



Ron Brent Newsletter – February 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)

Hello everyone and welcome to February!

As time passes we are noticing more and more of our students coming off of transition; rejoining their teachers and peers in the classroom. It is wonderful to see the excitement in their eyes as they interact with their friends and with their teachers' lessons in real time.

If you are thinking of having your child move from the transition program back to Ron Brent please be advised that there are no longer "return dates" for students coming back. The process for having your child return to Ron Brent is as follows:

1. Call the school to let us know that you would like to send your child back to school
2. Admin will set a date for your child's return (most likely one or two days' notice to ensure that all academic and SEL supports are in place to ensure a smooth transition back to the classroom)
3. The school will contact you with the return date

As always, we respect and understand that each family must make their own decision whether or not to send their child back to school. Just know that when you do feel comfortable that the staff at Ron Brent are excited to welcome your child back.

Take care everyone,
Conrad Turner

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



January 26, 2021 – Online Kindergarten Registration opens for 2021/2022 school year
February 3, 2021 – March 2, 2021 – Online Student Transfer Process
February 5, 2021 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students
February 15, 2021 – Family Day – No school for students
February 22-26 – Spirit week – See the schedule in the Community School Coordinator section below
February 24, 2021 – Pink shirt day – Wear a pink shirt to support Anti-Bullying day!
February 26, 2021 – Primary Report Writing Day – No school for Primary students (Grades K-3)
March 22 to April 5, 2021 – Spring Break and Easter Holidays – No school for students

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 are 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 \$30 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 January.

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!

SOGI INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS Resource Snapshot:



From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea by Kai Cheng Thom (2017) Ages 4+

This story with SOGI content is a captivating, beautifully imagined picture book about gender, identity, and the acceptance of the differences between us. In the story, Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be. But one thing's for sure: no matter what this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same.

<https://bc.sogieducation.org>

Indigenous Education



Mr. Haiste and Ms. Child continue to work with classrooms to offer Indigenous ways of knowing. Mr. Haiste is resuming skateboarding club at the CYC, and is still running chess club and music club. Ms. Child is working on cooking club and art club, as well as cooking special food for the meals program with Ms. Corrin. Look forward to Babysitting training in February (and later in April) with Ms. Lunden in the grade 6/7 classrooms.

Winter Weather/In Days



Temperature alone does not warrant an “in day”, although the guideline used is -20°C . Please ensure that children are always suitably dressed for the weather conditions. Consider the many factors of inclement weather such as wind, rain, particulate matter, snow and temperature. The principal or designate shall make the decision whether to keep students indoors. Safety of the students is always a priority. If it is a morning “in day”, announcements will be made for students to enter the building. Students will enter the school through their usual entrance and go to their classrooms until the bell rings.

Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports

Staff and students are working collaboratively to create a positive learning environment for all students at Ron Brent Elementary! We will be exploring school wide themes encouraging students to demonstrate behaviours that are respectful, responsible, and cooperative. Students showing positive behaviour will have the opportunity to earn “Ron Brent Bucks” to spend at our Ron Brent Bucks Store! This store will feature both tangible prizes and experience-based rewards. Thank you to our generous PAC for helping us fund the reward store, scheduled to open in February! We anticipate this will be both fun and motivating for our students!



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

The library learning commons is excited to have lots of new books arriving this month. We are grateful to have received a Raise-a-Reader grant to purchase graphic novels for our students. Please take a look at home for any library books that your child has brought home as we have a lot of overdue books and Mrs. Reinheimer would love to be able to send those books home with another student. Each classroom has book exchange once per week; See below for which day your child visits the library.

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

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. Jordan at the Connaught Youth Centre from 2:30 – 3:30

Full *Sewing Club with Mrs. Harasym and Ms. Jordan in the Raven's Nest from 2:30 – 3:30, January 4 – March 8

*Rainbow Art Club with Mr. Lloyd in Mr. Lloyd's classroom 2:30 – 3:30, January 11 – March 8 (Grades 4-7)

Tuesdays:

*Hockey with Mr. Kimpton, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Hansen at the Ron Brent Community Ice Rink 2:30 – 3:45, January 12 – March 9 (Grades 4-7)

*Makers Club with Julia and Ms. Hynd in Meals Room 2:30 – 4:00, January 12 – March 9 (Grade 4-7)

Wednesdays:

*Chess Club with Mr. Haiste in the Eagles Branch 2:30 – 3:30

Full *Cooking Club with Ms. Child and Ms. Giesbrecht in the Meals Room 2:30 – 4:00, January 6 – March 10

*Sliding Club with Ms. Hansen and Ms. Hynd on the hill behind Ron Brent School 2:30 – 3:30, January 6 – March 10 (All grades – 4 spots left)

Thursdays:

*Basketball with Ms. Sarai and Ms. Samuelson in the gymnasium 2:30 – 3:30, January 7 – March 11 (Grades 4-7)

*Art Club with Julia and Ms. Hynd in the Meals Room 2:30 – 4:00, January 14 – March 11 (Grades 4-7)

Fridays:

*MMA with Karm, Ms. Hynd, and Ms. Hansen in the gymnasium 2:30 – 3:30, January 8 – March 12 (Grades 4-7)

SPIRIT WEEK – FEBRUARY 22-26, 2021

Monday, February 22 – Pajama Day! Wear your coziest pajamas all day long!

Tuesday, February 23 – Superhero Day! Dress like your favorite superhero or somebody that is a hero to you.

Wednesday, February 24 – Twin Day! You and your buddy/classmate dress alike or exactly the same for the day.

Thursday, February 25 – Jersey/Sports Team Day! Wear a jersey of your favorite sports team or other team.

Friday, February 26 – Crazy Hair Day! Style your hair as crazy and wild as can be!

We can't wait to see everyone showing school spirit!! Students who participate in the school spirit fun will be entered into draws for prizes during the week!

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: Paisley
Division 2: Lariah
Division 3: Misty
Division 4: Emiele
Division 5: Frankie

Division 6: James
Division 7: Mira
Division 8: Clifford
Division 9: Daniel
Division 10: Karl

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. Pidocke
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