

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

VAN BIEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, December 15, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Sending out a final December newsletter before the holidays with some updates.

December Student Progress Reports were sent home this week. Please contact your child's classroom if you have questions or are looking for ways to support learning at home.

Staffing... Today is Mrs. Polsom's last day of work as she begins her maternity leave. Our students and staff are excited for her new arrival and look forward to when she brings the baby to visit. We are still waiting to hear from Human Resources on who is replacing her as the classroom teacher. Stay tuned for info in January. Mrs. Mann, Mr. Wintemute, Mrs. Huzar and Mrs. Doucette will continue their teaching support in the Gr. 4/5 classroom. Joining our staff in January 2018 is a new EA, Mr. D. Thompson. He will be supporting in Mrs. Wolfenden's classroom, Division 10.

Yesterday I visited classrooms to share news of my new elementary principal assignment starting January 15th at the Central Board Office. I am grateful that in my new district position I will remain connected to Van Bien students and staff through to the end of this school year. I have had the good fortune of supporting learning and building community at Van Bien for the past five and a half years. I looked forward to coming to work every day to interact with wonderful students and to collaborate with amazing staff. Being the principal of Van Bien has been a highlight of my career in education. Van Bien is blessed to have a collection of caring, committed, and quality educators who support each child in reaching his/her potential. Van Bien Elementary truly is a special place☺

Your children will be in good hands. I know our staff team will continue their good work, remaining strong in their commitment to improve educational outcomes for all children. They will be supported by Ms. Lori Dennill, a very experienced and caring principal. Ms. Dennill has been the principal of Quinson Elementary for the past two years, and before that was the principal of Blackburn/Giscome.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season filled with joyful experiences spending time with your loved ones. Time spent enjoying one another, having fun playing outside, of course, in this season of giving, will be the best gift of all!

Season's greetings, and best wishes to all from all of us at Van Bien School!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debbie Kaban





VAN BIEN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT...

Wow.. Wasn't that a special concert! Thank you to all of our students and staff for putting on a wonderful Christmas Concert performance for our families and school. Special thank you to our MC's Tahlia and Kaleigh who did an awesome job and to our staff coordinators Mrs. Lacharite and Ms. Therrien.☺



PAC News...

Next PAC mtg: January 10th, 2018...hope to see you there 6:30-7:30☺

**Purdy's Orders arrived today and are ready for pick up in the Van Bien TDC.
Problems with your Purdy's Order? – Please contact the school office.**

Student Leadership...Thank you!



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for supporting the Winter Wonderland Family Dance. It was a great night of fun! Leadership students did a tremendous job planning and hosting this third annual event, raising \$1500 for leadership programming.



2018 CALENDAR REMINDERS ...

SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

Important Dates for the New Year

Tuesday, January 2	First Day back to School
Friday, January 29	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, February 12	Family Day
Friday, March 2	No School for K-Gr.3
March 19 - 30	Spring Break

