



Van Bien Elementary School

# Van Bien News

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October 1, 2021

## Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:

With October upon us, we certainly are experiencing fall like weather. Students are engaged in many learning opportunities in the classroom and extra-curricular opportunities are taking place outside the classroom. This month students will be learning about Bear Awareness, some divisions will be making bannock and jam and students in Grades 4 and 7 will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment. All of these opportunities are in addition to our regular curriculum!

Last week, our students took part in many Truth and Reconciliation activities to mark this special day on September 30. Many thanks to Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Eddy for helping organize this learning for our staff and students.

Next weekend is Thanksgiving and we hope that you have a chance to spend time with your family. We are grateful for this school community and the commitment you show our students.

Mrs. T. Cole

Mr. A. Lee

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for paying for each student's planner and Cultural fee for this school year. They also, in partnership with the PG Rotary and President's Choice Children's Charity, sponsor Van Bien's breakfast program. **We have had to postpone our before school breakfast program but we would like to begin this program in NOVEMBER.** At this time, we are in dire 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.

During the week of October 18, Van Bien will be hosting Parent Teacher Interviews. **During the early dismissal days (1:35 pm) on Oct. 19th and 21st, teachers will be scheduling parent teacher interviews.** These meetings are important opportunities for teachers to share your child's learning and for parents to ask questions and share important information about their child. Parent teacher communication is the key to success. If the scheduled time does not work for you, please contact the office or the teacher to reschedule a time that does work for you.



**Thursday, October 7 is picture day at Van Bien.** Clarke Action Photography will take individual photos of students and will be sending home proofs shortly after this day.

## LATES/ABSENCES

Please call the school at 250-563-1062 if your child will be absent or late for any reason. We will attempt to contact families whenever there are unknown absences. Please leave a message on the answering machine if no one answers when you call.



## Important Dates:

**October 5 World Teacher Day.**

**October 6**

Early Dismissal **1:35**

**October 7**

Picture Day **8:45 am**

**October 11 Thanksgiving**

**No School**

**October 13**

Early Dismissal **1:35**

**October 19 & 21**

Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences **1:35**

**October 20**

Early Dismissal **1:35**

**October 22**

Non-instructional Day **No School**



Bell Schedule 2021/2022

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:15 a.m. Supervision Begins

8:25 am Warning Bell

8:30 a.m. Instruction Begins

10:15 am Recess

10:30 am Instruction Begins

12:00 pm Outside Lunch

12:25 pm Inside Lunch

12:40 pm Warning Bell

12:45 pm Instruction Begins

2:40 p.m. Dismissal

**1:35 p.m. Dismissal Wednesday**

**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.**

### Student Verification Forms:

Student verification forms will go home next week. It is very important that we get these back so that our student demographic information can be updated. Please see the instructions below:

- 1.) ANY AND ALL corrections or updating to the information on the paper are to be made on the paper.
- 2.) Every form must be returned even if no corrections or updating is needed. **THEY ALL MUST COME BACK.**
- 3.) Every form **MUST** have a parent/guardian signature on it.

## 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.

## Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Grades 4 and 7 students will write the FSA's this month. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all BC students' literacy and numeracy skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school district and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. The results can be looked at individually or as a school system which helps us plan ways to improve student performance in these areas. The FSAs are a snapshot and the results are only one part of the ways we try to focus our teaching for student success.

### 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. .



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.