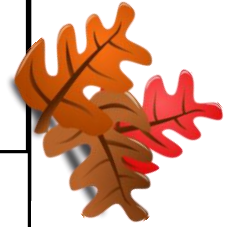


Bert Edwards Elementary School

October 2023



Thank you to our entire school community for contributing to an excellent school start-up. Students are now settled into their classrooms and are hard at work on various projects and activities. Parents please be reminded of the weekly emails sent home each Friday. These emails highlight our upcoming week ahead.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the "Celebrate Character" performance in September. This was a great way to begin our year with a great message about being trustworthy, responsible and caring. Thank you to everyone for the enthusiasm and participation in our Terry Fox run. Our school raised over \$240 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Recently students participated in Rivers Day and Orange Shirt day.

Congratulations to all cross country runners. Thank you to Mr. Hummel, Ms. Stovold and Ms. Unsworth for coaching our team and taking them to the after school running events.

Photo Day

Our photo day is on Thursday, October 12th. Each student will have an individual portrait taken. Retakes will be offered on October 26th. Class photos will also be taken on October 26th. These portraits will also be used for our school yearbook.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We have designated October 18th as our early dismissal day for parent/teacher interviews. Teachers will contact parents directly to arrange for appointments. Please make arrangements to pick up your child at 12:40pm on this day.

Signing in

A friendly reminder that we require your child to sign in at the office when arriving late. Parents can drop off their children at the front door when they are arriving late.

Pick-up and Drop-off

Our daily dismissal time is at 2:40pm. It is expected that parents/caregivers are here at this time for pick-up. We do not have supervision outside before and after the school day.

Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

Please note that use of any equipment with wheels on school grounds is not permitted. If students bring scooters and bikes to school, they need to walk them on school grounds. This rule applies before and after school bell times as well.

Weather

We request that you dress your child for the weather. Our plan is to have all recess and lunch breaks outside unless the weather conditions are very extreme. Students should come to school with appropriate footwear, coats and accessories (mittens, gloves, hats). Be sure to label all outdoor clothing.



Important Dates for October

Oct. 2nd	No School Truth and Reconciliation Day
Oct. 4th	PAC Meeting 6pm
Oct. 9th	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 12th	Photo Day
Oct. 18th	Early Dismissal at 12:40pm
Oct. 20th	Professional Day (no school)
Oct. 26th	Come Read with Me 8:45am (for Grade 1 Parents) Retakes and Class Photos
Dec. 21st	Save the Date Our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 21st. There will be afternoon and an evening performance on this day. Details to be provided closer to the occasion

Halloween



Classroom teachers will advise families of the specific instructions and/or plans they will have for their classrooms. Please watch the weekly emails for updates from the office.



Report
Cards

Reporting

Students will receive three written reports this year. Reports will be sent home on December 15th, March 13th and June 27th.

Keep Dogs at Home

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school ground. This is a city bylaw and applies to all school grounds.

BEST PAC NEWS



The Big Deal Coupon Book fundraiser was a success! Thank you to everyone who participated. The BEST PAC would like to give a big shout out to the top three sellers: Brinlee Letourneau (30 books), Kinsley Amiel (19 books) and Austin Shishido (17 books)! We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Denison's Grade 1 class because they had the highest student participation!



Want to have some fall family fun and help raise money for BEST then check out the Privato Pumpkin Patch! Family pass tickets are \$25 which includes entry for 2 adults and up to 4 kids, two pumpkins and

free hot chocolate for the kids! When buying your family pass tickets online use our special code:

BEST and Privato will donate \$5 for each family pass to BEST!

Dates: September 30th to October 29th, weekends only and Thanksgiving Monday (Hours: 11am to 5pm) Location: 5505 Westsyde Rd, Kamloops

BEST PAC Hot Lunch Day: Panago Pizza (Friday October 13) Please note that pizza order forms are **due Friday Oct 6th** not Monday Oct 9th as that is a holiday.



The next BEST PAC meeting will be Wed October 4 at 6p.m. in the library. We will be deciding on our Executive committee and scheduling the PAC events and fundraisers for the school year! All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Parent Corner

Here are some questions parents can use to initiate meaningful conversation with their children about their school day.

What was the best thing that happened at school today?

(What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)

Tell me something that made you laugh today.

Where is the coolest place at the school? If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?

How did you help somebody today?

How did somebody help you today?

Tell me one thing that you learned today.

When were you the happiest today?

Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?

Tell me something good that happened today.

What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?

What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?

Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?

Where do you play the most at recess?

Who is the funniest person in your class?

Why is he/she so funny?

What was your favourite part of lunch?

If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?