

Van Bien Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Prince George and then spent 35 years living and teaching in Mackenzie. I have been a school principal for over 20 years. I am thankful for the enthusiastic welcome to the Van Bien community from students, staff and parents. I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know everyone. Please contact me at the school with any questions you may have.
Lori Dennill, Principal

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

Staff Changes

*Good bye to Mrs. Howard Gibbon who will be taking a new position with the Aboriginal Education Department. We wish her all the best in her new job. Her last day will be Feb. 2nd.

*Welcome to Mrs. Deni who will be joining the school as an Education Assistant beginning Feb. 19th.

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
2:37 - Dismissal

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



Calendar of Event

Feb 7 On-Line Transfer Process Begins (ends March 7th)

Feb. 7 – PAC meeting at 6:30 in the library.

Feb 11 Iceman Event

Feb 12 Family Day – no school for students or staff

Feb. 14 – Candy Grams, Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day – Anti Bullying

Mar 2 Primary Assessment Day

Mar 9 Family Fun Night

Mar 14 CSL Progress Home

Mar 19 Start of Spring Break

Mar 30 End of Spring Break
Good Friday

Apr 2 Easter Monday

Apr 20 Non Instructional Day

May 15/17 Early Dismissal 1:38

VBE Training Center: More Traffic

Feb 1, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22

March 6, 7 8, 9, 14, 15

ROARS Focus – I show Respectful and Safe Behaviour.

Gotcha Winners from Jan. 22 Assembly

Div. 1 – Jaxon, Div. 2 – Ashlynn, Div. – 3, Gage, Div. 4, Sienna, Div. 5 – Vienna, Anna, Div. 6, Aiden, Div. 7 – Elizabeth , Kieran, Div. 8 – Taylor, Div. 9 - Evyn, Div. 10 – Corbin

Gotcha Winners from Feb. 5 Assembly

Div. 1 – Bionca, Div. 2 – Ella Riley, Div. – 3, Karsyn, Leland Div. 4, Jaymee, Sarah Div. 5 – Brooke, Maggie Div. 6 Elizabeth, Neil , Div. 7 – Morgan, Div. 8 Kiara, Taylor, Div. 9 Lucas, Chloe -, Div. 10 – Kaleigh, Aresa

On-Line Kindergarten Pre-Registration for September 2018

On-line pre-registration is required for Kindergarten in all School District No. 57 elementary schools. **On-line registration** will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. on JAN. 30, 2018 at www.sd57.bc.ca Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2018.

Upon submission of the online registration, you will receive an e-mail confirmation along with a link to additional forms requiring completion. Bring completed forms, along with a copy of the Birth Certificate and proof of address, to the school by February 5th, 2018.

Staff at the school will be available to assist you as required.

More information is available at www.sd57.bc.ca

Student Transfer Process for September 2018- 2019 – Notice to Parents of Students in SD No. 57

- **The online application form process will record applications in the order received between 9:00 am on February 7th and will end at 3:00 pm on March 7th.**

A student transfer to another school in the district may be requested as outlined below.

- All transfer applications must be made using the electronic form available at www.sd57.bc.ca Application details are available on the website and are also available at the general office of any district school.
- An application may be made from any computer with Internet access. Applications may also be made in person at the general office of any district school.
- A time and date is automatically assigned to each application received. Applications will be considered in order of receipt. Note that an application made in person does not take effect until the school enters it in the online system.
- Once a transfer is granted, the student must not return to the catchment area school for at least one school year.
- Parents wishing the return of their child to the previous school must make application under this policy.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the school they are applying to.
- All transfers will be effective September 2018.
- Additional information concerning the transfer process is available at www.sd57.bc.ca or at the general office of any district school.



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.) Extra clothing, can easily be misplaced or lost so 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.

Valentines Candy Grams – presented by Leadership

Buy a candy gram for your friend for \$0.50 at lunch on Feb. 6, 7 or 8 at lunchtime. On Feb. 14 your candy gram consisting of a card and a valentine treat will be delivered to your friend.

Family Day Fun – Monday, Feb. 12th

Join the Prince George Cougars on Family Day at 2 p.m. to see them play the Red Deer Rebels. Buy your tickets online at www.ticketsnorth.ca or call 250-561-0783. Special Group Rates are available sponsored by Home Depot.

Programs/Clubs

January- March Program forms will go home next week and start the week of January 22nd ☺

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

Monday Lunch: Gr. 1 – 3 Indoor Soccer on non-soup days **Afterschool:** Basketball Gr. 2 - 5

Tuesday Lunch: Gr.6/7 Iceman/Maker Club **Afterschool:** Gr. 6/7 Basketball game at Polaris

Wednesday Lunch: Kindergarten Culture, Intermediate Indoor Soccer **Afterschool:** Gr.4-7 Floor Hockey 1:30-2:30

Thursday Lunch: Lego Club, Gr. 5 – 7 Girl's Group **Afterschool:** Intermediate Glee Club
(start Feb. 15), Gr. 6/7 Iceman, Gr. 2-3 Line Dancing

Friday Lunch: Primary Drumming, Gr. 6/7 Basketball **Afterschool:** Art Club, Grades 4/5, Gr. 6/7 Leadership

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.**

Ice Man Multisport Community Event: February 11, 2018

Van Bien has two student teams and one staff team. The events are as follows: 8 km Ski; 10 km Run; 5 Km Run; 5 km Skate; 800 metre swim. Best of luck to these teams on the big day!

Aboriginal Education Workers News...Early Literacy Programs at Van Bien

APALS – ALL Parents as Literacy Supporters with child/ren Ages 3-5

Seats Available: 10-12 seats

Register: contact the office if you are interested in attending this program with your child.

Dates First Session: Jan.19-March 9

Dates Second Session: April 6-June 1

Day/Time: Fridays 8:45am-9:45am

Location: Library

Call or speak to Mrs. Girard for more information.

RSL - Ready, Set, Learn, Children Ages 3-5

Seats Available: 10-12 seats

Register: contact the office if you are interested in attending this program with your child.

Spring Session: April 3-June 12

Day/Time: Tuesdays 8:45am-9:45am

Location: Library

Call or speak to Mrs. Girard for more information.

Growth Mindset Learning



Expect Respectful and Safe Education (ERASE Bullying)

