

Van Bien Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,



Thursday, November 10th is our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 am. "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.

Friday, November 11th is Remembrance Day and the school will be closed.

With cold/winter weather approaching we want to remind parents to please ensure that your children are **dressed appropriately and safely** for school—winter coats, boots, toques, mitts etc. "In days" only happen when the weather is -20 and colder (taking wind chill into consideration), so being dressed warmly outside is important.

On Halloween it was wonderful to see students and staff dressed up in costumes, 52 carved pumpkins on display at the pumpkin patch in the TDC, and ROARS school spirit throughout the day. In an effort to support positive behavior at school, our staff appreciates that you limit your child's Halloween candy brought to school to one small piece per day or none at all. We notice our students have a harder time managing their behavior when they consume food or drinks with high sugar and food dyes. Please help us help your child/ren by providing healthy lunches and snack options, including beverages. It is greatly appreciated 😊

Reminder...Kindergarten parents are encouraged to drop off their child in the morning with our supervisors, and after school a caregiver must pick up.

Mrs. D. Kaban, Principal

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



Calendar of Events

- Nov 4** Photo retakes (after recess)
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day (No school)
- Nov 14** Bannock day
- Nov 17** PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov 18** Cultural performance, Magic Show, Crazy Hair Day
- ~~**Nov 25** Intermediate Report Writing Day~~ **has been moved to Term 3; stay tuned for date.**
- Nov 28** Primary Report Writing Day (No school for Div's 1 – 7)
- Dec 2** Family Dance 6-8pm
- Dec 5** Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 14** Christmas Concert
- 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

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. Norwood 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. Norwood that she has your correct e-mail address. If interested, please e-mail Mrs. Norwood @ enorwood@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>.

School Bus Emergency Evacuations

During the week of November 7 to the 11th, 2016 all school busses in the district will be conducting Emergency Evacuation drills on the PM school portion of their runs. These drills will be conducted on school property. This could delay the arrival home of your child from ten to twenty minutes. Emergency Evacuation drills are required by law and are designed to give your child practice in what to do in the event that an Emergency Evacuation is necessary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



SD 57 Medication guidelines "DO & DO NOT"

- A. **Prescribed medication for "chronic conditions" only** such as asthma, epilepsy, attention disorders, etc. These are normally given in a standard dosage at pre-set times.
- B. **Emergency:** Some students may require the administration of medication in life- threatening or extreme emergencies such as an allergic reaction to bee venom. Such situations are generally well defined and result from a known pre-existing condition.

Schools DO administer medication for "chronic conditions" and emergency care and must adhere to the SD57 guidelines for administering medication. A form to be filled out by the prescribing physician is required in order to administer the above medications.

- C. **Non-prescription:** Sometimes parents or students will request that a school administer over-the-counter drugs such as Tylenol or cough syrup. Such medications are not generally prescribed by a physician, dosages are not clearly defined, and administration is often at the discretion of the school staff.
- D. Requests may also be received for the administration of **prescribed** medication such as **antibiotics** on a short-term basis (less than one month). In such cases, students should either not be at school or alter medication schedules to avoid a mid-day dosage.

Schools DO NOT administer medication under such circumstances.

Community School Coordinator

Winter Wonderland Family Dance: Friday, December 2nd 6:30-8:30pm, hosted by VBE Leadership

Tickets cost \$5 per family and are available at the office or at the door. Please bring an unwrapped children's gift and/or nonperishable food item for the Salvation Army collection.

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).

Ice Man Multisport Community Event: February 12/16.

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.

AEW

Expression of interest...Learning Opportunity - Drum Making November 16th 2pm-4:30 pm

On Wednesday November 16th from 2pm-4:30 in the library, parents, students and staff are invited to learn how to make an aboriginal drum. The drums made will be for classrooms drumming as well as our primary and intermediate drum groups. Please contact Mrs. Girard or Mrs. Howard-Gibbon if you would like to sign up for this "Maker Education" learning opportunity. We look forward to learning with you☺

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 November 7th & 21st and January 9th & 23rd. Soup days will be November 14th & 28th and January 16th. 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.

Volleyball

Reminder of the Volleyball games for the rest of the season.

Girls

November 8 @ Pinewood 3 pm

November 15 @ Van Bien 3 pm

November 17 @ Blackburn 3 pm

November 21 @ Van Bien 3 pm

Boys

November 17 @ Blackburn 3 pm

November 21 @ Beverly 3 pm



PAC

Family movie night was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out.

Hot Lunch – On November 17th they will be serving Tacos. **NO LATE FORMS** will be accepted after Tuesday, November 15th.

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.

Communicating Student Learning to Parents- Teachers will be developing a Communicating Student Learning year plan that will be coming home at the end of November. There will also be a SD57 informational pamphlet for parents explaining the new changes in communicating student learning. SD 57 Parent information sessions will be available at the Van Bien Training & Development Center. Dates will be posted on our Van Bien website. This is a great opportunity to become informed! ☺

Reporting Directions

Less	More
Prescriptive reporting guidelines/limited ability to respond to the needs of a diverse student population	Personalized/flexible with more options to meet the needs of a wider variety of learners and parents
Reporting as an event	Ongoing, timely and responsive communication
Limited student ownership of the process	Students with increased ownership for their learning and achievement
Communication is one way (teacher to parent)	Communication is interactive involving student, parent and teacher. Parents are more actively involved in the process
Reporting is not a process and the purpose is to make a judgement (not designed to promote further learning)	Reporting process is designed to support and promote further learning

Community Events

LA Fun Centre Before and After School Care.

Are you in need of before and after school care with shuttle service to and from school? LA promotions has space for school aged kids with drop off starting at 6 am and pick up as late as 7:30. Call (250) 564-1943 or email familyfun@lapromotionspg.ca to register.

23rd Annual Civic Light Up – We're Turning on the Holiday Spirit.

Sunday, November 27th @ Canada Games Plaza commencing @ 4:00 pm

The entire community is invited to take in the lighting of the Canada Games Plaza, and the family activities inside the Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George Public Library and Prince George Civic Centre.

Please support Leadership Fundraising:

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE:

1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5



Tickets available through: Ms. Therrien, Mrs. Polsom and at the office as of November 14'16.

A BIG THANK YOU to CANADIAN TIRE for donating the indoor Christmas Tree!!