transfers for September 2021 will be accepted from March 1st to September 1, 2021. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's Principal. Decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with the Board Policy 330.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests



If you have a child entering kindergarten in September 2021, please join us to learn about kindergarten and childcare with presentations by an Early Learning Coordinator, an Aboriginal Resource Teacher and an Early Childhood Educator.

VIRTUAL SESSION is Wednesday, February 3, 2021
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Registration for this session is not required.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Jan 4th.....First Day Back!
- Jan 6thPAC Meeting
- Jan 8th.....Health Check forms back to school
- Jan 11th.....Start of After School Programs
- Jan 13th..... School of Choice Evening (Virtual)
- Jan 18thFSA begin for grade fours
- Jan 25th to Jan 29th.....Literacy Week
- Jan 25th until 3pm on Feb 5th.....Kindergarten Reg'n for Schools of Choice
- Feb 3rd.....Kindergarten Roundup
- Feb 3rd.....PAC Meeting 6pm
- Feb 5th.....Professional Development Day



Literacy Week

Literacy Week at BEST runs January 25th through January 29th. Please look for Literacy Week information coming home soon outlining all the awesome learning activities that we are planning! The “**Unplug and Play**” Challenge is once again a focal point of Literacy Week! Please have a look at the many community events on the schedule at **LiteracyInKamloops.ca** – Skating, Fitness Classes, Dance parties – that look like awesome activities for families to spend some fun, active time together!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Starting next week – if interested – children in some intermediate cohorts will be bringing home a permission slip for an after school program! At BEST this winter, we are hosting an after school Snowshoeing/Tennis session, and an after school Theater workshop. Both programs will be starting the week of JANUARY 11th. Contact will also be made with parents to arrange for pickup or have students walk home after these sessions – Typically between 4 and 4:30 pm each day.



FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Each year, students in grades 4 and 7 are administered Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA). This year, the assessments for **BEST GRADE FOUR** students will take place between **JANUARY 18th and FEBRUARY 20th**. Below, please find information regarding the assessments and how they are administered in our district.

- The Foundation Skills Assessment is administered to grade 4 and 7 students in all public and provincially funded private schools in British Columbia.
- The FSA is designed and developed in BC under the guidance of the Ministry of Education.
- **All students** attending a public or provincially funded private school are expected to write the FSA. **Principals and teachers do not have the authority to excuse students from writing.** The only students who may be exempt are students

designated and on an IEP or have a designated medical disability that would prevent them from writing the assessment. If students are in attendance during the scheduled provincial FSA from January 18th to February 20th, 2021 they will be required to participate.

- The FSA takes approximately 270 minutes (4.5 hours) spread over two to three weeks. Students will respond to questions online and in written form in assessment booklets.
- **The results for schools and districts are made public (not for individuals). The Ministry and District does not support the rating or ranking of schools based on FSA results. FSAs are only a single assessment of student performance and do not accurately reflect the whole learning picture in a school or district.**

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COMPLETE DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

In order to keep our students and staff healthy and safe, parents of students in SD # 73 are being asked to complete the Acknowledgement of Daily Health Check form for the second time this school year. Please complete and sign this form, and return it to the school by **Friday Jan 8th**. Answering the Health Check questions **DAILY** before your child attends school, will help to ensure a healthy and safe learning environment for everyone. **BIG THANKS** as always for your support.

PBIS UPDATE

It is exciting to be starting a new year! We had lots of fun in December with two school spirit days, Unusual Sweater Day and Pajama Day. We will be reviewing and reteaching about our school's behaviour MATRIX later in January. Please refer to the MATRIX in your Parent PBIS Handbook and consider having discussions with your child about different expectations from the MATRIX. We are going to continue to look for respectful, responsible, and safe behaviours at school. We will continue to recognize these behaviours with BEST Buzzes. Our target area for January is going to be on the playground. We expect to see many positive behaviours on the playground as we begin 2021.

