

NOVEMBER 2019

PAC NEWS

- Please remember to come out and support our PAC Craft Fair on Sunday November 10th from 10am – 2pm in the school gym.
- Our 2019-2020 BEST Yearbook is available to order! Cost of the book is \$20.00, and order forms can be found in the hallways.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1.....	PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza!
Nov 3.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 4.....	PBIS Assembly
Nov 6.....	PAC Meeting 6pm
Nov 7.....	Grade six Immunizations
Nov 8.....	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 10.....	PAC Craft Fair
Nov 11.....	Remembrance Day (school closed)
Nov 25 – 29.....	Hockey Week @ BEST
Nov 25.....	Blazers Visit
Nov 26.....	Come Read With Me
Nov 29.....	Reports home
Dec 2.....	District Non-Instructional Day
Dec 3.....	PAC Meeting 6 pm
Dec 19.....	Winter Concert (1pm and 6pm)
Dec 23 – January 3.....	Winter Break

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents please be reminded that rather than phoning the school, student absences should be reported using our dedicated SafeArrival # [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647) or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com. Parents can also use the SafeArrival smartphone app (iOS or Android versions available) to log their child's absence. Please report student absences prior to 8:30am.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Friday,
November 8th
10:45 am



This will be a solemn remembrance of those, both past and present, who have bravely served our country. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend our assembly on Friday November 8th at 10:45am. We have invited veterans from our community, and students from our school will

demonstrate their learning of this important occasion. Poppies will be given to students on Friday, November 8th. Please remember to support our Veterans by bringing a cash donation (if you can) for the poppies on this day.

CHILLY WEATHER



As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child/ren are dressed for the outdoors with cold weather coats, headgear, gloves, scarfs, pants and boots. Students are expected to be outside during the breaks unless the weather is extremely cold ~ that means significant rain or ice and cold, depending on the wind chill. It is important for the children to play outside and move around – even in cold weather.

Students should also have separate inside and outside footwear. Please help us keep our school clean by reminding your child to remove their outside footwear at the door, particularly as we move into wet and chilly weather.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will come home with students on Friday, November 29th. They will be sent home in a brown envelope. Please be sure to indicate on that envelope if you would like to meet with your child's teacher after reviewing their report card. It is important for all parent/guardians to sign and return the envelope back to your classroom teacher.



COME READ WITH ME



An invitation is extended to all parents and caregivers of our Grade one and one/two classrooms to attend a "Come Read With Me" session in our gym on November 26th from 8:15 – 10 am.

The early primary years are an exciting time for children and their parents. Teachers are working hard during this time to establish foundational literacy skills. We know that parents play an important role in their child's

learning. Schools rely on parents to support classroom instruction, and offer this workshop to help adults practice and confidently employ strategies to support their young students. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided for parents attending this wonderful session, and students will receive a free book!

HOCKEY WEEK



From Monday Nov 26th to Friday Nov 30th, we will be celebrating hockey week at BEST. As an important piece of this fun, action packed week, families are encouraged to participate in our joint fundraising effort with the Kamloops Blazers and

buy tickets for a game against the Portland Winterhawks on Saturday November 29th! Let's see how many Bert Edwards families we can get out to the game! During the week, we will have events such as: Jersey day; Staff/Student game; Skills sessions at lunch; Hockey trivia; Table hockey, and much more!

PHONE CALLS/MESSAGES for STUDENTS



It is helpful to us if children have their after school plans in order prior to leaving for school in the morning. It can be challenging to try to get messages to all the children who have a change in plans at the end of the school day.

Please inform your child each morning before saying goodbye:

- who is picking them up;
- whether they are to walk home;
- where the meeting spot is;
- arrangements for play dates, etc.

FRUIT 'n VEGGIE PROGRAM



Again this year we are pleased to offer a Fruit 'n Veggie Program to students. Fruit, veggies and milk are delivered to our classrooms approximately once per month. If you DO NOT

want your child to participate in this program, please let the office know. It is amazing how many fruits and vegetables get consumed on these days!

Germ Farm



Regular hand washing with soap and warm water is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself and

your children from illness. Please practice and reinforce this important habit with your children at home, and when eating out in our community.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

Many of you likely know by now that our School District will no longer be offering Young People's Concerts at the Sagebrush Theatre. As a result, we here at BEST have started booking these



types of performances for right here at Bert Edwards! To date, we have booked African drummer Vodi Torgbah for later this month, and the multi-talented Zac

Gauthier for April. In order to pay for these artists, we are asking – in lieu of the \$15.00 YPC performance fee – for a performance fee of \$10.00 from each student. We are really looking forward to watching live performances here at our school!

PBIS NEWS

As a staff at B.E.S.T., we are committed to creating a school environment that promotes positive behaviours. We are consistently and constantly doing our best to remind students what respectful, responsible, and safe behaviours look like. These expectations are all indicated in our B.E.S.T Behaviour MATRIX. At the beginning of the school year, students participated in rotations that outlined the expectations in our MATRIX. Students have been incredibly successful and many BEST Buzzes have been handed to students for demonstrating expected behaviours. The school celebrated these appropriate behaviours by earning an extra recess on Thursday, October 24th. Great effort everyone!

Over the next few weeks, our focus will be on lunch time eating expectations.

Our New eating expectations acronym is: B.E.S.T. B = Be respectful / E = Eat Mindfully / S = Stay seated / T = Tidy At the Bell. We hope to celebrate success in this area with a school spirit day in December.

SALMON TANK IN HALLWAY

We now have a salmon tank in the hallway across from the main office. Very soon there will be fertilized salmon eggs in this tank. This tank is part of SD # 73's salmonid enhancement program. This tank will be maintained by Ms. Dickinson's and Ms. Chernoff's students. Please be mindful over the next few months to be quiet in the hall in front of this salmon tank. Please try not to bump the tank. This tank will be covered to ensure darkness, so please do not remove the front cover. Our eggs require darkness for the first little while.