

Van Bien Elementary

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Dear Van Bien Families,

We do have some staff to say farewell and good luck. When we are more confident on staffing we will send out a separate newsletter closer to the end of June.

Although the school year is winding down, we continue to expect good standards of **ROARS** behaviour and academic achievement for all of our students. The last month of the school year is sometimes the most challenging and staff are working hard to maintain structure and routine for the students. Please ensure that your child continues to get a good night sleep and arrives to school on time. Thank you for your continued support!



As we continue to plan for next year it is important that we know if families will be **moving** away. If you know your children will not be attending Van Bien next year, please let the office know ASAP-Thanks!!

Good news! Pedestrian accessibility improvements to Van Bien are scheduled to happen this summer. These improvements will provide side walk access on to school property from Wilson as well as other wheel chair accessibility considerations.

Summative Yearend Report Cards will be distributed on Thursday, June 29th at 2:30pm. Those families taking their children out of school before this time will receive the report cards in the mail.

Our **lost & found** is displayed in the girls' change room. Please collect any of your child/ren's missing belongings. As well, you are welcome to book a time to come in a shop our **clothing closet** of gently used items (no cost).

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. Kaban, Principal

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 1:30pm

Supervision Hours

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



Calendar of Events

June 7 Welcome To Kindergarten
1:45-2:45

June 9 Eskers Park Gr.2/3 Field Trip

June 12 Primary Report Writing Day
No School for Primary Students;
DPTODD band @ 11am performs for intermediate classes.

June 16 Gr.4-7 Report Writing Day
No School for Intermediate Students

June 21 Aboriginal Day @ Park
10am-12:45pm for classes attending

June 22 Little Mudders (am)

June 23 PAC treats whole school to
Pizza Lunch.

June 27 Sports/Movie Day

June 28 Year End Assembly

June 29 Last Day of School

Sept 5 NID

Sept 6 First Day Back 8:45-10:15am

Sep 29 NID

TDC Traffic/Parking Lot Days:

June 6 morning

June 8,12,21

PAC News – Did you know as a parent of a child attending Van Bien, you are automatically a member of the Parent Advisory Council? Please consider attending a meeting and getting involved.

The Parent Advisory Council does so much for Van Bien students. This month, the PAC has generously offered to provide [pizza for the whole school Friday, June 23rd](#). They have supported hot lunches, special activities, treats, transportation, playground equipment, trees, benches, classroom special purpose class funds, and so much more. PAC truly enriches the school experience for our students. If you haven't been active in the PAC, please consider getting involved next year. PACs enhance children's school experience, and more parent support is always needed/welcome.



PAC Executive Stepping Down - "Farewells" – Thanks and best wishes to our 2016-2017 Pac Executive: Tamara Flundra, Tabitha Strachan, Erin Hunter, Nichol Hilman and Lesley Munro. This team has supported various PAC activities and initiatives to help students and families throughout the school year. Their dedication and time have been greatly appreciated ☺

Message from PAC - This year's PAC team would like to thank all the Van Bien families for their continued enthusiasm for hot lunches, participation in fundraisers, and eagerness to help out as they strive to enhance the school community. The PAC are looking ahead to the 2017-2018 school year and are putting a call out to those who may be interested in stepping forward to take on a role on the board. Each of the current members have announced they will be stepping down from their current roles. If you have any interest on taking on a position please contact Tamara Flundra (hugs_and_kisses18@hotmail.com) or Tabitha Strachan (bestkidsever2@gmail.com). There will be an election at the June 7th PAC meeting to appoint the new executive board.

The roles are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraising Coordinator

PAC Executive - Elected Positions

Chairperson – assume primary responsibility for coordinating the functioning of the PAC; convene and preside at general, special and executive meetings; prepare and present meeting agenda; act as official spokesperson for the organization; and act as a signing officer for the PAC.

Vice Chair – work with the chairperson; assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence or upon request; assist the Chairperson in the performance of his/her duties; act as a signing officer if required; encourage parent participation and accept extra duties or special projects as required.

Secretary – record the minutes of all general, special, and executive meetings; file a copy of all minutes on school premises; keep an accurate and up-to-date copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and have copies available for members upon request; issue and receive correspondence/minutes on behalf of the organization.

Treasurer – act as a signing officer of the PAC; receive all funds for the PAC; disburse funds authorized by the executive or members; maintain an accurate record of all expenditures of the Council; provide a written report of all receipts and expenditures at general meetings (financial statement and balance sheet); produce a year end statement; deposit all funds collected on behalf of the PAC in an account at a recognized financial institution; assist with any financial audits, ensure that the accounting procedures as laid out by the School District's PAC Treasurers' workshop are followed and be accountable for same.

Fundraiser Coordinator – details will be presented at June 7th PAC meeting.

2017 - 2018 Dates to Remember

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| Sept 5 – | Non-Instructional Day | Feb 12 - | Family Day |
| Sept 6 – | First day of school 8:45 am – 10:15 am | | |
| Sept 29 - | Non-Instructional Day | | |
| Oct 9 - | Thanksgiving | Mar 19 – | Start of Spring Break |
| Oct 20 - | Non-Instructional Day | Mar 29 – | End of Spring Break |
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| | | April 2 – | Easter Monday |
| | | Apr 20 – | Non Instructional Day |
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| Nov 13 - | Remembrance Day | | |
| Nov 24 - | Non-Instructional Day | May 21 – | Victoria Day |
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| | | June 4 - | Non-Instructional Day |
| | | June 28 – | Last day of school |
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| Dec 18 - | Start of Christmas break | | |
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| Jan 2 – | Return to school | | |
| Jan 29 - | Non-Instructional Day | | |

Cross Walks & Traffic Safety

We continue to need your help! Some children & families are jay walking to cross the street, 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.



Class Field Trips & Returning Forms Signed

June tends to be a busy class field trip month. Please check your child/ren's planner daily for field trip permission forms and ensure they are signed and returned on time. Keeping track on your home calendar helps, especially at this time of year, when families are so busy with important school dates and extra-curricular activities. We don't want any disappointed students left behind.

Van Bien Variety Show

The 5th Annual Van Bien Variety Show took place on Wednesday, May 31. We had many students perform a wide range of talents including singing and specialty dances. The Glee Club performed as well as many of our staff teamed up to perform a dance number. Way to go Van Bien, such great talent! Special thank you to Mrs. Lacharite and Ms. Therrien for making this event possible.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success again this year. The students enjoyed playing jump rope games with the theme of the 80's, with music and even dressing up.

Sports/Movie Day

In the morning of Tuesday, June 27th students will be placed into mixed groups and move through a variety of stations with an assigned adult supervisor. We encourage all students to arrive on time so they can start the day with their group leader. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear (closed toe sandals or running shoes) for outside physical activity on Sports Day.

In the afternoon, students will enjoy a family friendly movie in the Gym. This is a great way to relax after what is sure to be an energy filled morning.

Aboriginal Education

Fish Release date has been set for June 7 (Div 10-11) and June 14 (Div 8-9) at 10:30. This is always a well anticipated event. The students have nurtured the fish from egg and are proud to release them into the river and lakes.

Community Schools

Little Mudders has been fun. The students have been training at lunch time with Mrs.Kaban doing a wide range of exercises and work outs. They will be testing out endurance & skills on Thursday the 22nd. Best of luck to all the participants.

Library

Thank you to everyone who made a purchase, large or small, at the book fair mid-May. The funds raised go towards purchasing new books and maker kits for the Library which teacher and students use.

Please take a look around your home for any missing or lost books. Even if they are damaged, please return them so they can be fixed.

Yearend Assembly

Wednesday, June 28, we will be having our year-end assembly from 10:30am-12:15pm.

"COURTESY" BUS SERVICE FOR 2016-2017

School bussing is designed to serve children residing along specific routes. Students may register on ONE bus route only, their RESIDENT route. Parents wishing their children to use the service as a COURTESY to or from a CHILD CARE stop or a 2ND ALTERNATE FAMILY address must complete a "COURTESY" transportation request form and submit it to the Transportation Department on an **ANNUAL** basis for approval COURTESY request forms may be obtained from the students' school office. For further information, please call the Transportation Department at 250-561-6802.



Community Events

Dear parents and students the BCNE (fall fair)

would like to invite you to check out our prize book for this year's fair coming up August 17th – 20th 2017. It is jam packed with different ways for you to show Prince George just how talented you are. From baking, arts and crafts, lego, recycling, creative writing, quilting and much more there is something for everyone, and we would love to see what you can do. Our prize book can be found on our website at: bcne.ca and then just click on the prize book link. Registration deadline is Friday July 28th. Have some fun, get creative and win prizes! We look forward to seeing you at the fair! Registration cost is \$1 per item. Thank-you so much for your support, if you have any question please feel free to contact Sylvia Layzell at 250 640 3313.