



# VAN BIEN NEWS NOVEMBER 12, 2020

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:  
We would like to welcome Mr. C. Shaw, Ms. A. Schweder and Ms. H. Kaur to our staff. Mrs. Wadson has started her maternity leave and Mr. Shaw has taken over her position until Christmas. Ms. Schweder and Ms. Kaur are Education Assistants who will be supporting students in our school.

Tuesday we had a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony to remember all the soldiers who have served our country both past and present. We would like to thank all the students who participated in our assembly.

Chillier temperatures are certainly upon us. Please make sure your children have all their winter clothing before they leave the house in the morning.

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to the Downtown Rotary and our PAC for continuing to support our breakfast program. This program is looking different this year, but we are still able to reach our goal by providing breakfast to students who require it.

Mrs. T. Cole

### PHOTO RETAKES

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - Bring your best smile ☺

## Dates to Remember!

Thursday, November 12  
PAC Meeting via  
Zoom at 6:00pm

Monday, November 16  
Primary Report Card  
Writing Day – No school  
for Grades K-3

Friday, November 20  
Professional  
Development Day –  
Students do not attend  
school

Thursday, November 26  
PHOTO RETAKES

## VAN BIEN ELEMENTARY

311 Wilson Cres.  
Prince George, BC  
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250-563-1062



### **PRIMARY REPORT WRITING DAY**

Students in Grades Kindergarten, One, Two and Three do not attend school on Monday, November 16 as their teachers will be working on Communicating Student Learning. The Grade Four students in Ms. Teale and Mrs. Callaghan's classes will have class on this day.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS**

Each month our school will focus on a different teaching and for the month of November, the teaching is **Courage**. The animal that represents this teaching is the **Bear**. Courage is finding the inner strength to be yourself and stand up for what you believe in. It is also being willing to try something new and being a leader in doing what is right.

### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:**

With cold and flu season upon us, some children are bringing medication to school to take at lunch. **PLEASE DO NOT** send any medication to school with your child. Sending medication in a backpack is a significant safety risk to students. If your child requires medication during the school day, we can provide you with a specific form that must be completed by your doctor and signed by you. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.