



# **VAN BIEN NEWS**

## **SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

### **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:

We would like to thank you for your patience during this very unusual school start up. COVID 19 has presented many challenges to this school year and we have done our best to have a smooth transition to school. Our enrollment is down this year and as a result we have had to make 8 divisions. With our school reorganization, we have to say good bye to Ms. Frost. We wish her well in her new placement. Classes have been reorganized and children will begin in their new classes Monday morning. Please keep in mind that although classes have been built, there still may be a bit of movement, but we will try to keep it to a minimum. Please know, your child's learning needs will be met in whatever class and grade combination they are in.

Last week the Ministry of Health released a new health check list that parents are required to complete with their child every day before they go to school. The checklist replaces the original that was sent home on the first day of school. An updated (Green) copy was sent home last week and I have attached another to this newsletter for your convenience.

Mrs. Cole

### **Dates to Remember!**

**Friday, September 25**  
**Professional**  
**Development Day –**  
**students do not**  
**attend school**

**Wednesday,**  
**September 30**  
**Orange Shirt Day**

**Monday, October 12**  
**Thanksgiving –**  
**students do not**  
**attend school**

### **VAN BIEN ELEMENTARY**

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## Van Bien 2020 - 2021 Staff

### Office Staff:

Mrs. Cole – Principal  
Mr. Lee - Vice Principal  
Mrs. May - Sr. Secretary

### Education Assistants/Supervision

Ms. Belzile, Mrs. Carr, Mr. Chadwick,  
Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Smith

### Youth Care Worker

Ms. Bateman

### Teachers:

Mrs. Turcotte  
Ms. Hawes  
Ms Pittmann  
Ms. Teale  
Mrs. Callaghan  
Mrs Erickson  
Mr. Fedyck  
Mrs. Labonte  
Mrs Wadson  
Mrs. Lacharite  
Mrs. Gehloff  
Mrs. Huzar  
Mrs. Alexander

### Community Schools Coordinator:

Mrs. Tusek

### Indigenous Education Workers:

Mrs. Eddy  
Mrs. Girard

### Custodians:

Ms. McArthur  
Mr. McLeod

## **Important Reminders:**

- 1)** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Photo Day on Thursday, September 24 has been cancelled. We will let you know once we have a rescheduled date.
  
- 2)** Friday September 25 is a Professional Day. Staff will be engaged in learning opportunities provided by our District Indigenous Education Department.
  
- 3)** Van Bien is a nut aware and scent free school. Please do not send items to school that contain nuts as we have students and staff who have allergies to nut products and scents.
  
- 4)** Starting in October, newsletters will be sent ELECTRONICALLY! Please make sure we have your current email address on file so we can send them to you.
  
- 5)** Van Bien will not be having Wednesday Early Dismissal this year due to COVID guidelines. All children will attend Monday to Friday during their assigned cohort time.
  
- 6)** Van Bien only has 3 handicap parking spaces. Please keep these spaces available for those with a designated window decal. We have both staff and students that require these spaces.



## Cohort 1 Bell Schedule 2020/2021

8:15 am Supervision Begins

8:30 am Instruction Begins

11:45 am Lunch

12:30 pm Instruction Begins

2:12 pm Dismissal



## Cohort 2 Bell Schedule 2020/2021

8:25 am Supervision Begins

8:40 am Instruction Begins

11:50 am Lunch

12:35 pm Instruction Begins

2:22 pm Dismissal