

Van Bien Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday, Nov. 1st, a SD57 student reported finding a dangerous object in a chocolate bar. The chocolate bar had been collected during Halloween. The student was not harmed. RCMP were notified. An important reminder to check all treats to ensure they are properly sealed is advised. Throw out candy with torn packages or holes in the packages, spoiled items, and any homemade treats that haven't been made by someone you know.

Welcome to one of our new teachers, Mrs. Susan Mann who is teaching K/1 on Mondays in a job share with Mrs. Alton and Tuesday-Friday Prep/ELL K-7.



Next Friday is our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 am. Grade 6/7 students from Mrs. Wolfenden's class will lead us at the assembly. "What if every day was Remembrance Day? A day we all come together, to thank those who stood and stand for our peace, our freedom, the very things that make us Canadian. You see, Canada's Veterans never forgot us. So let's remember to never forget them". A moment of silence is scheduled for 11am. Students will be given a poppy to wear by their teacher before the assembly. We acknowledge their time and effort preparing. Families are welcome to attend. Poppy donations will be collected in classrooms and at the office.

Thank you to all of our families who participated in the pumpkin parade and leadership baking sale. A friendly reminder to limit Halloween candy brought to school to no more than 2 small items. Your support in healthy schools is appreciated. The school is noticing some tired students lately who are having difficulty engaging in learning when they arrive. Good nutrition and sleep for children is helpful☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Kaban, Principal

For regular updates, check the Van Bien website or "Like" the VBE Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/595516550530559>

Supervision Hours: Before School: 8:15-8:30am; After School: 15 min after



Bell Schedule Reminder

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

* Every Wednesday early dismissal 1:30 (Supervision 1:30-1:45)



Calendar of Event

Nov 6 Photo Orders Due

Nov 9 Picture Retakes

Nov 9 Green Thumb Theatre Workshop

Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 am & Purdy's Orders Due

Nov 13 Remembrance Day

Nov 23 Jacky Essombe Cultural

Nov 24 Non-Instructional Day

Dec 1 Family Winter Dance

Dec 1 Primary Assessment Day

Dec 6 Christmas Concert

Dec 18-Jan 1 Winter Vacation

Jan 2 Return to School

Jan 29 Non-Instructional Day

Feb 12 Family Day

Mar 2 Primary Assessment Day

Mar 14 CSL Progress Home

Mar 19-30 Spring Break

VBE Training Center: More Traffic

Nov 7,8,9,10,16,20,21,22



SD57 Cold Weather Policy

Now that temperatures are starting to dip below the zero mark, it is a good time to remind everyone that students are expected to come to school **dressed safely and appropriately** for the winter weather conditions (eg. winter coats, boots, toques, mitts, snowpants, etc.) With extra clothing, things can easily be misplaced or lost. It is helpful to label ALL clothing so it can be returned. We do have an inventory of extra coats and winter wear in our clothing closet. Please contact the school if you need to access some for your children.

"In days" will only be called if the temperature drops below -20. Schools do not close in severe cold weather, however buses may not run after -40. Students should not wait for buses outside longer than 15 minutes in severe cold conditions. Please listen to local radio stations to get updates on bus cancellations.

Purdy's Fundraiser... Last week students were given a package for Purdy's. Please have the orders back to the school **Friday, November 10th, 2017.**

TO ALL PARENTS: ADDITIONAL STUDENT PORTRAITS/RETAKES

In order to ensure delivery of all portraits before Christmas, Portrait packages will only be made for students who submit a Photo Order Envelope with Payment to the photographer on photo day.

There is no risk, as all photos are fully guaranteed.

If your child was absent for the original photos, or if you have chosen not to order from the first portraits, please have your child obtain a Photo Order Envelope from the School Office. The student will give the Photographer your payment enclosed in the Order Envelope on Photo Day.

Please Note: Orders handed in after the second photo day require special processing and are therefore subject to a 10 handling fee. These orders will be processed separately from the school orders and mailed directly to the customer's home address.

Programs/Clubs

Morning Nutrition Program 8:35-9:00am schoolwide M-F

Monday	<u>Lunch:</u> Primary Soccer	<u>Afterschool:</u> Gr. 6/7 Boys Volleyball Team Practices/Games
Tuesday	<u>Lunch:</u> Gr.6/7 Iceman	<u>Afterschool:</u> Ukulele Club & Leadership
Wednesday	<u>Lunch:</u> Primary Culture	<u>Afterschool:</u> Intermediate Floor Hockey 1:30-2:30
Thursday	<u>Lunch:</u> Gr.6/7 Iceman	<u>Afterschool:</u> Gr. 6/7 Boys Volleyball Team Practices/Games Strengthening Families Program 2:45-5:30pm
Friday	<u>Lunch:</u> Drumming K-7	<u>Afterschool:</u> Gr.2/3 Art Club

After School Academic Proficiency (ASAP) Gr.2-4: Tues/Thurs 2:30-4:30 & Wed. 1:30-3:30

- **No ASAP the last Thursday of each month.**

Intermediate **Hockey** Program: **Tues.** 9:45-10:45 Kin2, starting Oct.31st, 2017.

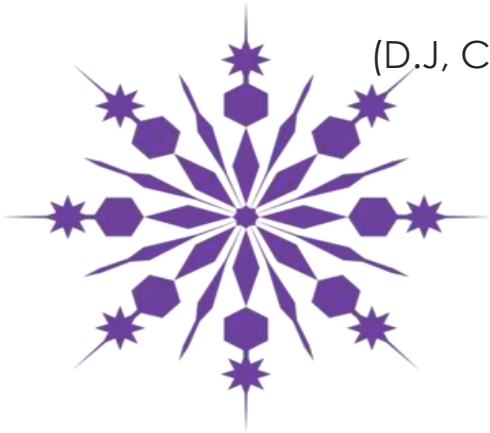
Boxing with Betty Program: **Fridays** (afternoon).

Winter Wonderland Family Dance

December 1 at 6:30-8:30

Hosted by Van Bien Leadership

(D.J, Concession, Photo Booth, Silent Auction)



Happy Dance



Growth Mindset Learning Continues...



E.R.a.S.E. (Ensure Respectful and Safe Education) BULLYING ...

Students are learning to understand the definition of bullying (mean on purpose, one-way, repeated, harmful) , how to recognize the different types of bullying (physical, verbal, social/emotional, cyber), the importance of reporting bullying right away, and how to be helpful "Upstanders" who do the right thing even when it is hard.

1 Physical

includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing, or damaging property.

2 Verbal

includes name-calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse.

3 Social & Emotional

also called "relational bullying", includes behavioural actions designed to harm a child's reputation or cause humiliation, like lying and spreading rumours, negative facial gestures, playing mean jokes to embarrass or humiliate a child, mimicking the child in a mean way, encouraging social exclusion of a child, etc.

Did you know? Girls are more likely than boys to engage in relational bullying, and this behaviour is often learned at an early age. This category of bullying is the most difficult to recognize because it can be done behind the child's back. But it is one of the most harmful – children who are frequent victims of relational bullying feel rejected, depressed and submissive, and often don't see a resolution to the situation.

4 Cyber

includes taunting or humiliation through social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) or the Internet, cruel websites targeting specific youth, humiliating others while playing online games, verbal or emotional bullying through chat rooms, instant message or texting, posting photos of other youth on rating websites, etc.

Resources

Bully Box Report

Does what happened fit all 3 parts of the definition of bullying?

1. It is repeated.



2. There is an imbalance of power.



3. The person is being mean on purpose.



Date: _____ Name of student making report (optional): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

1) What happened? _____

2) When did this happen? _____

3) Where did this happen (circle): bus playground hallway bathroom classroom other: _____

4) Who was bullying? _____

5) Did you tell another adult? If so, who? _____