

# Here's what's happening at Ron Brent School!



<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/ronb>

Jan 9	Strongstart is CLOSED
Jan 30	Non Instructional Day—No school for students
Jan 31	Kindergarten Registration for new September 2017 students
Feb 13	Family Day—No school for students
Mar 13-24	Spring Break—No school for students

**NOTE:** For personal safety, students are to arrive no earlier than 8:20am when supervision begins.

**Cell Phones**—To avoid disruptions during instructional time and potential loss or theft, students with cell phones must turn their devices off and keep them out of site, or hand them in to the teacher at the start of the day. Unless the teacher instructs otherwise, cell phones are not to be used during instructional time. **Parents are welcome to leave a message at the office for their child.**

**Online Registration Day**—Elementary/Kindergarten online registration will take place on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 9:00am. **After parents have completed the online registration, there are three forms that are included in the email that is sent back to the parent/guardian.** Parents will need to provide the school office the three forms, the required documentation (birth certificate, care card and proof of address) by Friday, February 10th, to retain a spot for September 2017 kindergarten.

**NEW FOR THE MEALS PROGRAM**—The Meals Program is a very nutritious lunch that is provided by a catering service. **The cost of the meals program is \$3 per lunch. There is a minimum payment of \$30 per student per month. Payment must accompany the permission form before the child can receive lunch from the meals program. Payments will be for the full month, NO partial days permitted.**

**Messages**—There are many calls received for students from parents and guardians, especially at the end of the day. Please ensure that your child knows of your plans prior to attending school to avoid confusion for your child.

**Safe Arrival/Phone-In Program for Student Absences:** Please call the school at 250-562-2737 if your child will be absent or late for any reason. We will attempt to contact families whenever there are unknown absences. **Please send a note** anytime your child has different plans for after school, whether it is using a different bus stop or going to a friend's home. **Permission in writing is required before we will authorize these changes.**

**Redesigned Curriculum, Redesigned Reporting, Changes to Provincial Exams...** Why the changes? What do the changes look like? What will students be learning?

You are invited to attend a session on Jan. 18, at 7-8pm to learn about the shifts taking place within our education system. Cindy Heitman, Principal of Learning Innovation for School District 57, will be presenting to parents with information about the changes as well as provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback on the changes.

**Date: January 18th**  
**Time: 7:00-8:30**  
**Location: Duchess Park Secondary**

**Communicating Student Learning in School District 57**

**What information will families receive?**

**A minimum of 5 times per year, (including Year End Summative Report) families will receive information that is timely and responsive to:**

- \* Learning in relation to the BC Learning Standards
- \* Information about their child's contribution to classes and relationships with others
- \* How their child approaches learning
- \* Information about their child's growth, performance and achievement levels
- \* Families' questions regarding how to support learning

**The Year End Summative Report will include:**

- \* A summary of your child's achievement in all required areas of learning outlined in the curriculum
- \* An indication of your child's performance in relation to age/grade expectations
- \* Information about your child's strengths, challenges and next steps
- \* Ways to support at home and at school
- \* Student self assessment of the core competencies

**Absentee Hotline PHONE: (250)562-2737**

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**Regular Bell Schedule**

Supervision Begins	8:20 am
Start	8:35 am
Recess	10:15am
Lunch	12:15 pm
Dismissal	2:46 pm
Supervision Ends	3:01 pm

**Wednesday Dismissal 1:40pm**



**Strong Start:** Is a drop-in preschool offered at Ron Brent for all children 0 to 5 years. Please join us for old fashion play. It includes story, crafts, music activities, snack and pre K skills. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This program is funded by the Ministry and is FREE to all participants. Call the school at 250-562-2737 for more information. **Hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am—11:30am.**

**Parent Advisory Council:** Ron Brent Elementary has a very active group of parents involved in our PAC. They are involved in many school activities throughout the school year and meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8:00am. No babysitting available at this meeting.** Babysitting may be available for future meetings if needed.

**Volunteering in the School:** Volunteers are an important element of successful schools. Your involvement is encouraged. It is required that we have a "Criminal Record Check" on file before anyone may volunteer. These forms take time to process so please check with the office to make sure you have this in place. There is no cost to the volunteer. This check is effective for 3 years at which time you will be notified by the District to complete a renewal form.

### From Your School Counsellor, Ms. Nancy Alexander

**Artists coming to the school!** starting January we will be having professional artists working with teachers in the classroom. we are excited about showing off all our art later in the year !! thanks to a few grants and PAC.


**Strong Start's Parent Circle** will be in the Strong Start room every Wednesdays 1030-11:30. This will be a discussion group on strategies and tips on everything from play, sleep, wild kids, self care, resources, stress management, picky eaters, nutrition, helpful child routines, calming strategies, stronger brains, child development and parent survival at Christmas, etc. The sessions will be with the school counsellor. Caregivers, and Parents of 0-6 year olds are all welcome!

**Parent drop** in Monday and Thursday 845-920 am. Please feel free to come in and I would be happy to help with Problem solving. You are a very important part of our "School Team" to help figure out how to assist each child in reaching their potential!

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Hey Kids! Spot YARBEE on YRB plow trucks and your school  
can win \$5,000.00



Please be aware of the most common unsafe driving behaviors around plow trucks:

- **Passing on the right while trucks are plowing snow;**
- **Following too close while sanding; and,**
- **Not moving over while approaching a plow truck.**

We want parents (and all motorists) to be aware of the dangerous driving behaviors that occur around plow trucks. *Together* we can help prevent a serious incident!

DO NOT PASS



WHEN LIGHTS  
FLASHING

**A message from Diversified Transportation:**  
REMEMBER - DO NOT PASS A SCHOOL BUS WHEN  
**RED** LIGHTS ARE FLASHING!

Be sure to report all YARBEE sightings on the YRB  
Facebook Page @ [Facebook.com/yrbfortgeorge](https://www.facebook.com/yrbfortgeorge)

Include the following details: Date - Time - Location - Represented School