

# Van Bien Elementary

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We are headed into a very busy time of year here at Van Bien Elementary. It was wonderful to see all the families who were able to join us for our Winter Wonderland school dance and fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who donated your time and came out to support our school. A special thank you to Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Polsom and the Leadership students for all their hard work.

Please see the calendar for some very important dates. The Christmas concert will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. The students have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming concert and look forward to performing for friends and family. I cannot think of a better way to get into the spirit than watching the children perform.

As you are aware the written information to Communicate Student Learning will look different this year and will replace the former 'report cards'. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher any questions you may have. You will receive written communication by Thursday, Dec. 15. As a province, we are working towards having all communication timely and ongoing. We are excited to where we are heading and thank you for your patience while we take this journey.

With the weather getting colder now, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate outdoor clothing to school. If you have any hats, mittens or snow pants that you would like to recycle, drop them off at the school. We are happy to take them & pass them along to someone in need.

We will be enjoying a hot lunch provided by PAC on December 15. Money raised from the hot lunch program goes back into our schools - all our students benefit ☺. Our last day of school will be December 16<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the teachers and staff that work with your children every day, I want to wish you a magical holiday season and a successful 2017. We welcome everyone back on January 3, 2017.

Mrs. Zummack, Vice Principal



## Calendar of Events

**Dec. 14** Christmas Concert @ 12:15 pm

**Dec. 15** PAC Hot Lunch

**Dec. 16** Spirit Day

**Dec. 19 – Jan. 2** Winter Vacation

**Jan. 3** First day back

**Jan. 30** Non-Instructional day

**Jan. 31** Kindergarten

Registration Day

**Feb. 1** Winter festival

**Feb. 8 – Mar. 3** Student Transfer Process

**Feb. 13** Family Day

**Mar. 13 – 24** Spring Break



### **Bell Schedule Reminder**

8:32 Warning Bell  
8:35 Classes Begin  
10:15 – 10:30 Recess  
12:10 – 12:50 Lunch  
2:36 Dismissal

**Wednesday early dismissal 1:29**

### **Supervision Hours**

**Before School:** 8:15-8:30

**After School:** 2:36-2:51

### **Let it Snow!**

The first snow fall of the season is always a good reminder that weather is changing. Please help your child come to school with proper outerwear so they are not cold when they are outside. With so much extra clothing, things can easily be misplaced or lost. It is helpful to label ALL clothing so it can be returned.

### **School Newsletters**

Mrs. Briggs is going to start e-mailing Newsletters to parents starting with the November Newsletter. If you would like the Newsletter e-mailed to you please double check with Mrs. Briggs that she has your correct e-mail address. If interested, please e-mail Mrs. Briggs @ [mbriggs@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:mbriggs@sd57.bc.ca) with the Subject Line "Add to Newsletter" and she will get your e-mail address added. We are going to slowly be getting away from sending out paper copies unless absolutely necessary. Our newsletter is also posted on our Van Bien Website <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/vanb/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **Christmas Concert**

Everyone is welcome to join us for the starting at 12:15. Come enjoy a range of our talented students. There will be singing and Van Bien's Ukulele club! listen to your child practice singing his/her



Christmas concert on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas music performed by a special show case of talent by  
It is helpful to take some time to songs.

### **Lost & Found**

Our lost & found is growing with winter coats, snow pants, mittens, and other clothing. Please come take a look and claim any belongings; your child's winter clothing will be needed over the Christmas break for outside play☺

### **Winter Coats**

Knights of Columbus are generously providing winter jackets again this year for students in need of one. Please contact Ms. Therrien for further information.

### **Communicating Student Learning**

You will be receiving communication about your child's learning from their teacher over the next few weeks, so please check backpacks and planners. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions, comments or concerns.



## **Community School Coordinator**

### **Van Bien Fundraising Support**

Please consider donating your recycling to the "Van Bien Elementary" account at the PG Recycling & Return-it Centre. They will issue you a receipt that you can return to the school office.  
(PG Recycling & Return-it Centre, 2614 Petersen Rd).

### **Kid Proof Babysitters Training Course: January 5 & 6**

Forms have been sent home. If your child is interested in this training, please have the forms back ASAP as there are limited spaces available.

### **Ice Man Multisport Community Event: February 12/17.**

Permission forms have gone out to Gr 6 and Gr 7 students to begin Ice Man Training (Running). Van Bien has two staff teams. The events are as follows: 8 km Ski; 10 km Run; 5 Km Run; 5 km Skate; 800 metre swim.

### **Christmas Tree Raffle: December 14, 2016**

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You can get tickets at the office or from Ms. Therrien.



### **AEW**

#### **Aboriginal Pals – Parents as Literacy Supporters with child/ren Ages 3-5**

Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 in the library.

Call or speak to Mrs. Girard or Mrs. Howard-Gibbon for more information.

### **Soup & Bannock**

Soup and Bannock days are alternating Mondays. Bannock days will be January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Soup days will be January 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be sold for .50 each. There is no bannock or soup in December. These dates are subject to change. Please check the Van Bien PAC page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/595516550530559> & website regularly.

### **PAC**

**Hot Lunch** – On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will be serving Sloppy Joes. **NO LATE FORMS** will be accepted after Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PAC Meetings** – The second Wednesday of every month starting at 6:30 pm until approx. 7:30. Child minding is provided.



## **PAC Social**

Hosted in the library the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30m. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and the PAC executive.

A very big thank you to all the parents for supporting PAC fundraisers this year!

## **Community Events**

### **Ice Rink**

If you would like to volunteer to help with the care and maintenance of the ice rink this winter, please contact the office or Tamara Flundra.

### **LA Fun Centre Before and After School Care.**

Are you in need of child minding over the Winter break? LA promotions has space for school aged kids Call (250) 564-1943 or email [familyfun@lapromotionspg.ca](mailto:familyfun@lapromotionspg.ca) to register.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items for the Salvation Army for the holidays. The boxes continue to be under the tree if you still wish to give a donation of an unwrapped children's gift or non-perishable food item.

