



Van Bien Elementary School

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March 1, 2022

Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien students,

We hope that you all had a chance to enjoy time with your family over the Family Day long week end.

A reminder to all parents/guardians that Van Bien's morning supervision starts at 8:15, so please do not send or drop off students prior to this time.

February was a very busy month. In addition to all the learning that occurred, we also celebrated Valentines Day and our 100th Day of School, had CSL's go home (please contact the school if you have not received your child's CSL), concluded our Winter Early Learning Program, learned about Metis Culture during our Metis Day celebration, our Leadership students went cross country skiing and we had Pink Shirt Day.

We would also like to welcome Mr. Lee back to Van Bien.

We hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break which begins on March 12. School will be back in session on March 28.

Important Dates



MARCH

March 2
Early Dismissal

March 5
Soccer Camp for students
in Grades 6/7

March 9
Early Dismissal

March 10
PAC meeting on ZOOM
6:00 PM

March 11
Camouflage Day
Ice Cream Sandwich Sale
\$1.00 each
Subway Hot Lunch

March 12
First Day of Spring Break

March 28
Students return to school

March 30
Early Dismissal

We ask that if you need to come into the school that you wear a mask and sign in and out at the front entrance. Thank you for your cooperation and following the Public Health guidelines.

Ms. McLean and Mrs. Tusek will be hosting a Soccer Camp and Forests for the World Trip for students in Grades 6 and 7 on Saturday, March 5. If your child is interested in attending, please return the permission form they were given in class. Thank you!

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

For student safety, we ask that parents pull into a parking spot or drop off and pick up in the lane, in the parking lot, that leads up to the cross walk.
PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LANE.

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING

Will you be moving? We are in the process of planning for the 2022-2023 school year. We would appreciate you advising us by calling the office at (250)563-1062 if you are planning on **not attending Van Bien next year**. Thank you for your help! This is important information that makes for smoother planning and transitioning for next year.



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.

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 3:05 pm.**

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.

The next PAC Meeting will be held Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 pm on ZOOM. We hope to see you there.

PAC's Munch a Lunch hot lunch ordering system is now up and running. If you check out the Van Bien Facebook page, it has information on it regarding upcoming choices for Munch A Lunch. Cut off is a week before hot lunch. You can pay by cash, credit card, or EMT to vanbienpac@gmail.com

For families who 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>

**When Children are Ill**

If your child is sick please keep them at home. Parents are required to complete the daily health checklist with their child every day before they go to school.



While the school yard may seem like a great place to exercise dogs, we are finding many dog messes on our school grounds resulting in a very unfavourable play space for our children. This is one of the reasons that dogs are not permitted on school property.





Online Kindergarten Registration for September 2022 opened February 1, 2022.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2022 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2022. Registration must be completed through an online form. Once the online form has been submitted, all required documents should be submitted to the school within one week to finalize the registration.

To register, and for the list of forms and required documents, please visit [Kindergarten Registration](#) on the Van Bien or School District website.

Registration applications must be made to your catchment school if not applying to a choice school. If you are applying to a choice school, it is not necessary to also apply to your catchment school. To find your catchment school please use our interactive map at [School Locator](#)

Choice school catchments are the entire district and can be applied to by anyone living within the SD57 school district area. These include Indigenous, French Immersion, Montessori and Traditional.

**The entire staff at Van Bien wishes its students and their families
a wonderful Spring Break.**

