



Van Bien Elementary School

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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January 7, 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians of Van Bien Students,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a nice Christmas break. Our start up to 2022 has been very different, but we are very happy to be able to welcome your children back to Van Bien on Monday, January 10.

Things have changed a bit since we left school for Christmas break. Please read to following information carefully as there may be some changes for your child.

In following Provincial Health Guidelines, we have had to change our bell schedule to prevent congestion at our entrances and exits. Classrooms have also been reconfigured to maximize the available space. Should students develop Covid symptoms at school, parents will be called to pick up their child and students will have access to the isolation room.

Please see the schedule below to determine what time your child will start and end his/her school day. We ask that students arrive just before THEIR scheduled bell time.

This will be the bell schedule for Ms. Pirillo, Mrs. Callaghan, Ms. Utz and Mrs. Chowdhry's classes:	
Time	
8:20	Warning Bell
8:25	Instruction Begins
9:55 – 10:10	Recess
12:00 - 12:20	Outside Play
12:20 – 12:40	Inside Eating
2:35 (M,T, Th, F)	Dismissal
1:30 (Wednesday)	Dismissal

The following will be the bell schedule for Ms. Hawes, Ms. McLuskie, Mrs. Gehloff and Mrs. Labonte's classes:	
Time	
8:25	Warning Bell
8:30	Instruction Begins
10:15 – 10:30	Recess
12:00 - 12:20	Inside Eating
12:20 – 12:40	Outside Play
2:40 (M,T, Th, F)	Dismissal
1:35 (Wednesday)	Dismissal

Students in grades Kindergarten – 7 are required to wear a mask indoors. Our water fountains have been turned off, but we have water filling stations available for students to fill their water bottles. **Please ensure your child brings a mask and water bottle to school every day.**



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Please ensure you are completing a **DAILY HEALTH CHECK** with your child every day before they come to school. For your reference, one is attached to this newsletter. If your child is sick, please keep him/her home.

While we will work to keep everyone healthy, should a functional school closure need to occur, we will send an email to parents and our school website and Facebook page will relay current information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make the necessary changes for the safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. Cole
Principal

Mr. A. Lee
Vice Principal