

Van Bien Elementary

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We had a good turnout of families who attended our Open House, Ice Cream Social and Book Fair. If you did not get a chance to meet your child's teacher, you will want to book a time to meet the week of October 23-27 when the school is scheduling Parent-Teacher conferences. Please contact the school.

Fall school based student assessments are starting this month to help with classroom instruction and planning. In terms of provincial assessments, students in Gr. 4 & 7 will participate in Foundations Skills Assessment (Oct.2-Nov.10) as well as Middle Years Developmental Inventory (MDI Nov.-Dec.).



Our push-in model of Intervention will continue this school year in classrooms. We have teams of teachers working to support learning for all students – remediation, additional practice, and extensions/enrichment in the area of Numeracy & Literacy. Speech and Language intervention is running for identified students requiring additional support. Individual Education Plan Parent Meetings are in progress.

Ways to support your child's learning at home: encourage daily reading and writing, set up home study routines, model you are interested in learning (be curious), and play games (Scrabble, Dice, Dominoes, card games like Crib).

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Hope you enjoy the extended weekend with family/friends sharing in fun activities and laughter. Notice the simple things in life that bring you joy - Today is a gift; that is why we call it the present©

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Kaban, Principal

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

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)**



Supervision Hours: Before School: 8:15-8:30am; After School: 2:40-2:55pm



Calendar of Event

- Oct 5** X-Country Gr4-7 @ CHES
- Oct 9** Thanksgiving
- Oct 11** Lockdown Drill @ 1pm
- Oct 17** Student Photos
- Oct 20** Non-Instructional Day
- Oct 23** Gr.6 Immunization
- Oct 24** Early Dismissal (1:38)
- Oct 26** Early Dismissal (1:38)
- Oct 31** Pumpkin Parade
- Nov 13** Remembrance Day
- Nov 23** Jacky Essombe Cultural
- Nov 24** Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 1** Primary Assessment Day
- Dec 18** Start Winter Vacation

VBE Training Center: More Traffic

Oct. 5, 9, 10, 12, 13

Halloween Reminders:

Must have **elementary school appropriate** Halloween Costumes - leave weapon props at home.

OUR PURPOSE: To maximize learning for all in a safe, inclusive environment.

ROARS: THE VAN BIEN VALUES



At Van Bien, we encourage students to practice “ROARS” behaviour in all situations.

- **Respect**
- **Ownership**
- **Achievement**
- **Responsibility**
- **Safety**

ROARS GOTCHA WINNERS

ROARS FOCUS: Safe Body & Words; Ready to Learn



Week of September 25, 2017

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Div. 1 Blake | Div. 6 Aaiden G. |
| Div. 2 Liam A | Div. 7 Simone |
| Div. 3 Tristen H | Div. 8 Meira IA |
| Div. 4 Sheldon | Div. 9 Pheonix K |
| Div. 5 Valkyrie | Div. 10 Greyson C |

Week of October 2, 2017

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Div. 1 Aubrey M. | Div. 6 Jacoba M. |
| Div. 2 Ella T | Div. 7 Chloe MM. |
| Div. 3 Leland | Div. 8 Aaliyah T. |
| Div. 4 Mathew | Div. 9 Marcus A. |
| Div. 5 Aleah P | Div. 10 Corbin H. |

Growth Mindset Learning...Students are learning how to develop a growth mindset©

10 Growth Mindset Statements

What can I say to myself?

FIXED MINDSET

INSTEAD OF:

I'm not good at this.
I'm awesome at this.
I give up.
This is too hard.
I can't make this any better.
I just can't do Math.
I made a mistake.
She's so smart. I will never be that smart.
It's good enough.
Plan "A" didn't work.

TRY THINKING:

- 1 What am I missing?
- 2 I'm on the right track.
- 3 I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
- 4 This may take some time and effort.
- 5 I can always improve so I'll keep trying.
- 6 I'm going to train my brain in Math.
- 7 Mistakes help me to learn better.
- 8 I'm going to figure out how she does it.
- 9 Is it really my best work?
- 10 Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!

GROWTH MINDSET

(Original source unknown)

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E.R.a.S.E. (Ensure Respectful and Safe Education) BULLYING ...Students are learning to understand the difference between bullying and conflict as well as the types of bullying. All students in Gr.2-7 have copies of bully box reports in their classrooms. The office also has extras. We cannot deal with concerns we do not know about.

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? _____

Student Fees due to the office- Cultural Performances Fees & VBE Planners \$10.00

Culture Performances: The cultural fee brings performances to our school. Families are welcome to attend. Our students really enjoy these events!

Planners: All students in Div. 2-10 will use a VBE planner. For consistency, we would like all children in the class to use the school planner which is personalized to our school **with VBE handbook**, located at the front of the planner. It includes a number of items we would like you to review with your child. Policies indicating the acceptable use of cell phones, cameras and our computer networks are important. You will also need **to review the Code of Conduct, including Dress Code**, and the expectations for those students who eat lunch at school. Students who review these items with their parents (sign/initial these pages) will have the chance to enter a prize draw.

School T-Shirts- \$ 10 ...Show your school spirit by purchasing a Van Bien Blazers t-shirt for \$10. T-shirts will be ordered and come in a variety of sizes. VBE spirit wear t-shirts are worn Mondays, Fridays, special spirit days, and school team events. Ordering is going in October 20th.

Student Verification Forms – Due Now! Returned completed forms will be entered in a prize draw.

Verification Forms went home last week for parents / guardians to review. Please take the time to make any necessary changes and return to the school asap. We need to ensure school has the most up-to-date information for each student in case of an emergency. If at any time throughout the school year, any information changes, contact the school right away. Thank you to those families who have already promptly returned these forms to the office.

Congratulations to our Cross-Country Runners...you represented Van Bien well! Thank you to Mrs.

Welcome new staff members: Education Assistants: Mrs. D. Lee, Ms. B. Loreth; Clerk: Mrs. Everitt.

Meals Program

The meals program is open to all students. A monthly menu is sent home which must be returned with your signature, monetary contribution and choices for the various meals circled. On days your child chooses not to take part in the Meals Program, please provide a lunch for them. Meals Program meals are ordered on Wednesdays for the following week, so please only order meals your child will eat.



BC Healthy Schools: Send healthy food and beverages with your child/ren to school. Refillable water bottles are awesome. Reminder to **not send** your child to school with pop, energy drinks and/or other caffeinated beverages. Thanks!

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 Volleyball	<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 Volleyball	<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**

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

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

Pumpkin Parade...Tuesday, Oct.31st

Students are invited to participate in Van Bien's Pumpkin Parade. Please bring carved pumpkins 8:15-8:30 to the Van Bien Training & Development Center and pick up by 2:15pm that day.
Reminder: no real flame candles. Thank You ☺