



## Ron Brent Newsletter – May 2022

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

### Principal’s Message

Happy May everyone!

It is hard to believe that we are only two months away from the end of the school year. As we head toward our last day of classes on June 29<sup>th</sup> we have a number of events coming up. We are looking to organize “Sports Day” for the first time in two years! Our Grade 7 students will be making drums with their caregivers this month, and we will be having our class photos on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tomorrow, May 5<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in raising awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People. Classroom teachers will be having age appropriate discussions on this topic and our Indigenous Education Workers are providing a school wide activity to promote awareness.

If you phone the school in the morning to report that your child will be absent, please leave a voicemail if the line is busy. Ms. Carlson checks the messages regularly and will ensure that your child is marked away.

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

Conrad Turner – 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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Website: [www.sd57.bc.ca/school/ronb](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/ronb)



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### 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.

#### **Bell Schedule**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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

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

### **Important Dates**

May 6, 2022 – Relays – Massich Place

May 13, 2022 – Class photos

May 23, 2022 – Victoria Day – School is closed

June 6, 2022 – Primary Report Card Writing Day – No school for students in Grades K-3

June 10, 2022 – Intermediate Report Writing Day – No school for students in Grades 4-7

June 21, 2022 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day

June 24, 2022 – School-wide, year-end awards assembly – Students only

June 28, 2022 – Last day of school for Students! Happy Summer Break!!

### **Counselling - Free Online Workshop for Parents and Caretakers: Grounding as a Tool for Self-Care**

Why are people talking about grounding?

What is grounding?

How can grounding help me?

Join us for this virtual group session, geared towards parent or caregivers who are supporting youth with mental health or substance use needs, to learn about grounding and how it can be a tool to support your own wellness and self-care.

Grounding participants have reported benefits such as:

- Decrease in fatigue
- Support with pain management
- Improved anxiety and depression
- Improved sleep patterns
- Overall health

Together, we will discover ways to support a calmer sense of being.

When: May 11th • 5:30p.m.–6:30p.m.

Where: Online via Zoom

Registration: Email your name and contact info to [foundry@nbc.ymca.ca](mailto:foundry@nbc.ymca.ca)

Cost: Free

### **Library Learning Commons**

Take a look at the book exchanges below – Please help your children find and return any library books to the school on their book exchange day.

Mondays – Ms. Andersen and Mrs. McBain

Tuesdays – Mr. Larsen, Ms. Nagulapally, Mrs. Lawrence, Ms. Leone, Ms. Elton

Wednesdays – Mrs. Dmitrasinovic

Fridays – Ms. Sarai, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Sinclair

April Scholastic book orders have come in and books have gone home with students. If you would like to place a Scholastic order for May, the deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order online, please visit [scholastic.ca/readingclub](http://scholastic.ca/readingclub) to set up an account and make an order. Please use class code **RC192531** when asked. Books will be shipped directly to your home!

### **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.

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 - What can parents do at home?**

We all want our children and students to love themselves and thrive within their schools and communities. At home, you can be curious and learn about SOGI topics with your child. You can open up the conversation and keep it open, by allowing them to question, express, and explore their individuality as they wish, and by inviting them to talk openly about their experiences at school. In addition, you can share the values of acceptance and respecting people's differences through your own actions among friends and neighbours, so that your child learns from your example and takes those lessons back to school. When friends and neighbours are curious about SOGI 1 2 3, consider printing and sharing this double-sided brochure.

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

## **Indigenous Education**



Ms. Child and Mr. Haiste are planning a drum-making celebration for the grade 7's in Mr. Larsen's classroom, with a tentative date of May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm. Parents and guardians of grade 7 students will be invited to attend so keep an eye out for invitations from us! Skateboarding club will run until the end of the school year. See Mr. Haiste or Ms. Hansen if you would like to join or come check it out!

## **Community Schools Coordinator**

The current schedule for after-school programs is:

Mondays – Skateboarding at the Connaught Youth Centre from 3 to 4 with Mr. Haiste and Ms. Hansen

Ukelele with Ms. Elton from 3 to 4 (April 4 – May 30)

Dungeons and Dragons with Mr. Larsen from 3 to 4 in the library (April 13 – June 1)

Tuesdays – MMA from 3 -4 in the gym with Ms. Hansen and Kaiten MMA (April 5 – May 31)

Wednesdays – Cooking with Mrs. Corrin and Ms. Beattie in the meals room from 2 to 3

Music club with Mr. Haiste on the gym stage from 2 to 3

Outdoor Art Club with Ms. Evann from 2 to 3 (May 4 – June 15)

Thursdays – Minecraft Makers' Club with Ms. Giesbrecht in the computer lab from 3 to 4 (April 7 – June 9)

## **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



### **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 & Ms. Colleen

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

<b>District Staff</b>	Ms. Ringdahl	Ms. Gregory
District YCW - Mr. Wilson	Ms. Samuelson	Ms. Lambkin
Indigenous Social Worker - Ms. Chouinard	Ms. Logan	Ms. Koops
	Ms. Buhler	Ms. Pratt