



## Ron Brent Newsletter – April 2021

### Principal's Message

Lheidli T'enneh hubeh keyoh whuts'odelthti. Nts'ezla hubeh yun ts'uwhut'l, ts'uzt'en ink'ez ts'unuwhulyeh  
(We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play)

Welcome back Ron Brent Families! I hope you had a fantastic Spring Break with your families. I can't believe we are already in April – this year has flown by.

As the weeks go by, the weather will hopefully improve and students will be able to enjoy the outdoors more often. Many of our teachers will be going on walking field trips in our community over these next few months – please ensure you return permission forms as required.

There are many after school programs offered at Ron Brent – please encourage your son/daughter to join these programs as they are a great way for students to interact with peers, learn new skills and develop healthy friendships.

Our Meals Coordinator continues to provide delicious breakfast each day for the entire school at no cost to students. Our lunch program is \$20/month per student and lunches include taco salad, hamburgers and many other delicious meals.

We continue to pivot and be flexible as protocols change due to COVID-19. Thank you for your patience and support during these times – our number one priority is to keep our staff and students safe in our building.

Take Care,

Missy Glover, Vice-principal

### Contact and Connection



Parent communication is very important to the staff at Ron Brent. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and connect with us!

#### **Ron Brent Elementary**

1401 17th Ave

Prince George, BC V2L 3Z2

Phone: 250-562-2737

Website: <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/ronb/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

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## Important Dates



April 14, 2021 – International Day of Pink - <https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home>

April 23, 2021 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students

May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – No school

June 4, 2021 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students

June 8, 2021 – Primary Report Writing Day – No school for students in grades K-3

June 11, 2021 – Intermediate Report Writing Day – No school for students in grades 4-7

June 25, 2021 – Last day of 2020/2021 school year – Have a great Summer!

## Bell Schedule / Learning Groups

8:40 - Warning Bell

8:45 - Class begins

9:40 - 10:00 - Learning Group 1 Activity Break (Leone/Lloyd)

10:00 - 10:20 - Learning Group 2 Activity Break (Mrs. Lawrence/McBain)

10:20 - 10:40 - Learning Group 3 Activity Break (Polhuis/Elton)

10:40 - 11:00 - Learning Group 4 Activity Break (Sarai/Bouchard)

11:00 - 11:20 - Learning Group 5 Activity Break (Mr. Lawrence/Larsen)

11:20 - 12:05 - Learning Group 1/2 Lunch (Leone/Lloyd - Mrs. Lawrence/McBain)

11:20 - 12:05 - Learning Group 3 Lunch (Polhuis/Elton)

12:05 - 12:50 - Learning Group 4 Lunch (Sarai/Bouchard)

12:05 - 12:50 - Learning Group 5 Lunch (Mr. Lawrence/Larsen)

2:22 - Class Ends\*

***\*There is no early dismissal on Wednesday***

## Meals Program



Students in Ron Brent enjoy breakfast each day in their classrooms - for FREE!! Breakfast consists of cereal, egg sandwiches, pancakes, fruit salad and many other delicious and nutritious foods.

We also offer a lunch program for \$20 a month - students enjoy taco salad, Chicken, rice and broccoli bake, teriyaki chicken and rice, pasta with meat sauce, bannock burgers and many other yummy lunches! Please contact the school (250-562-2737) if you would like to add your child(ren) to the meals program for March.

**Please ensure that you are sending exact cash or a cheque with your child as the office doesn't regularly have change available. Thank you!**

**Parent Survey – Must be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>**



Go to: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

Once there use the “Direct Access” portal under “Parents”

Fill out: District: 57 Prince George

School: Ron Brent Elementary

**Parents**

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).

With a logon number from your school

Logon #

Language

Log On

**Direct Access — no logon number required**

District

School:

Language:

Log On

**Reader of the Month**

The Literacy Committee at Ron Brent is excited to celebrate our Readers of the Month! These students continue to work hard to improve their literacy skills each day. Way to go!

Division 1: Aspynn  
Division 2: Ayden  
Division 3: Jacob  
Division 4: Kas  
Division 5: Tristan

Division 6: Jesse  
Division 7: Xavier  
Division 8: Shaileyann  
Division 9: Rinoa  
Division 10: Carsen

## SOGI INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS Resource Snapshot:



The Deep & Dark Blue – Niki Smith 2020

This charming graphic novel is poignant and empathetic while also providing the excitement of a fantasy epic. The fast-paced plot keeps readers engaged with assumed identities, righting injustice, magic and self-discovery while weaving in a beautifully handled transgender narrative. Grades 4-8

### International. Day of Pink

International Day of Pink has one purpose, to create a more inclusive and diverse world. We do this by encouraging young people to challenge social norms, ask more of their educators, and stand up against bullying towards their 2SLGBTQIA+ peers.

<https://www.dayofpink.org/en/home>

<https://bc.sogieducation.org/>

### Indigenous Education



Ms. Child and Mr. Haiste continue to work with classrooms to provide cultural lessons, historically topical discussions, and activities.

Skateboarding club with Mr. Haiste will resume Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Music club will resume Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Cultural (and cooking) club, and Art club with Ms. Child will begin again Mondays and Wednesdays, in April.

Look out for guest speakers, special projects, and a talking recycling box!

## Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports

Students have been hard at work earning Ron Brent Bucks for Respectful, Responsible, and Cooperative Behaviour! Students have the opportunity to spend their bucks at our Ron Brent Store bi-weekly. Thank you to Mrs. Beattie, Ms. Bouchard, and students from grade 6/7 for organizing popcorn sales to fund the purchase of more prizes for the store! Ask your child today how they earned their bucks!



## Health Check



The Daily Student Health Check can be found on our website and on the SD 57 website. Please complete the health check with your children daily before leaving for school.

Health Check Link: <https://bit.ly/2TmeRHk>

Parents, please be sure to keep your children home if they are sick. The daily student health check is filled with valuable information for families.

## Library Learning Commons

Please remember to send library books back to school on your child's library day! We have been learning about the different sections of the library and where to find good fit picks!

### Classroom Book Exchange Schedule:

Tuesday: Ms. Bouchard, Mr. Lawrence, Ms. Leone

Wednesday: Mrs. McBain, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Elton

Thursday: Mrs. Polhuis, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Sarai, Mr. Larsen

**HEAD LICE** - As many are aware, we are continuing to battle the difficulties that head lice bring. Please chat with your children to NOT share hats, brushes, or hair accessories. At this time, we are having school wide checks to help bring the situation under control. If your child has lice, then you will be notified and we ask that you treat them right away. If live lice are found, we will ask you to pick up your child that day. Be aware that treatment alone is not enough. The eggs or nits that are attached to the hair strands must all be removed by manually pulling them from the hair. If this does not happen those nits will hatch and the cycle will continue. As well, all items in the household, pillows, linens, stuffed toys, and blankets will need to be laundered in hot water. Items that cannot go in the wash can be placed in plastic bags and put outside or in the freezer for 3-4 days. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter to get it under control.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COORDINATOR



Our community Schools Coordinator and Indigenous Education team, have worked hard to organize programs for kids to participate in most days of the week after school. Please check out the schedule on the following page and if your child is interested, please contact the school for more information.

### After School Program Schedule:

#### Mondays:

- \*Skateboarding with Mr. Haiste and Ms. Samuelson at the Connaught Youth Centre 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Volleyball with Mr. Larsen in the gym 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Rainbow Art Club with Ms. Child and Ms. Jordan in the Eagle's Branch 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Primary Soccer with Ms. Hansen, Ms. Elton, and Mrs. McBain in gym or front field 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Intermediate X-Country running with Ms. Bouchard and Ms. Gregory 2:30 – 3:30

#### Tuesdays:

- \*Music Club with Mr. Haiste on the gym stage 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Softball with Mr. Kimpton, Ms. Hansen, and Ms. Jordan in outdoor field 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Art Club with Ms. Evann and Ms. Giesbrecht in Meals Room 2:30 – 3:30

#### Wednesdays:

- \*Chess Club with Mr. Haiste in the Eagle's Branch 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Cultural/Cooking club with Ms. Child and Ms. Giesbrecht in the Meals Room 2:30 – 3:30

#### Thursdays:

- \*Basketball with Ms. Sarai and Ms. Samuelson in the gym 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Make-up and Nail art club with Ms. Hansen and Ms. Giesbrecht in the meals room 2:30 – 3:30
- \*Adventurous Play with Ms. Leone, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Jordan, and Mrs. McBain 2:30 – 3:30

#### Fridays:

- \*MMA with Karm, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Hansen in the gym 2:30 – 3:30

**Due to an overwhelming amount of interest, we have had to cap some of our clubs for safety reasons. We will keep a waitlist for students who were not able to join because of the cap. We will be holding more programs like this in the fall. We will connect with parents whose children are not able to join this time around.**

Thank you to all the students who participate in afterschool programming! We appreciate you and love seeing programming so full! Huge shout out to parents who support our afterschool programming!

Donations: If you have any children's clothing, winter boots, or school supplies (Scissors, markers, duo tangs) that you don't need, feel free to connect with us at the school to donate items.

## Teachers/Support Staff/Admin



### Teachers

Division 1 - Ms. Leone (Kindergarten)  
Division 2 - Mr. Lloyd (Kindergarten/Grade 1)  
Division 3 - Mrs. Lawrence (Grade 1)  
Division 4 - Mrs. McBain (Grade 1/2)  
Division 5 - Ms. Polhuis (Grade 2/3)  
Division 6 - Ms. Elton (Grade 3/4)  
Division 7 - Mr. Lawrence (Grade 4/5)  
Division 8 - Ms. Sarai (Grade 4/5)  
Division 9 - Mr. Larsen (Grade 6/7)  
Division 10 - Ms. Bouchard (Grade 6/7)

### Office

Secretary - Mrs. Carlson  
Principal - Mr. Turner  
Vice Principal - Mrs. Glover

### District Staff

District YCW - Mr. Wilson  
Indigenous Social Worker - Ms. Chouinard

### Support Staff

Indigenous Education Worker - Ms. Child  
Indigenous Education Worker - Mr. Haiste  
TIC, Learning Assistance/Resource - Mr. Forbes  
Community Schools Coordinator - Ms. Hansen  
Youth Care Worker - Ms. Harasym  
TIC, Prep, Resource - Mr. Kimpton  
ELL, Counsellor - Ms. Koon  
ELL - Ms. Nagulapally  
ELL - Ms. Piddocke  
ELL, Librarian - Mrs. Reinheimer  
Library Clerk - Ms. Altizer  
Meals Program Coordinator - Ms. Corrin  
Strong Start Coordinator - Ms. Vlchek

### Educational Assistants

Ms. Jordan      Ms. Beattie  
Ms. Lewis      Ms. Giesbrecht  
Ms. Ringdahl      Ms. Gregory  
Ms. Samuelson      Ms. Hynd  
Ms. Willms      Ms. Stevenson  
Ms. Logan      Ms. Koops  
Ms. Danroth      Ms. Lambkin