

Van Bien Elementary

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May Student Learning Progress Updates are being sent home May 1 to 8th. In addition to these updates, May 11 & 12 are early dismissal days (1:38pm) for student-parent-teacher conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you are needing a specific meeting time.

BC Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys Grade 4 & 7

School District #57 is participating in the 2017 Ministry of Education Electronic Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey; Parents/Guardians of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students complete the survey; and Staff associated with a School.

Parents/Guardians complete the Internet Electronic Anonymous Surveys **any time until end of the day May 5th, 2017** providing immediate satisfaction level results to the school and the district. The survey takes 20 minutes to complete. A letter with online instructions is sent home to parents of students in Grades 4 and 7.

Van Bien's 1:30pm Wednesday Professional Learning Collaboration (PLC) Early Dismissal Model will continue for the 2017-2018 school year.

Wednesday afternoons, students are dismissed @ 1:30pm; teachers use next hour for professional development. Van Bien students receive the same amount of instructional time as other SD57 schools; instructional time is accounted for by extending the other school days by a set number of minutes. This model supports professional educational staff working together to improve student achievement results.

Bell Schedule Reminder

8:30 Warning Bell
8:35 Classes Begin
10:15 – 10:30 Recess
12:10 – 12:50 Lunch
2:38 Dismissal

* **Wednesday early dismissal 1:30**

Supervision Hours

Before School: 8:15-8:30
After School: 2:38-2:53



Calendar of Events

May 4 "May the 4th Spirit Day" (Star Wars); Duffle Bag Theater

May 9 Election Day –VBE Gym May 9-10
Home Alone Course, Book Fair

May 11 Early Dismissal **1:38**

May 12 Early Dismissal **1:38**

May 14 Mother's Day

May 18 Jump Rope For Heart

May 22 Victoria Day

May 26 Class Photos morning

May 31 Talent Show

June 5 Non-instructional Day

June 7 Welcome To Kindergarten 1:45

June 12 Primary Report Writing Day

No school for Primary Students

June 16 Gr.4-7 Report Writing Day

No school for Intermediate Students

June 21 Sports Day

June 28 Year End Assembly

June 29 Last day of school

TDC Traffic/Parking Lot Days:

May 10-12th

2016-2017 Class Photos ...are taking place Friday morning, May 26th. Please add this date to your calendar.

Cross Walks & Traffic Safety

We need your help! Some children and families are jay walking to cross the street and at times without looking for traffic. In an effort to prevent an accident and to ensure safety, please review proper pedestrian road rules with your child/ren. ICBC has good resources on their website to help guide home discussions. When crossing the street, pedestrians need to look left, right, left. Bikes need to be walked across crosswalks. Thank you for helping keep our students safe. If you notice vehicles speeding or driving dangerously please report the license plate number to RCMP.

Van Bien Dress Code

Clothing worn must be appropriate for a public elementary school environment, fully cover shoulders, chest, stomach, and behinds as well as be free from disrespectful sayings/graphics. Absolutely nothing that promotes the use of alcohol or drugs, or is violent, sexual, or racist in nature will be allowed. Hats are to be taken off when entering the school. Students are NOT to wear hats in school.

Are you Moving?

If you know that your child/ren **will not** be attending Van Bien this September, please contact the office with details so that we are able to plan for a smooth transition as well as organize classes at Van Bien for next year. It is also very important to contact the new school so that your child is included in their organization and planning of classes.

Grade 7 Graduation

The grade 7 class has been hard at work raising funds for their year-end graduation activities. They will be selling concessions items on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mrs. Erin Hunter is looking for other Gr.7 parents to help out.

Class Field Trips - May and June are busy class field trip months. Please check your child/ren's planner daily for field trip permission forms and ensure they are signed and returned on time. We don't want any disappointed students left behind. Also don't forget to update your home calendar with these fieldtrips and other important school dates!

Talent-Variety Show

The Van Bien Variety Show will take place on Wednesday, **May 31st at 12:00**. Doors will open at 11:30. First auditions are taking place this week and final auditions will be at the end of May. We are looking forward to seeing all of the fantastic talent we have here at Van Bien! For more information, please contact Mrs. Lacharite at the school. Lunch time will be adjusted to an earlier time: 11:10-11:55am.

Canadian Cancer Society

The Bake sale raised \$237.10 for the Cancer Society! Way to go Van Bien! Great job on all the baking Leadership Students, and thank you for your hard work throughout the year on making our school a special place to be! Thank you to [Athena Thiel Carr](#), Ms. Clasper, and [Sarah Polsom](#) for your baking donations!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten is on Wednesday, June 7th. New 2017-2018 kindergartens and parents meet our Kindergarten teachers, travel to various early learning stations, and receive a WTK gift bag to take home. Invitations will be going home next week. Please ensure you contact the school office to confirm you are attending. We look forward to welcoming you to Van Bien and to having a fun hour with you and your child/ren.

Parent Advisory Council – Elections for 2017-2018 Year

Elections for the Parent Advisory Council executive take place Wednesday, June 14th at the 6:30pm PAC meeting in the library. If you would like to put your name forward for an executive position, please forward your name to the office. Executive positions with descriptions listed below:

Chair:

- Convene and preside at membership, special, and executive meetings; ensure that an agenda is prepared and presented; consult PAC members regularly; ensure that the PAC is represented in school and district activities; ensure that PAC activities are aimed at achieving the objectives and purposes of the organization; be a signing officer for cheques and documents.

Vice-Chair:

- Assumes responsibilities of the Chair Person in the Chairperson's absence or upon request.

Secretary:

- Ensures that members are notified of meetings; record the minutes of all general, special, and executive meetings; issue and receive correspondence; may be a signing officer; safely keep all records of the Council; ensures reports from committees are filed.

Treasurer:

- Be one of the signing officers; receive all funds for Council; inform school how PAC funds may be spent; keep and maintain an accurate record of all expenditures at all general meetings; have the books ready for inspection or audit annually; submit an annual financial statement at the AGM of the council; prepare an annual budget before year end with the executive that is to be presented and approved by the PAC membership.

DPAC/PAC REP:

- Attend monthly District Parent Advisory Council meetings and report back to PAC

Community News

The Prince George Figure Skating Club
is Proud to Present...

"Little Mermaid"
Skating Show

Saturday May 13th, 2017
Only 2 Shows
11:00 am and 2:00 pm
Location: RMC Arena (Coliseum)
Purchase tickets at Koops Bike & Skate Shop
Tickets available at the door

\$7 Adult
\$5 Students & Seniors
\$3 Child (3-12)
Children under 3 are free

Featuring local skaters!
Bring cash for 50/50 and silent auction!

For more information please contact the Prince George Figure Skating Club
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