



December 2022

Message from Mrs. Edstrom

With December already upon us, students have started the countdown to the holiday. We wish all of our BEST families a safe and restful break.

Thank you to our staff for their outstanding efforts in working with our students each day.

We recognize that Christmas can be a challenging time for families. If your family could benefit from receiving a Christmas hamper we encourage you to contact the Salvation Army at (250) 554-1611. Families need to register to receive food/presents.

Salvation Army Food Drive (Dec. 1st – 9th)

Students are welcome to bring in non-perishable foods between Dec. 1st and 9th for the Salvation Army.

Important Dates

Dec. 5	Professional Day (no classes)
Dec. 9	Pizza Day Santa Photo Fundraiser 3-6pm in the portable
Dec.15	Winter Concert 1pm and 6pm
Dec.16	Last day of classes before Winter Break

Winter Expectations

Please review the expectations below. Winter can be a challenging time for safe play and organization of winter gear. These expectations are designed to help ease the challenges that winter weather can bring.

- Snow stays on the ground (no snow balls or throwing snow into air)
- Building structures with snow is permitted
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Place/hang clothing in your locker or cubby

Students are expected to follow these rules after school as well. We have many students on the grounds after the bell and in an effort to ensure safety and continuity; students are expected to respect these expectations. We recognize that weekends and evenings are a different context and more flexibility at these times is understood.

Visitor Access

If your child needs to be picked up early, please check in at the front office. Office staff will assist in getting students from classes while parents wait in the front office zone. This helps to eliminate disruption during learning time.

Winter Concert

Please note that all K-6 classes will be participating in our Winter Concert titled: **“The BEST Christmas Spirit”**. Our concert will be presented on December 15th at 1pm and 6pm. **For our evening concert, doors will open at 5:30 pm and classrooms will be open at 5:45pm.** After the evening concert is complete, please pickup your child from his/her classroom. Further details will be provided by Mrs. Phillips as needed. Please access her blog here <https://mrsphillipsfinearts.weebly.com/> or on the Bert Edwards School website. Families can access songs and costume information here.

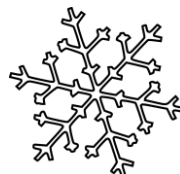
December Spirit Days

- Dec. 12th – wear red and green
- Dec. 13th – wear winter sweaters
- Dec. 14th – hat day
- Dec. 16th – PJ Day



STEM Stars

In the new year, we will be recognizing students and classes for work in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Teachers will nominate students/classes that have shown leadership in inquiry and engagement in this area. STEM Stars will be recognized in assemblies, daily announcements and on a bulletin board display.





PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Support)

At BEST, we are focusing on a positive behaviour model where students work together to create an inclusive and welcoming school environment. Our students have been receiving lots of BEST Buzzes for their awesome behaviour around our school. We had a great assembly to talk about kind hands and actions, as well as appropriate ways to play outside! This month, you received a parent pamphlet with lots of information about how PBIS works in our school! Thanks for your ongoing support.

PAC

Our Winter Craft Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your support. At our Winter Concert, we will be raffling off various prize baskets and having a 50/50 draw. Tickets will only be available at the school on Dec. 15th. Please send your donations to your child's classroom (each class has a specific theme). Parents can watch for a form to purchase tickets to win a VIP Package which includes: parking and seating for the concert; 1 basket draw ticket and a 50/50 ticket.



Our Students are Working on:

- BEEing Respectful
- BEEing Responsible
- BEEing Safe
- BEEing Kind



Happy Holidays

