



Ron Brent Newsletter – January 2021

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)

From the Vice Principal's desk!

Happy New Year! Many of us see January as a time of new commitments, new plans, and fresh starts; through the lens of our school, January has these very opportunities for our students – A time when we can really dive into our learning. We used the first week of January to review all COVID-19 health and safety policies to ensure our environment is safe and meets the needs of our learners. Students can expect to spend some time in the first few days back reviewing the things that keep us safe such as hand washing and mask wearing.

The best defense against COVID-19 will be to keep your child home if they are sick.

Please continue to do the Daily Health Check with your child before you send them to school. If your child is going to be away for any reason, please call the school and let us know.

Just a reminder – you can reach the office in person, by phone, or by email, and we look forward to hearing from you!

L'Donna Lynds, 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

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Prince George, BC V2L 3Z2

Phone: 250-562-2737

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

Like us on **Instagram** @ ronbrentelementary

P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council

Ron Brent Elementary has a Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.)! The role of the P.A.C. is to support students through various means such as fundraising and volunteering. Please contact the office at 250-562-2737 if you would like to join the P.A.C. this year, or if you would like further information.

Counselling

Holidays can be a happy time for some and a more challenging time for others. If you are finding that you are struggling with mental health at this time, there is help.

Children can call the Youth Crisis Line at 1-888-564-8336 or text 250-564-8336; OR Kids' Help Phone – Text CONNECT to 686868. Anyone can call the Northern BC Crisis Line at 1-800-562-1214 or text 250-563-1214. Support specifically for Indigenous People can be found at KUU-US Crisis Line at 1-800-588-8717. Foundry provides virtual and face-to-face drop-in counselling for people 12 – 14 years old. Call 1-833-308-6379 or access the new Foundry BC app.

Important Dates



January 19, 2022 – Jersey Day – Show off your favorite sports team!
January 31, 2022 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students (Office open)
February 14, 2022 – Red, White, and Pink Day!
February 17, 2022 – Primary Report Writing Day – No school for students in Kindergarten to Gr. 3
February 21, 2022 – Family Day – No school (School is closed for Statutory Holiday)
February 23, 2022 – **Pink Shirt Day!**
February 28, 2022 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students (Office open)
March 7, 2022 – Wacky hair/hat Day!
March 8, 2022 – Ron Brent Spirit wear day!
March 9, 2022 – Sparkle Day!
March 10, 2022 – Twin Day!
March 11, 2022 – PJ Day!
Spring Break – March 14-25, 2022

Library Learning Commons

The library will be open for book exchanges again starting on January 10, 2022. Please help your child find and return any library books on their library day.

Div 1 - Miss Leone - TUESDAY
Div 2 - Mrs. Lloyd - TUESDAY
Div 3 - Mrs. Lawrence - TUESDAY
Div 4 - Mrs. McBain - MONDAY
Div 5 - Mrs. Nagulapally - MONDAY
Div 6 – Mrs. Dmitrasinovic - WEDNESDAY
Div 7 - Ms. Elton - TUESDAY
Div 8 - Ms. Sarai - MONDAY
Div 9 - Miss Sinclair - WEDNESDAY
Div 10 - Miss Andersen - MONDAY
Div 11 - Mr. Larsen - TUESDAY

Book Orders – Scholastic Book Orders are going home again this month. This is a fundraiser for the library as the school receives 20% of purchases back in Scholastic credits. If you would like to order books for your child, you can ORDER ONLINE at [scholastic.ca/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.ca/readingclub) and use the code RC192531. Alternatively, you can fill out the form that was sent home with the items you would like to purchase and send CASH back to the school along with the form. Orders are due back February 1st. Thank you for supporting the Ron Brent library!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Bell Schedule

8:35 – Warning Bell
8:40 – Class begins
10:15 – 10:30 Primary recess/10:30-10:45 – Intermediate recess
12:05-12:50 – Lunch
2:51 – Dismissal

Wednesday Bell Schedule

8:35 – Warning Bell
8:40 – Class begins
10:15 - 10:30 Primary recess/10:30 - 10:45 – Intermediate recess
12:05 – 12:50 – Lunch
1:45 - Dismissal

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 \$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.

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:

What does it mean to be a SOGI-inclusive school?

SOGI is one of many topics about diversity discussed regularly in schools, such as when educators speak about race, ethnicity, religion, and ability. SOGI-inclusive education simply means speaking about SOGI in a way that ensures every student feels like they belong. There is no "SOGI curriculum." SOGI is a topic that can be addressed throughout many subjects and school activities. Educators across Canada have expressed a need for more SOGI resources and training to ensure all students feel confident being themselves. SOGI 1 2 3 is simply one more way that educators can find the resources they need and learn from each other.

For more information please visit: <https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>

Indigenous Education



Ms. Child and Mr. Haiste are busy working on drum making, archery, cooking programs, and classroom cultural lessons and activities.

Skateboard club, snow skating, and computer tech club are to be determined as per student attendance. Please reach out to Mr. Haiste for more information or with any questions.

Health Check



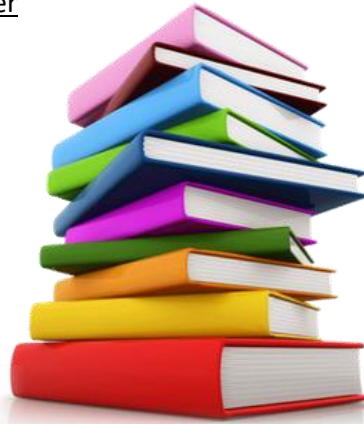
The Daily Student Health Check can be found on our website and on the SD 57 website. Please complete the health check with your children daily before leaving for school.

Health Check Link: [https://www.sd57.bc.ca/covid/healthchecks/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd57.bc.ca/covid/healthchecks/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

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.

READERS OF THE MONTH for November/December

- Division 1 – Myles
- Division 2 – Autumn
- Division 3 – Eli
- Division 4 – Reason
- Division 5 – Lariah
- Division 6 – Amy
- Division 7 – Scarlett
- Division 8 – Kaiser
- Division 9 – Serenity
- Division 10 – Jaidyn
- Division 11 - Jamie



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COORDINATOR



Please keep an eye out for information about new programs starting soon! The after-school programs that have continued from prior to the winter break are Basketball on Thursdays from 3-4, and Yoga/Dry land on Fridays from 3-4.

Ron Brent Staff List



Teachers

- Division 1 - Ms. Leone (Kindergarten)
- Division 2 - Mr. Lloyd (Kindergarten/Grade 1)
- Division 3 - Mrs. Lawrence (Grade 1/2)
- Division 4 - Mrs. McBain (Grade 1/2)
- Division 5 - Ms. Nagulapally (Grade 2/3)
- Division 6 – Mrs. Dmitrasinovic (Grade 2/3)
- Division 7 – Ms. Elton (Grade 3/4)
- Division 8 - Ms. Sarai (Grade 4/5) / TIC
- Division 9 – Ms. Sinclair (Grade 4/5)
- Division 10 - Ms. Andersen (Grade 5/6)
- Division 11 – Mr. Larsen (Grade 7)

Office

- Secretary - Mrs. Carlson
- Principal - Mr. Turner
- Vice Principal – Ms. Lynds

District Staff

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

Support Staff

- Indigenous Education Worker - Ms. Child
- Indigenous Education Worker - Mr. Haiste
- ELL/Resource – Ms. Robson
- Community Schools Coordinator - Ms. Hansen
- Youth Care Worker – Ms. Bobbi Florell
- Prep/ELL – Mr. Lawrence
- ELL, Counsellor - Ms. Koon
- ELL – Mrs. Bankole
- ELL – Mrs. Withey
- ELL – Mrs. Kimpton
- Resource/TIC/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. Lambkin
- Ms. Logan Ms. Koops
- Ms. Buhler Ms. Pratt