



VAN BIEN NEWS

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Message from the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians of Van Bien Students:

It is hard to believe that we are in December with the Spring like temperatures we have been having. With Christmas just around the corner Van Bien hosted its very own Festival of Trees. Each student made an ornament for our trees and we had some seasonal activities on this day. Thank you to Mrs. Girard, Mrs. Tusek and the Leadership group for helping organize this day. Also, thank you to our wonderful PAC for helping us put on this event. **Be sure to check your email inbox for a PowerPoint slideshow of some of the art around the school and of the event!**

Our Grade 7 students will be taking part in an Applied Skills and Design program this week at the John McInnis woodshop. They will be planning how to make and then building paddles at this event.

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

This will be the last paper copy of our newsletter that we will send to families. Beginning in January, the newsletter will be sent to the email you have provided us here at the school. It will also be posted on our school website.

The Christmas season looks very different in our world this year, but please know that our sentiments to you are the same. On behalf of the Van Bien Staff, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to working with all students and parents in 2021.

Mrs. T. Cole and Mr. A. Lee

Dates to Remember! Spirit Week (Dec 14 – 18)

Tuesday December 15
Plaid Day

Wednesday, December 16
***Dress like your favorite
Whoville character***

Thursday, December 17
Christmas sweater Day

Friday, December 18
***Pajama Day/ Last Day of
School before Winter Break***

Monday, January 4
First Day Back to School

VAN BIEN ELEMENTARY

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Our teaching of the month is **Humility**. The animal that represents this teaching is the Wolf. Humility is:

- Thinking of others before yourself
- Owning up to your mistakes
- Helping others
- Being proud, not boastful



WATER FILLING STATION

We have had two water filling stations installed in the school for students to use when filling their water bottles!

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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AVAILABLE OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas can be a difficult time for some families. Prince George Support Agencies has supports in place should families feel the need to access them. Attached to this email is a list of Tips for Winter Break and Community Services if you feel you require these services.