



Van Bien Elementary School

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November 4, 2021

## Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:

It is hard to believe that October is over. It was so great to see all the wonderful costumes at school on Friday for our Halloween Extravaganza. Many thanks to our Leadership students, Mrs. Tusek, Mrs. Eddy, our PAC and Mr. Lee for making our costume walk a resounding success.

WOW! Where did that weather come from on Tuesday? While the ice accumulation was totally unexpected, we would like to let parents know that schools do remain open in weather conditions such as these.

Teachers will be working on Communication of Student Learning later this month and you can expect to see a document regarding your child's progress on November 25.

We are very grateful to live, work and learn in this generous community. Thank you to our PAC, the Down Town Rotary and President's Choice Children's Charity for funding our Breakfast Program. We were also very fortunate to receive a grant from JumpStart. With this funding, our Grade 3 and 4 students have been able to take part in skating lessons.

Mrs. T. Cole

Mr. A. Lee

In our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange every Wednesday.



With the weather, turning colder, please ensure your child is coming to school with the appropriate outside clothing. Unless the temperature is below -20, everyday is considered an "Out Day" at Van Bien.

On Monday, November 15 students in Grades K-3 do not attend school. Ms. Pirillo, Ms. Hawes, Mrs. Callaghan, Ms. McLuskie and Ms. Utz will be writing Communication of Students Learning reports. **The Grade 4 students in Ms. McLuskie and Ms. Utz's rooms will have school on this day.**

All parents can expect that Communication of Student Learning will come home with your child on November 25.



Van Bien's Remembrance Day Assembly will take place virtually on November 10. At this time, our assembly will be limited to students.

PAC's Munch a Lunch hot lunch ordering system is now up and running. We have dates set before Christmas. Pizza Hut hot lunch will be on November 19th, and Wasabi Sushi on December 10th. Cut off is a week before hot lunch. You can pay by cash, credit card, or EMT to [vanbienpac@gmail.com](mailto:vanbienpac@gmail.com). Stay tuned for new and exciting lunch options after Christmas! **For families that already have accounts logins can be found** at <https://munchalunch.com/login> and for families who are new to Munch a Lunch, you can sign up here: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/vanbien>



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*

## Important Dates:

### November 10

Remembrance Day  
Assembly

Early Dismissal

1:35

**November 11**  
Remembrance Day

No  
School

### November 15

CSL Writing Day  
No School for Pri-  
mary Gr K-3

### November 16

Picture Retakes

9:00

### November 17

Early Dismissal

1:35

### November 19

Spirit Day: Twin day  
Pizza Day

### November 24

Early Dismissal

1:35

### November 25

CSLs go home  
Pizza Day

### November 26

Non Instructional  
Day

No  
School

**We ask that all students bring their own mask and a water bottle to school every day.**

## Supervision

**Morning supervision begins at 8:15am.** For safety reasons please do not drop students off at the school before this time.

**After School supervision ends at 2:55pm.** All students are to leave the school grounds immediately upon dismissal. They must go home, check in with an adult and if they wish to return to school, they may do so **after 3:00pm.**

At this time, we are in need of more volunteers to help with the program. If you or someone you know is interested helping with the breakfast program, please contact Tammy at 250-617-8266.



## When Children are Ill

If your child is sick please keep them at home. We ask that parents complete the daily health checklist with their child every day before they go to school.

Allergy Aware School



## Nut and Scent Aware

Please do not send items to school that contain nuts as we have students and staff who have allergies to nut products. **This includes Nutella.**

We have students and staff who have severe allergies to scented products so it is important that scented products such as perfume, lotion and body spray not be worn in our learning environment.

Every Friday, students are encouraged to wear their Van Bien Spirit Wear. We have some extra shirts at the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

5 things to ask your kids instead of "How was school"?

1. What made you smile today?
2. Who did you sit with at lunch?
3. If you could change one thing about today what would that be?
4. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
5. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.

Van Bien only has 3 handicap parking spaces available. Please keep these spaces available for those with a designated window decal. We have students that require these spaces.



**FIELD TRIP**



### Field Trip Permission Forms:

Field trips are a part of our learning. In order to ensure the safety of all our students, students **must have SIGNED field trip forms** in to their teacher or office for processing **before** the day of the field trip. Any student who does not have their form in by this point may NOT be allowed to go on the trip. Phone calls home for verbal permission will not be allowed. These expectations help us to ensure the safety of all students and helps the group to be organized before leaving the school.