

MAY 2021

May/June Calendar

May 4th.....Office Fundraising Flower Orders
 May 3rd to 14th.....Hungry Feast Dish Presentation
 May 5thPAC Meeting 6pm
 May 9th.....Mother's Day
 May 20th.....Jump Rope for Heart
 May 21st.....District Pro-D Day
 May 21st.....Flower Order Pick-up
 May 24th.....Victoria Day Holiday
 May 28th.....Deadline for class requests
 June 1st/2nd.....Welcome to K Drive by event!

Welcome to Kindergarten



We will be doing things a little differently for our Kindergarten families again this year! Sometime before the end of May, a Welcome to Kindergarten email will be sent to all students/families who have registered in Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. This email will contain a link to a slideshow/video outlining some important information about Bert Edwards Science and Technology School. We will also be organizing an evening ZOOM session in order to meet our new families, and will have a "Welcome to Bert Edwards" Drive by on June 1st and 2nd after school when staff will greet families and students will receive a "Goodie Bag" full of early learning materials! Welcome to our new Kindergarten students; we are very excited to have you attending BEST in the fall!

Class Placements 2021–2022

The placement of students for the upcoming school year is a thoughtful and complex process. Many factors are considered when placing each child in his or her classroom for next year.



Parents who wish to provide input regarding the instructional needs of their child(ren) must provide this input to the Principal **in writing** no later than **FRIDAY MAY 28th**. Many parents seek to provide input in September, and by this time – at our school

– classes have been made up and we are not able to move students out or into classrooms.

Track and Field Events

Due to our current health restrictions, we will be working over the upcoming weeks organizing a safe and healthy track and field experience for our intermediate students. We plan to have events as usual:



High jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put and running, but will have the students organized in cohorts, as opposed to the usual organization in age groups. More information will be available soon, and GOOD LUCK and let's have some FUN everyone during this awesome yearly event!

Jump Rope for Heart

On Thursday May 20th, Bert Edwards Elementary will once again be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart event!

At home students could practice and jump any way they can:



- They can use their own jump ropes;
 - They can draw hopscotch on their driveway;
 - Play some basketball or other sport that involves jumping;
 - See how many times they can jump or how high they can jump;
 - Or Be Active in some way that works for them.
- Forms will be coming home soon, and will provide information regarding donations for the event. This is a really great cause, and one our families have fully supported for years! Please watch for pledge forms and prize information coming home sometime in the next few weeks.

Bike Safety/Bike to School

We are planning to have a little bit of a different Bike Rodeo this year here at BEST – much the same as Track and Field, just changing things around a little to be safe and healthy – and will let you all know when we have a day picked to support



students with safety and enjoyment on their bikes. For now, we encourage everyone to ride a bike out in the community on a regular basis! Please remember at this time of year to do a bike check, and we are recommending you:

1. Check tire pressure and pump up tires;
2. Adjust seat height for growing legs;
3. Ensure helmet fits;
4. Check the brakes;
5. Oil chain; and
6. Makes sure bike fits (not too big or too small).

Bike to School Week is an annual celebration where we encourage students of all ages to bike, roll, or walk to school. The event includes the third annual [Bike Reels Student Video contest](#), where students are encouraged to film a 60-90 second film. Students of all ages and abilities can take part. **This year, Bike to School Week will take place the week of May 31st-June 4th, and we encourage everyone to ride their bikes to school on these days!**

Hungry Feast Dish

During the week of May 3rd to May 14th, our classes will have access to the Axis Theatre presentation of **Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish - The Film!** This presentation takes inspiration from Hansel and Gretel and the First Nations story of The Wild Woman of the Woods. The story is told through mask and music and will introduce and reinforce themes such as:

- Respecting the environment
- Problem solving and friendship
- Courage, cooperation and honour
- Mask, puppets, music and songs as a form of communication

Thank you so much for your support with our presentations. Your donations last year have been carried over, allowing us to enjoy and learn in this unique format.

Flower Fundraiser

With the warm weather here it's time to think about flowers and gardening! May long-weekend is the perfect date to plant and our Spring Fundraiser delivers just in time! Order forms have been sent home or you can order directly online at:



<https://bertedwardselementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> . Thank you for your continued support.

Order Deadline:

Tuesday, May 4

Confirmed Pickup Date:

Friday, May 21

Math Moments for Parents!

How Parents Can Make Math Fun For Their Kids! People that are accurate and efficient in math use lots of interesting strategies. These videos



featuring Katie McCormack, a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Team, are made for parents to demonstrate how these strategies can be fun. Her ideas for sharing them with kids are easy to remember, enjoyable and effective. "We want parents to feel that they can help their kids not only be better in math but enjoy learning math. Math is fun, math is cool, math is super useful." *District Numeracy Resource Teacher Katie McCormack*

View these videos at:

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/math-moments.aspx>

PBIS Update

Primary students recently had a refresher on WITS with our RCMP School Liaison Officer. WITS is a program we use at school for solving problems respectfully and peacefully. WITS stands for: Walk Away; Ignore; Talk It Out; and Seek Help. WITS is part of our Behaviour MATRIX. Our Behaviour MATRIX states: "I can use my words and WITS to solve problems." Parents can help by modifying, modeling, and teaching this behaviour expectation at home. Mrs. Villeneuve's class has been working on some WITS Playground role plays that they are going to perform for other classes within the next few weeks. As more students begin riding bikes or scooters to school, please note that our Behaviour MATRIX also states, "I can walk my wheels." Students are expected to walk with bikes or scooters once they are on school grounds.