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SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome back to a new school year Bert Edwards families! My name is Kim Edstrom and I am so pleased to be the new principal at BEST. I am looking forward to engaging with students, families and the school community. I have worked in the education field since 1998 as a teacher and more recently in administration. For the past four years, I have been Vice Principal at Lloyd George Elementary and Arthur Hatton Elementary. I have two children of my own who are 18 and 20. I want to welcome the new staff members that have joined our school this year and a warm welcome to the new families joining us! A big thank you to our custodial team who have done a wonderful job in preparing our school campus. I would also like to recognize all of the extra time that staff members have dedicated to preparing classrooms, designing learning plans and organizing our office. These past few weeks have been very busy on campus as our staff have worked diligently to prepare for the return of our students. Thank you to our entire team for their dedication. I wish everyone a rewarding and enjoyable school year full of engaging learning experiences and many memories! Please watch for my weekly email which will be sent each Friday. Mrs. Edstrom

School Mission Statement

To develop curious, dynamic problem-solvers within a personalized learning environment utilizing Inquiry-based learning, through the lens of Science, supported by Technology.

School Goals for 2022 – 2023

1. Students will improve foundational skills in Literacy and Numeracy.
2. Students will improve their ability to resolve problems peacefully and maintain healthy relationships with peers and adults.

BEST STAFF 2022-2023

Mrs. C. Farber Kindergarten
 Mrs. A. Bowden Kindergarten
 Mrs. B. Denison Grade 1
 Ms. M. Adams Grade 1
 Ms. L. Duquette Grade 2
 Ms. T. Weber Grade 2
 Mrs. J. Ernst Grade 3
 Ms. G. Campbell (on maternity leave, TTOC TBA) Grade 3/4
 Mr. J. Hummel Grade 4/5
 Mrs. A. Unsworth Grade 4/5
 Mrs. H. Villeneuve Grade 5/6
 Mr. M. Wood Grade 6
 Ms. T. Mangan Resource Room
 Mrs. K. Edstrom Principal
 Mr. S. Scott Vice-Principal
 Ms. D. Ladouceur Administrative Assistant
 Ms. G. Benz LART
 Mr. W. Deptuck McQueen Lake Resource Teacher
 Mrs L. Phillips Fine Arts Prep
 Ms K. Kipp Teacher Librarian & Prep
 Mrs. R. Bisong Library Asst

Ms. A. Bartel CEA
 Mrs.S. EgdellCEA
 Mrs. H. Uppenborn. CEA
 Mrs. J. Murphy CEA
 Mrs. A. NikulaDistrict Resource Room CEA
 Mrs. E. HanzonDistrict Resource Room CEA
 Mrs. D. BlankDistrict Resource Room CEA
 TBA AEW
 Mr. B. Johnson AM Custodian
 Mrs. N. Dhillon PM Custodian
 Ms. A. PM Custodian

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:25 am Doors open
 8:35 am Classes begin
 9:50 – 10:05am Recess
 11:55 – 12:30pm All students outside
 12:30 - 12:50pm Eating time
 12:50pm Classes resume
 2:41 pm Dismissal

SAFE ARRIVAL

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let us know about your child's absence. You are asked to report your child's absence in advance if possible using one of these convenient methods:

- School Messenger app – from the Apple app store or Google Play Store
- Web and mobile web – go to goschoolmessenger.ca
- Interactive toll-free phone – 1-844-350-2647

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

With the safety of our children and staff in mind, we undertake the practice of both Fire and Lockdown Drills throughout the school year. Dates to be determined. If you or your child feel any anxiety or concern with the drills, and we can help in any way, please contact us at the school. We undertake these drills to make sure students are aware of safety procedures in the event of an emergency.

RECESS / LUNCH

- We encourage parents to send a nutritious snack with their children for recess.
- All students are expected to go outside at recess and lunch. Exceptions will be made during inclement weather.
- Students will not be able to leave the school grounds during recess and lunch break unless their parent or guardian has sent a written and signed note to the office.

PARKING / DROP OFF

Our student drop off area on York Avenue is meant for parents to pull in to the zone and drop students off. *It is not a short term parking area.* Bus zones are NO PARKING at any time. Parking is available in many areas around the school and your help with road safety will assist us in providing a safe place for students to walk and ride to school.

Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is off limits to parent vehicles from 8:15 – 8:45am and 2:15 – 3pm. Please respect this policy and help us to keep children SAFE at our school.

Students will lineup outside at their designated place. Classroom teachers will pickup the class and drop them off at the designated place outside. We request that all parents/caregivers meet students at the designated location each day.

NEWSLETTERS ~ In an effort to save costs and paper, our monthly school newsletter will be emailed to student primary contacts and also available on our website at <http://best.sd73.bc.ca>. Printed

copies will also be posted at our bulletin board outside the office.



Our Lunch Program begins on Tuesday, September 20th, 2021. A permission form / menu is attached with a due date of no later than noon Wednesday, September 14th. Lunch costs are \$4 per student / meal.

- **Payment by cheque is the preferred method of payment for the Lunch Program.**
- Please do not combine these monies with other school monies.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school Terry Fox Run/Walk is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23rd. As always, we will participate in a short warm up and then our primary students will be running around the school grounds, while our intermediate students will be running as usual along the Rivers Trail to Westmount and back. We will be spearheading our fundraising efforts with "A Toonie for Terry," but any donation for the Terry Fox Foundation would be greatly appreciated. Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer! Thanks in advance for your support!



FORMS

The following forms are attached. Please review each form, sign and return to the school office at your earliest convenience.



- Outside Media Consent
- Access to Internet-Based Resources
- Personal Information Consent
- Technology Use form
- Aboriginal Ancestry document (If applicable)
- Walking Field Trip form (within 2km of school)
- Meals form – due Wednesday September 14th
- **Verification forms - Please make any necessary changes and return the form with updated information and signed by a parent.**

NUT/PEANUT and EGG AWARE

We have students with life-threatening nut and egg allergies at BEST. The following safety guidelines are to be followed by all classes:

We ask parents of students at our school to consider not sending peanuts, peanut butter, or any other nut and

egg products to school. There are snacks available that are marked "peanut free".

1. Please talk to your classroom teacher about sending cakes, cupcakes or cookies for class parties that contain nuts/eggs.
2. We have a no-share policy for snacks and lunches.



Please submit all school related fees to the office, and ensure your child's name and teacher's name are included. Please keep these payments separate from meal payments.

FEE SCHEDULE	
Kindergarten	\$45.00
**includes craft & cooking fees	
Gr 1, 2, 3 (Supplies & Agenda)	\$45.00
** Mathletics fee	\$10.00
TOTAL Gr 1, 2, 3.....	\$55.00
Gr 4, 5, 6 (Supplies & Agenda)	\$60.00
** Mathletics fee	\$10.00
TOTAL Gr 4, 5, 6.....	\$70.00
Yearbook (Optional)	\$20.00

We offer a payment plan of \$10.00 per month per student payable prior to the end of each month. Please opt for this plan if funds are tight as it helps eliminate the cost of NSF cheques. Please advise the school office as soon as possible if you are considering this option. School fees are due Thursday, Sept 29th.

RECORD CHECKS

Volunteering at schools with children is a great way to spend quality time with your child, while at the same time enriching the lives of our students. Our provincial government has a new and improved process for requesting RECORD CHECKS with your BC SERVICES CARD. Please contact the office – if and when you are thinking of volunteering – for information regarding this process.

Becoming a member of our BEST PAC could well be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. Our PAC members work tirelessly – in partnership with our staff – to make Bert Edwards Science and Technology School a fantastic place to learn. We meet once a month, and typically members take on some responsibility around the school: Organizing Pizza Days, Bottle Drives, Christmas raffles, Science Fairs. All money raised during these events goes right back into the school to provide opportunities for our students. Please contact Mrs. Edstrom at our office if you are interested!



Adams River Salmon Run

All classes will be attending the Adams River Salmon Run on October 5th. Permission forms and further details will be provided to families later this month. All students will travel back and forth by school bus.

Art Starts

Please note that this year we will be hosting a series of Arts performances. There is a cost for students to attend these performances. A description of the performances and a form to collect fees (approximately \$15) will be sent home in October. We are so excited to be able to once again host these engaging cultural events here at BEST!

Sports

We look forward to the year ahead in which students can partake in various sports teams and activities. Soon the cross country running school league will commence (students in Grades 3-6 can participate). More information will be provided. We also look forward to volleyball, basketball and track and field throughout the year. Students in grades 4-6 can participate in these sports.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)