



## Ron Brent Newsletter – March 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!

It is hard to believe that it has almost been one year since the start of the COVID 19 pandemic. It has been a long road but with a national vaccination program rolling out we are hopeful that we will be returning to a new normal that would see health restrictions eased.

Schools continue to be one of the safest places to be during COVID. If you are thinking of having your child return to in class instruction, please contact the school and we will get your little one back with us 😊

This month we have been doing our Foundation Skills Assessment which is a province wide literacy and numeracy test. We will also be doing our Student Learning Survey March 8-10. This survey helps us to gather student voice and to use this information to make our school even better!

I would like to give a huge shout out to the staff at Ron Brent this month. We have just gone over our reading data that compares where our students were at the beginning of the school year with where our students are now. I am so happy to report that 70% of our students who are attending Ron Brent have seen their reading level improve!! Thank you to everyone who works every day to improve the literacy levels of our students. We are hopeful that we will continue to see more of our transition students return to us so that we can begin to do this good, one on one work with even more kids!

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#/=>

Like us on **Instagram** @ ronbrentelementary

## Important Dates



February 3, 2021 – March 2, 2021 – Online Student Transfer Process

March 17, 2021 – Communicating Student Learning goes home with students

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 at 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**

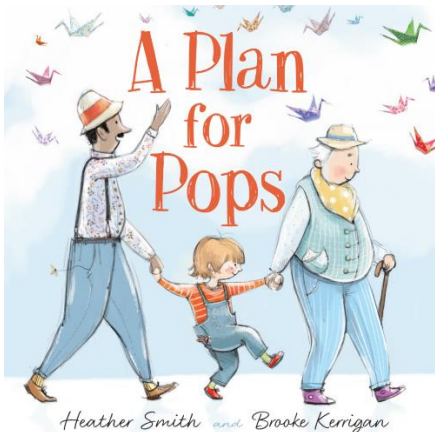
District

School:

Language:

Log On

**SOGI INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS**  
**Resource Snapshot:**



A Plan for Pops – Heather Smith (Illus. Brooke Kerrigan) 2019 Ages 4+

This SOGI inclusive resource tells a positive and empowering story that inspires children to learn how to handle challenges and help others. The bond between child and loving, interracial gay male grandparents is warm, palpable and uplifting.

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

## Indigenous Education



Look forward to more club activities in March up until Spring Break and beyond:

Skateboarding club: Mondays, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Art Club: Mondays, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Music club: Tuesdays, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chess club: Wednesdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Cooking club: Wednesdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Child and Mr. Haiste will be helping in classrooms and with cultural lessons, recruiting students for meals program help, and checking in with students for daily help.

## Winter Weather/In Days



Temperature alone does not warrant an “in day”, although the guideline used is  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . 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 will begin handing out “Ron Brent Bucks” the week of February 22nd to any students demonstrating behaviours that are respectful, responsible, or cooperative! Students will hear this referred to as, “RRC Behaviour”. Students will be able to spend their bucks at our “Ron Brent Store”, opening March 5th! The store will feature both tangible and experience-based prizes! Students will have the opportunity to watch an advertisement video, created by staff, to learn all about the Ron Brent Bucks system!



## 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. Saraj, 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. 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 15

\*Rainbow Art Club with Mr. Lloyd in Mr. Lloyd's classroom 2:30 – 3:30, January 11 – March 15 (Grades 4-7)

Tuesdays:

**Full** \*Hockey with Mr. Kimpton, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Hansen at the Ron Brent Community Ice Rink 2:30 – 3:45, January 12 – March 16 (Grades 4-7)

**Full** \*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 17

\*Sliding Club with Ms. Hansen and Ms. Hynd on the hill behind Ron Brent School 2:30 – 3:30, January 6 – March 17  
(All grades – 4 spots left)

Thursdays:

\*Basketball with Ms. Sarai and Ms. Samuelson in the gymnasium 2:30 – 3:30, January 7 – March 18 (Grades 4-7)

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

Fridays:

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

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!

**Upcoming programs after Spring Break include: basketball, skateboarding, soccer, cooking club, makeup & nail art club, softball, and rainbow art. Age groups & group size may limit which programs are available for students.**

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.

**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: Skyler  
Division 2: Sunu  
Division 3: Abby  
Division 4: Kaci  
Division 5: Genesis

Division 6: Bella  
Division 7: Bella  
Division 8: Tyler  
Division 9: Leif  
Division 10: Lena

## 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