

## NOVEMBER 2020

### PAC NEWS

- Please look for PAC Cookie Dough sales information coming home soon!
- Our PAC Swag – Bert Edwards pants, hoodies, shirts are on sale in the office, and you will have an order form home soon with your student!

### NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 1st.....Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Nov 4th.....PAC Meeting 6pm  
 Nov 6th.....PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza!  
 Nov 10th.....Remembrance Day Recognition  
 Nov 11th.....Remembrance Day (school closed)  
 Nov 24th.....Come Read With Me  
 Dec 7th.....District Non-Instructional Day

### SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents please be reminded that rather than phoning the school, student absences are reported using our dedicated SafeArrival # [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647) or visit [ktsd.schoolconnects.com](http://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



Tuesday,  
November 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am



This will be a solemn remembrance of those, both past and present, who have bravely served our country. Our Remembrance Day Recognition will take place on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We have made up a “Virtual” Assembly with – as usual – presentations from select classes, Last Post, and a Minute of Silence. 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, and taking into consideration 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.

### REPORTING PILOT

Report cards are normally sent home in November every year. This year, with BEST participating in the new Reporting Pilot, our next “Point of Progress” for parents will be the week of December 7th 2020. This week, your teacher will be reaching out with information about your child. Depending on the teacher and class, this may be a short meeting, a student self-assessment, a video, or a phone call. Your next written report will be coming home sometime the last week of January 2021.

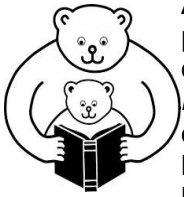


### FRUIT 'n VEGGIE PROGRAM



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 call the office. It is amazing how many fruits and vegetables get consumed on these days!

## COME READ WITH ME



An invitation is extended to all parents and caregivers of our Grade one students to attend a “Come Read With Me” session via ZOOM on Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>. We have TWO sessions on this day – both the same – the first from 9am –

10 am, and the second from 6pm – 7pm.

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. Parents attending this wonderful session will learn strategies to help engage and educate their children, while also taking home a Free Reading Resource package including a book, word cards, and word games!

## 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.

## PBIS NEWS

There has been LOADS of positive behaviour to celebrate around Bert Edwards Science and Technology School so far this year! Staff continue to be impressed with how respectful, responsible, and safe students are being around the school and on the playground. Students are remembering to slow down and be patient in the hallways to allow for social distancing. Our bulletin boards are filling up with BEST Buzzes. On October 9th, students received a well-deserved extra recess.

P.B.I.S. Parent Handbooks have started to be distributed. Please look these over with your child / children at various times throughout the year. These handbooks are great resources for school, and for home. It is helpful that similar language be used at school and home to reinforce the teaching of positive behaviours. If you have not yet received your P.B.I.S. Parent Handbook, we have some still on order, but expect them to be here very soon. Thank you for your patience!

## 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, and will be maintained by Ms. Dickinson’s and Ms. Chernoff’s students. We will all work on being mindful over the next few months to be quiet in the hall in front of this salmon tank, and try not to bump it. The tank will be covered to ensure darkness, and we must not remove the front cover! Our eggs require darkness for the first little while.

## WOODLAND'S MASKS!

Mr. Woodland’s grade six class – Woodland’s Coffee Shop – is now selling masks! Please contact Mr. Wood or a grade six student to order. Masks come in a variety of colors, with premium masks priced at \$20.00 and Economy at \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00.



## CULTURAL PRESENTATION

In November we are planning to have our students participate in Axis Theatre Company’s theatrical film of their wonderful First Nations play, “Th’owxiys: The Hungry Feast Dish.” This experience will immerse students in the legend of the basket ogress, Th’owxiya, an old hungry spirit that inhabits a feast dish full of bountiful delicious foods. This Kwantlen First Nations tale follows a sly Mouse (Kw’at’el) who is caught stealing cheese from this feast dish. To appease an angry Th’owxiya, Kw’at’el embarks on a journey to find two children for the ogress to eat, or else! Come enjoy the traditional Coast Salish and Sto:lo music, masks, and imagery while learning how Raven (Sqeweqs), Bear (Spa:th), and Sasquatch (Sasq’ets) trick a hungry spirit and save Kw’at’el and their family from becoming the feast! There is no charge to parents for this performance.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our After School programs have begun! The sessions are for our senior students, with priority given to our grade sixes. We are participating in cohort groups. So, for this first fall session, Mr. Hummel and Mrs. Unsworth’s students are enrolled in After School Art, and Mr. Wood and Mrs. Villeneuve’s students in After School Sports.

