



Ron Brent Newsletter – May 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! The snow is gone, the sun is out and we are enjoying an early spring. Our teachers have been taking our students outside on walking field trips to take in the wonderful outdoors. In addition, our Indigenous education workers have been taking classes outside to learn on the land.

Our after school programs are in full swing and I would like to thank all of our staff members for taking time out of their day to provide high quality programming for our kiddos!

Ness Lake Bible Camp has agreed to sponsor our entire school for summer camp this year! This means that every child at Ron Brent can attend camp this summer, transportation included, free of charge. We have already sent home permission forms that are due back no later than May 13, 2021. If you did not receive one, please contact the school.

Our Meals Coordinator continues to provide delicious breakfast each day for the entire school at no cost to students. Our lunch program is \$20/month per student and lunches include taco salad, hamburgers and many other delicious meals.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!!! – Just a friendly reminder that we are open for kindergarten registration. If you haven't registered your Kindergarten aged student or have a friend who has a little one ready to attend in the fall please contact the school to register (250-562-2737)

Take Care,

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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Prince George, BC V2L 3Z2

Phone: 250-562-2737

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

Like us on **Instagram** @ ronbrentelemetary

Important Dates



May 6, 2021 – Grade 6 Immunization – Northern health at Ron Brent

May 13, 2021 – Ness Lake Bible Camp summer camp registration packages due back

May 19, 2021 – Welcome to Kindergarten 2:30 – 4pm

May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – No school

June 1 – June 30 – Pride Month

June 4, 2021 – Non-instructional Day – No school for students

June 8, 2021 – Primary Report Writing Day – No school for students in grades K-3

June 11, 2021 – Intermediate Report Writing Day – No school for students in grades 4-7

June 25, 2021 – Last day of 2020/2021 school year – Have a great Summer!

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!

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: Landon
Division 2: Emilia
Division 3: Ivy
Division 4: Kitiara
Division 5: Alex M.

Division 6: Anthony
Division 7: Royce
Division 8: Kingston
Division 9: Kieron
Division 10: Eva

SOGI INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS Resource Snapshot:



Worm Loves Worm – J.J. Austrian (Illus. Mike Curato) 2016 Ages 4+

This adorable picture book looks at what it means to fall in love. When two worms fall in love, everyone has their own idea of who should be the bride and who should be the groom, but the worms don't care... they are just in love.

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

Indigenous Education



Ms. Child and Mr. Haiste are busy visiting classrooms for cultural lessons and activities; everything from nature scavenger hunts and activities to learning new words in Indigenous languages. Skateboarding club and music club with Mr. Haiste will resume until the end of June. Culture club with Ms. Child, Mr. Haiste, and Ms. Giesbrecht will resume until the end of June. Outdoor learning as part of an Indigenous Learning Team Grant will have us travelling to various locations around Prince George to encourage Indigenous ways of knowing. Friday, May 7, 2021 will see Mr. Haiste taking three students on a trapline walk.

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. 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.

Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports

Students have been hard at work earning Ron Brent Bucks for Respectful, Responsible, and Cooperative Behaviour! Students have the opportunity to spend their bucks at our Ron Brent Store bi-weekly. Thank you to Mrs. Beattie, Ms. Bouchard, and students from grade 6/7 for organizing popcorn sales to fund the purchase of more prizes for the store! Ask your child today how they earned their bucks!



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

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. Samuelson at the Connaught Youth Centre 2:30 – 3:30
- *Volleyball with Mr. Larsen in the gym 2:30 – 3:30
- *Rainbow Art Club with Ms. Child and Ms. Jordan in the Eagle's Branch 2:30 – 3:30
- *Primary Soccer with Ms. Hansen, Ms. Elton, and Mrs. McBain in gym or front field 2:30 – 3:30
- *Intermediate X-Country running with Ms. Bouchard and Ms. Gregory 2:30 – 3:30

Tuesdays:

- *Music Club with Mr. Haiste on the gym stage 2:30 – 3:30
- *Softball with Mr. Kimpton, Ms. Hansen, and Ms. Jordan in outdoor field 2:30 – 3:30

Wednesdays:

- *Cultural/Cooking club with Ms. Child and Ms. Giesbrecht in the Meals Room 2:30 – 3:30

Thursdays:

- *Basketball with Ms. Sarai and Ms. Samuelson in the gym 2:30 – 3:30
- *Make-up and Nail art club with Ms. Hansen and Ms. Giesbrecht in the meals room 2:30 – 3:30
- *Adventurous Play with Ms. Leone, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Jordan, and Mrs. McBain 2:30 – 3:30

Fridays:

- *MMA with Karm, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Hansen in the gym 2:30 – 3:30
- *D&D with Mr. Larsen in the meals room – 2:30 - 3:30

Due to an overwhelming amount of interest, we have had to cap some of our clubs for safety reasons. We will keep a waitlist for students who were not able to join because of the cap. We will be holding more programs like this in the fall. We will connect with parents whose children are not able to join this time around.

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!

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.

District Level Opportunity for Parents!!



SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee
2020-2021

Call for Parent & Student Representatives

The SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is recruiting members for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are seeking letters of interest to fill the following positions:

- **Two** student representatives
- **Two** parent / guardian representatives of self-identified Indigenous students

The committee meets monthly with representatives from, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Simpcw First Nation, Métis nation, Indigenous Elders and SD57 to help advise the district on how we can best meet the needs of Indigenous learners in our district.

Jennifer Pighin
Vice Principal of Indigenous Education
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jpighin@sd57.bc.ca

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, contact Jen

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
Prep/Resource – Ms. Bankole
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

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| 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 |