

## October 2019

### PAC NEWS

- Please return any coupon books or orders ASAP to the office.



Reminder that our doors open at the 8:25 am bell for students to enter and begin their day. We kindly ask students to wait outside until the 8:25 am morning bell.

### TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox Run! We raised approximately \$426.70 and those monies have been forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. *Good job BEST students!!*



### SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE



Reminder: school supply fees were due and payable September 28th. If for any reason you are not able to pay at this time, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 1.....	School Individual Photos
Oct 1.....	F.S.A. Begins for Grade 4
Oct 2.....	PAC Meeting 6pm
Oct 4.....	PAC Hot Lunch
Oct 7.....	Cst. Wiedenmann/Lockdown drill
Oct 9.....	Mother Goose Begins
Oct 11.....	River's Day
Oct 14.....	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 16.....	Photo Retakes & Class Photos
Oct 21.....	Gr six girls STEAM CAMP
Oct 23.....	Early Closure 12:30pm
.....	Parent/Teacher Interviews 12:45 – 6:45pm
Oct 25.....	District Non-Instructional Day

Oct 25.....	School photo orders due
Oct 28.....	School Fees due
Oct 31.....	Happy Halloween! Food Bank Drive!

### RETAKE PHOTOS and ORDERS



Those students wishing to have retakes done (or those students who did not have a photo taken due to absence) will have their photo taken on October 16th. If you wish to have a retake done for your child, please return the proof envelope with your child on October 16th. Students will hand this envelope directly to the photographer on retake day. This is also our class photo day! Please remember to order your photos prior to OCT 23rd for FREE SHIPPING to the school. Orders placed after this date will be mailed to you at home, and be subject to a shipping fee.

### CELL PHONES

The School District has a policy (Policy 406.1) concerning the use of cell phones at school. Children bring cell phones to school at their own risk. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. Please encourage your child to leave their devices at home.

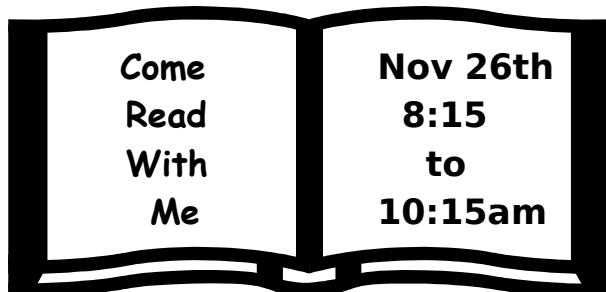


### EARLY CLOSURE/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This month we will undertake the first of two INFORMAL school reports. The informal reports can take the form of a phone call, a class open house, a letter, or a face to face conversation. We will be having parent/teachers interviews on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:45 pm until 6:45 pm. Of note, Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY, and students will be going home on this day at 12:30 pm. Please return your Parent Teacher Interview form, or phone the office anytime after October 1<sup>st</sup> to book your

appointment. If you are not able to attend the school at this time, please make arrangements with your child's teacher for an alternate form of informal report.

## SAVE THE DATE



Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) is excited to offer the Come Read With Me program for parents and caregivers of Grade 1 students in partnership with their teachers. Parents of Grade 1 students, please join us on **November 26, 2019 from 8:15 – 10:15 am** for a session with a Kamloops Literacy Outreach Coordinator and One to One Children's Literacy Program Trainer.

This is a 2 hour session for parents that teaches a variety of strategies they can use to support their child(ren) with home reading and assists with building a home-school connection. Parents go home with many new strategies and a bag full of materials including a new book, sight word cards, word games, foam dice, a bookmark, and more.

## FLU SEASON



As we head into inFLUenza season, it is a great time to review ways to help keep staff and students healthy! Handwashing, covering a cough, and staying home when sick, are all ways to prevent the spread of illnesses.

## HEAD LICE

Please check your children at home at least once a week for head lice. If you find any, please treat immediately, and report it to the school so that we can take steps to keep them under control. Vigilance at the home is the best



way to control the spread of head lice. Remember, it isn't enough to just use the shampoo. Some lice are immune. Removal of all the nits (eggs) from the hair after treatment is necessary to prevent hatching. It only takes one live louse to lay hundreds of eggs.



We will be continuing with our Bert Edwards tradition of morning costumes and "Halloween Train" this year (classes walk around the school in costumes) and will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday October 31st. Students are invited to dress up in their costumes on the 31<sup>st</sup>; they can bring costumes to school in packs and change first thing if they like. Please talk to your child's teacher regarding sweets, and bringing treats to school, as the children will likely be into PLENTY of sweets on Halloween. A reminder: AGE APPROPRIATE COSTUMES PLEASE AND NO MASKS OR WEAPONS! Look for additional information from our classroom teachers coming home prior to Halloween.



## ONE TO ONE READING

We are really excited that One to One Reading is returning to our school! This fantastic program involving trained adult volunteers from our community reading with students who need just a little support as they work to improve their reading skills. If you can help with this awesome program for our second session which starts in the new year - please contact Ms. Boyle in the office!

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS

The Young People's Concert group – as of this year – will no longer be organizing performances for School District #73. We will really miss these awesome cultural activities, and will work in the future to find alternative avenues to provide these types of performances for our students. As a final parting gesture, the YPC committee is presenting a

**FREE CONCERT** for all SD #73 students the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bert Edwards students will be attending this performance, and we will be sending home a permission form when we have more information. Please note: There will be **no collecting of YPC money this school year!**

## RIVER'S DAY

On Friday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll be celebrating River's Day with awesome activities down near the Thompson River with a host of community presenters. World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers, strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Presenters will be setting up at the corner of Schubert Drive and Windsor Avenue, and students will arrive to start their sessions at 10:15 am. We will all return to the school for an early lunch period from 11:35-12:40pm, then return to the stations until 2pm. Please join us for this wonderful community event!



## FOOD DRIVE

Once again this year Mrs. Villeneuve's grade 5/6 class is having a food drive for the food bank on the 31st of October [Halloween]. For the Halloween Food Drive you can bring in any food that is not expired. You can bring: canned food, crackers, dry food or snack foods. Thanks for helping us help those in need!

## RECYCLING BATTERIES

At our school (Bert Edwards Science and Technology School) we can now recycle batteries. All you have to do is bring your batteries here to our school. A group of kids from Mrs. Villeneuve's class will bring the batteries in from our school to a place where we can recycle them.



## PARENT MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM

- \* Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs, and oral stories with your young children;
- \* Learn ways to encourage language and social development
- \* Meet other parents and families

Learn about community resources

Program Details:

Wednesdays, 6:00—7:00pm

October 9<sup>th</sup>—November 27, 2019

At, Bert Edwards Science & Technology School

Registration: Opens Thursday

September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, via

[www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

Cost: Free! (Sponsored by the BC Ministry of Education, Ready, Set, Learn Initiative)

For more information, please call (250) 376-4771



## DRUMMING AT BEST!

We feel fortunate to be bringing Vodzi Torgboh, a Master Drummer from Ghana, to BEST this fall from October 28<sup>th</sup> until November 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be visiting all or our classrooms! Vodzi did some workshops with Juniper Ridge and RL Clemitson students this spring and it was an incredible learning opportunity for both the students and the teachers. He uses folksongs and teaches dancing, percussion, and games to provide context and connections for the students. Incredible practice in self-awareness and resiliency comes from students and teachers engaging in community music-making – we feel these will be fantastic learning sessions for our students!

