

Van Bien Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school and Happy New 2018! We wish everyone a wonderful year ahead and look forward to exciting learning experiences here at Van Bien Elementary. As we head into this new year, please know that we continue to encourage regular communication between home and school. It is important that you check your child's agenda regularly and keep an eye on our website. Contact your child's teacher or the school with any questions, concerns or good to know information. We appreciate your continued support in your child's educational experience.

We welcome some new staff: Mrs. L. Dennill as our new Principal, Mrs. C. George as our new Gr.4/5 teacher, Mr. Thompson as our new education assistant and Jillian Hooper as a third year social work practicum student.

There is lots happening around the school. Iceman teams continue to train for the big event on February 11th. Mr. Clayton W. is sponsoring our Gr.7 Quiz Me team. Grade 6/7 basketball is starting with Ms. Therrien coaching.

In terms of student learning items, marked BC Foundations Skills Assessments for Gr.4 & 7 will be sent home today, students K-7 will be completing a schoolwide writing sample this month, and Satisfaction Surveys for Gr. 4 & 7 students will be administered before Spring Break. Please contact the school if you have questions or would like to meet to discuss your child's performance.

The students are settling in to focused learning, establishing learning goals for academics, work habits and behaviour, and working together to support a safe caring learning environment. A sincere thank you from our staff to our families for your ongoing support. You have wonderful caring children and it is a joy supporting them in their learning, growth and development.

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

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

Jan 26 Intermediate STEM Workshops

Jan 29 Monday Non-Instructional Day

Jan 30 Online Kindergarten
Registration starts 9am

Feb. 2 Kindergarten Healthy Day
Circuit – Afternoon @ NIH Unit.

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

Feb 11 Iceman Event

Feb 12 Family 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

Jan 18, 19, 24, 25, 29th

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

ROARS Focus – I show Respectful and Safe Behaviour.

Congratulations to our ROARS Gotcha Winners for the Month of December-January 8th:

Primary: Div.1 Aris ; Div.2 Kane; Div.3 Laura, Gage, Jai,; Div. 4 Sienna, Colby, Anna, Wyatt, Blaine; Div.5 Brooklyn, Aleah; Div. 6 Aaiden; Div. 7 Noah, Naeshawn, Venyce

Intermediates: Div.8 Christopher; Div. 9 Evyn; Div. 10 Greyson C, Kaiden, Dominique

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.) With extra clothing, things can easily be misplaced or lost. 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.

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	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Afterschool:</u>
Tuesday	<u>Lunch:</u> Gr.6/7 Iceman/Maker Club	<u>Afterschool:</u> Glee & Leadership
Wednesday	<u>Lunch:</u> Early Primary Culture	<u>Afterschool:</u> Gr.4-7 Floor Hockey 1:30-2:30
Thursday	<u>Lunch:</u> Gr.6/7 Iceman, Lego Club	<u>Afterschool:</u> Intermediate Glee Club; SFP
Friday	<u>Lunch:</u> Primary Drumming K-7	<u>Afterschool:</u> Art Club, Grades 4/5

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 or Mrs. Howard-Gibbon 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.

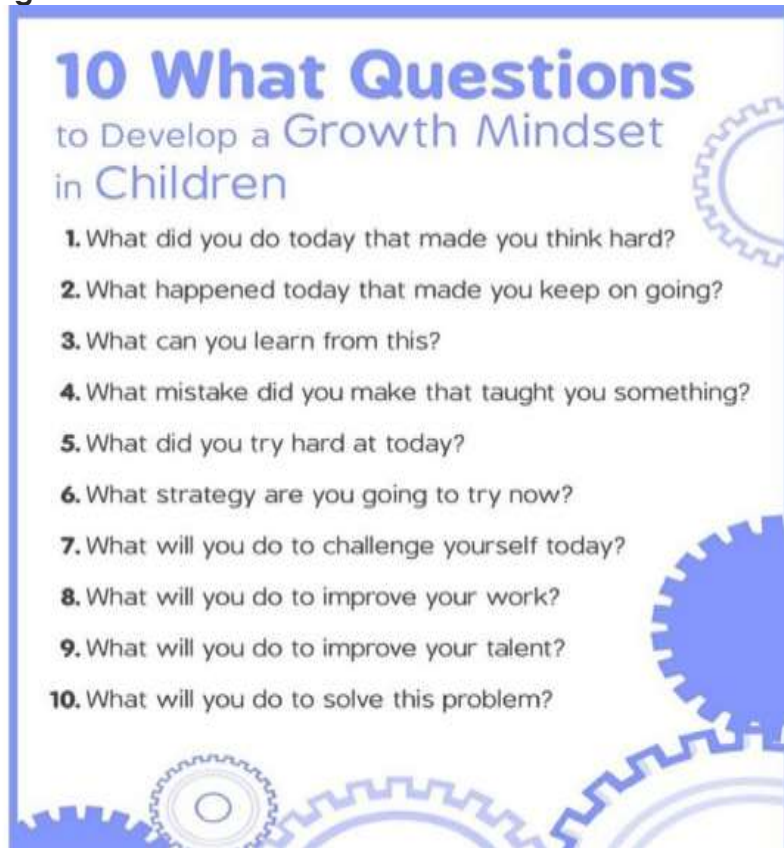
Spring Session: April 3-June 12

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

Location: Library

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Growth Mindset Learning



Expect Respectful And Safe Education (ERASE Bullying)

Creating Safe School Communities

The 3 Cs
Factors that Increase
Connectedness
What can parents do?

Bullying isn't just a child's issue; it's a school and community issue, and must be addressed with a school and community solution.

Everyone has a role to play in promoting positive mental health and wellness, supporting students, positive social behaviour and preventing incidents like bullying. There needs to be an integrated approach to prevent, address and/or reduce bullying, by developing the right partnerships with schools, parents, community and police.

Students who feel safe and are free to develop in healthy ways are far less likely to be involved in inappropriate activities. Students who are learning and thriving take pride in themselves, their school, their accomplishments and the accomplishments of those they are connected to.

Setting a positive school climate and culture will help set the tone for a child's learning. To do this, staff, parents and community must model behaviour and attitudes that are positive, respectful, fair and caring. This means creating a school climate that is equitable, inclusive, diverse, tolerant, respectful and accepting. By doing this, we will move towards reaching our goal of making B.C.'s schools the most inclusive in the world.