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Mrs. Scott's Scoop:

The year is off to a fast start! Students have all settled nicely into their classrooms, and the learning is going strong. There are many new families in our school this year and we would like to take the time to say, "Welcome to the Bernard family!" ☺

I'd like to congratulate our soccer team this year! They are undefeated so far and are showing amazing sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Stevens for coaching this hard-working team.



Individual Student Photos: Oct. 15th, 2018

The photographer is coming to take pictures of our students and the proofs will be coming to the school, shortly. Please note: If your child is absent for the original photos, or if you choose not to order from the first previews, there will be a retake day on Nov. 16th, 2018

Terry Fox:

We are so proud of our students and families! We raised over \$800.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation! We would like to thank all of you for your incredible support in helping to find a cure for all cancers.

Orange "Shirt" Day Acknowledgement:

All students and parents in our community were encouraged to wear orange on September 28th in order to raise awareness of our shared history and in support of acknowledging what happened for Aboriginal Residential School students. We embrace diversity in our schools and we want to recognize that "every child matters"!

"EVERY CHILD MATTERS - Truth & Reconciliation"



Volunteer Orientation:

Are you planning to volunteer in our school this year? If so, all you have to do is complete a volunteer orientation with Mrs. Scott, complete a criminal record form, and, if driving students on fieldtrips, fill in a driver's insurance form. Every volunteer must participate in a volunteer orientation before helping out at the school. The volunteer orientations took place last month, but email Mrs. Scott at the school and she will arrange to meet with you at another time for your individual orientation. (deneen_scott@sd33.bc.ca)



Bike Auction:

On October 13th (tomorrow), the Chilliwack Restorative Justice Association will be holding their annual bike auction at our school. The bike preview will start at 9:00 a.m. and the auction will start at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there. ☺

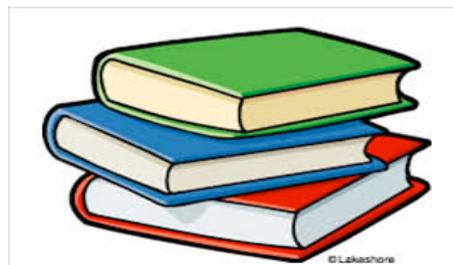


Early Dismissal:

Our Early Dismissal is happening on Thursday, Oct. 18th. If your child is a bus student, please remember that the buses do not run on this day. The teachers will spend the rest of the day meeting with parents in either student-led conferences or individual interviews.

DEAR – Drop Everything and Read Assembly:

We are going to be celebrating how much we love to read at a special assembly on Oct. 22nd. At this assembly, we will be dropping everything and reading. It's a nice time to relax, find a book, and get cozy with a book or two.



Cut and Carve/Costume Parade:

On Wednesday, Oct. 31st, we will be having our annual "Cut and Carve". Students can bring in their carved pumpkins (vegetables, gourds, etc.) on the morning of Oct. 31st. Parents are allowed to help their children with this activity. Students will bring these home on the same day. Get your carving utensils ready, Bernard families ☺! We can't wait to see your creations.

Your child can wear a costume on this day as well. Costumes must be tasteful (no scary masks, weapons, etc). We want to be respectful to all of our students and we don't want to scare our little ones. If you are unsure if your child's costume would be allowed, please connect us at the office (604-795-7840). ☺ Also, students must check with their teachers to see "when" they can change into their costumes at school. Some classes will be getting changed in the afternoon, and some may be wearing their costumes for the day. We will hold a costume parade in the afternoon. ☺



Remembrance Day Assembly:

Our special assembly will take place on Friday, Nov. 9th (10:30). We would like to have as many parents as possible come and help us to remember the soldiers, and celebrate the fact that we live in a peaceful country. If you have a little one with you at this assembly, we ask that, if they act up, you take them out of the gym please. This is a serious assembly with many quiet moments, and we wouldn't want the distraction of a little one to impact the message we want to bring to our students. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing many parents at this important assembly.



Ideas For Families:

Parents have recently been chatting with me about how crazy things can be at home in the mornings when they are trying to get their kids to school. We have many families who are working so hard to get their kids to school on time, and we really appreciate the efforts being made ☺! One suggestion that I always have for parents is to create a "positive" system of getting kids to school. For example, place a piece of paper that is divided into 5 boxes onto your fridge. Every time that your child listens to you, gets ready for school without arguing or stalling ☺, and gets to school on time, you can place a happy face on one of the boxes. You can set goals with your child. For example, if they get 3 days in a week, you can visit the dollar store for a prize, or they get to pick a movie to watch, or they get to do

“something” that they really like. When they have easily handled 3 days, you can increase it to 5 days, etc. When you feel that they are easily handling getting to school on time every day, you can plan a family celebration (eg. go swimming together at the Leisure Centre, etc.) The more we work on positives, the easier it might be in the mornings. Just a helpful hint ☺!

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 13th Bike Auction
- Oct. 15th Photo Day
- Oct. 18th Early Dismissal - 11:30 - no buses
- Oct. 19th Professional Day - no school
- Oct. 22nd Drop Everything and Read Assembly
- Oct. 23rd The Well Worn Trail - Wildlife Presentation
- Oct. 25th Popcorn Day
- Oct. 26th Hot Lunch
- Oct. 31st Cut and Carve/Costume Parade at 1:30
- Nov. 9th Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30
- Nov. 12th No school - Stat Holiday
- Nov. 16th Photo retakes

