



Ron Brent Newsletter – November 2020

Principal's Message

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

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already heading into November but it sure feels good to be here! Our staff have worked extremely hard to manage what has been the most unusual start up in the history of our school. Our learning groups are in place, our after school programming is up and running and for the first time since March we feel the hustle and bustle of an elementary school.

Our new literacy program is up and running and we are lucky to have a strong team of ELL teachers collaborating with classroom teachers to deliver robust instruction. As caregivers we encourage you to take time to read to your child as a means helping your child interact with literature outside of the classroom.

Our Kindergarten teachers are hard at work exploring a system of play for our students that will allow our kids to develop decision making skills and problem solving techniques essential to optimal development. It is not news that winter has come to us earlier than normal. Please ensure that your little one is bundled up for the cold weather. If you require support with winter clothing, please do not hesitate to call the school. In addition, please remember to drop your kids off no earlier than 8:20 as that is when our supervision starts.

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



November 5, 2020 - Picture Day

November 11, 2020 - Remembrance Day - No school

November 16, 2020 - Primary report card writing Day - No school for Kindergarten to Grade 3

November 20, 2020 - Non-instructional Day - No school

November 24, 2020 - Picture retakes

December 19, 2020 - Last day of school before Winter Break

December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021 - Winter Break - No school

January 4, 2021 - Students come back to school

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***

School Picture Day



November 5, 2020 is Picture Day! Please click the following link on how to prepare for photos: <https://bit.ly/3jsBzrT>

Strong Start families will be welcome to get photos taken for the first 15 minutes of the morning. Please arrive no later than 9 am.

Classes will begin coming down for photos around 9:15 am. In order to adhere to Covid-19 protocols, please ensure your child arrives at school on time so they wash their hands prior to having their photo taken.

Students who are on gradual transition are welcome to come to the school to have photos taken. Please come to the front entrance where you will be let in to the building. We are requesting only one adult per family attend with the student(s). Families will be required to sign in and use hand sanitizer. Please remember that social distancing rules are in effect. Please arrive no later than 10:30 am.

Meals Program



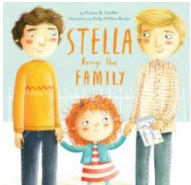
Students at Ron Brent enjoy breakfast each day in their classrooms - for FREE!! Breakfast consists of cereal, egg sandwiches, pancakes, fruit salad and many other delicious and nutritious foods.

We also offer a lunch program for \$30 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 in November.

SOGI INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

Stella Brings the Family is a book by Miriam B. Schiffer (2015)

On Mother's Day, Stella's teacher wants students to spend time appreciating their mothers, but Stella has two dads, so what is she supposed to do? When the information comes to light, Stella tells her class how her family works, including the fact that she has a whole bunch of extended family looking out for her.



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

Indigenous Education



During November, we have Angela Sanderson coming onsite to work with our various K-Gr 5 classrooms. She is offering Indigenous-themed learning and artwork both in preparation for Remembrance Day and for overall Indigenous ways of knowing. Patricia Lunden will be offering a "Home Alone" course with our grade 4/5 classrooms. Our onsite IEW's are continuing skateboard club (Mr. Haiste), Beading club (Ms. Child) and starting music and chess clubs (TBA).

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.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COORDINATOR - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING



Monday - 2:30-3:30

Skateboarding at Connaught Youth Centre with Mr. Haiste & Ms. Hansen & Ms. Jordan

Natural Photography at Ron Brent with Mrs. Harasym and Ms. Gregory

Dance at Ron Brent with Mr. Larsen and Ms. Hynd

Tuesday - 2:30 - 3:30

MMA At Ron Brent (Full) with Karm, Ms. Hynd & Ms. Hansen

Rainbow Art at Ron Brent with Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. Harasym, and Ms. Jordan

Ukelele at Ron Brent with Ms. Elton

Thursday - 2:30 - 4:00

Art Club at Ron Brent with Julia and Ms. Hansen (check with Ms. Hansen if there are spots available)

Thursday 2:30 - 3:30

Sewing club at Ron Brent with Ms. Harasym and Ms. Jordan

Friday - 2:30 - 3:30

MMA at Ron Brent (Full) with Karm, Ms. Hynd and Ms. Hansen

Winter Weather/In Days



Temperature alone does not warrant an “in day”, although the guideline used is -20°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.

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