



VAN BIEN NEWS

JANUARY 11, 2021

Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed the time spent with family over the break. With the new year comes new beginnings and here at Van Bien we are looking forward to many learning opportunities for our students

We would like to welcome back Ms. Pirillo as our Grade 1-2 Teacher. Ms. Pittmann has taken over as our librarian and prep teacher. We would also like to welcome Ms. Marshall, who is a Social Work practicum student who will be working with our Community Schools Coordinator, Mrs. Tusek.

In an effort to keep connected with our community, we are bringing our community to us during Family Literacy Week (Jan. 25 – 29). We have connected with people in our community who have or have had a Van Bien connection. They will come into our school virtually and share a story with our students.

We would like to give continued thanks the Downtown Rotary and our PAC for their ongoing support of our breakfast program.

Mrs. T. Cole and Mr. A. Lee

Dates to Remember!

Thursday, January 14
PAC Meeting 6:00pm
Zoom

Monday, January 18
Afterschool and lunch
time activities begin!

Monday, January 18
Primary Report Writing
Day
No School for grades
K-3

Thursday, January 28
Reports go home and will
be accessible on the
MYED BC Parent Portal
[Click here!](#)

VAN BIEN ELEMENTARY

311 Wilson Cres.
Prince George, BC
V2L 4P8

250-563-1062

Our teaching of the month is **Honesty** and is represented by the Sabe.

Honesty is:

- Being true to yourself and to those around you
- Always speaking truthfully and never telling lies
- Speaking from your heart



Please note that the online kindergarten registration will be open on January 26th at 9:00am. Please follow the link located here: [CLICK HERE!](#)

ONLINE TRANSFER PROCESS

Opens: 9:00 am February 3, 2021

Closes: 3:00 pm March 2, 2021

A student who is currently registered in a School District 57 school may request to attend a non-catchment school using this process. If accepted, the transfer would take effect for the next school year. A student who has transferred using this process may not request another transfer for one year. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the school they are applying to. The online student transfer application process will be open from February 3 to March 2, 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

WATER FILLING STATION

We have had two water filling stations installed in the school for students to use when filling their water bottles! **Students are asked to make sure that they have a water bottle at school every day.**

SNOW HILL BY THE PARKING LOT

Students are asked to not play on the snow hill by the parking lot before, during or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Regular morning supervision of students begins at **8:15 am**. Several students are arriving at school before 8:15 and this is presenting a huge safety concern. Please do not drop students off at school before supervision is provided as staff are busy preparing for the day. After school, students need to go home and check in with an adult. If they choose to return to the school to play, they may do so after 3:00pm. After school supervision ends at 2:37pm.

MORNING / AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please do not stop your vehicle to drop off or pick up your child in the bus lane by the tennis court. Please pull into a parking space or make a quick stop just by the entrance of the crosswalk to drop off or pick up your child.

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.

HANDICAP PARKING

Van Bien has three clearly marked handicap parking spots. If you do not have a valid placard, please do not park in or block the handicap parking spots. These are used daily for students in our school and it is very important that we keep these areas clear.

NUT AWARE

Please remember that Van Bien is a peanut and nut aware school. Please refrain from sending nut products, including Nutella, to school. Thank you for your understanding.