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## NEWSLETTER #5

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### Mrs. Scott's Scoop:

Happy New Year and welcome back! It's always so exciting to see the students come back after the holidays. Even though it's only been 2 weeks, they all look so much taller 😊!

December was such an amazing month! We enjoyed singing Christmas carols in the morning, decorating our hallways, eating a yummy turkey lunch, and performing at the concerts. All of this in only 15 school days in December!

January, February and March are key learning months. We are looking forward to seeing our students' progress, and we are especially looking forward to seeing how well our students/families do with our "Attendance Matters" initiative at our school. We continue to work towards fewer lates and absences. We understand that when your child is sick, it is important that they stay home. 😊 We are really focusing on the number of late students we have in our building. Keep working hard, Bernard families! 😊

### Canned Food Drive:

Bernard families contributed 658 items for the Salvation Army Chilliwack Community Food Bank. Way to go, Bernard! We were very close to beating our total from the previous year.



### Kindergarten Registration for September 2019:

At this time, we are accepting registrations for Kindergarten. If you have a child, or know of a child, who is eligible to start Kindergarten in September, please ensure that registration is completed as soon as possible. All registrations are on-line now. You go to the School District website



(<http://sd33.bc.ca>) and click on registration. It's very easy. Early registration helps us to plan for next year. Also, if you know of a family who is considering to send their child(ren) to Bernard, and would like to know more about our school, we would be happy

to talk to them directly, give them a tour of our school, and answer any questions that they might have.

### **Late French Immersion-Information for Grade 5 families:**

The Chilliwack School District is pleased to announce that the application process for Late French Immersion for the fall of 2019 is set to begin. Parents with students who are entering Grade 6 for the 2019-2020 school year can apply on-line for this exciting program.

There will be an information meeting for all Grade 5 parents this coming Monday (Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 (Alumni Hall at the Neighborhood Learning Centre, attached to Chilliwack Senior)

There is also a CMS Late French Immersion Parent Information Night: Monday, January 21 at 6:30 PM - CMS Library

Online applications for students entering Grade 6 in September 2019 can be submitted at any time by visiting <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> and select either Chilliwack Middle School (LFI) or Vedder Middle School (LFI) as your school of choice. If the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available, a lottery system for selection will be used, within the parameters of our Selection Process. All applications received by 12:00 pm on January 28, 2019 will be included in this draw.

### **Intermediate Bottle Drive:**

Our intermediate classes will be doing a bottle drive all next week to raise funds for the end of the year field trip to the waterslides. Families can bring in donations all week and then the intermediates will sort them. You can donate pop cans, plastic bottles, juice boxes, juice pouches, gable top juice containers, tin juice cans, beer cans, liquor bottles, etc. We hope to raise a lot of money for a wonderful cause! Thank you for your support.

### **School Volleyball Teams:**

Our girls' and boys' teams have been playing some exciting games. Our athletes this year include:

**Girls:** Keonna P., Madison A., Alyssa S., Katelyn S., Brooklyn P., Sierra S., Tia D., and Siri S.

**Coaches:** Ms. Ruiter

**Boys:** Jordan S., Colin M., Hazem A., Izak V., Lawrence E., Liam B., Wyatt P., Jimmy N., Christian V., Gabe R., Austin S., and Damian N.

**Coaches:** Ms. Hooper



Thank you to Ms. Hooper and Ms. Ruiter for taking the time to coach our girls' and boys' teams this year.



### **Extreme Weather Conditions**

Just a reminder that should we experience extreme winter weather, please check out our school's website for up-to-the-minute information ( <http://bernard.bc.ca> ) You can also check out our Bernard

Parent Advisory Council Facebook Page, or tune in to STAR FM 98.3 for information on school closures. All school closures will be announced on the radio after 6:30 a.m. and will be on our website and Facebook page as soon as I am notified. Please do not call the school or the School Board office as the website information, Facebook information, and radio reports come directly from the Superintendent of schools. Also, please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather! We have been experiencing many cold days recently. Students should have their heads covered and their hands covered for sure. Warm boots are also a must. Our back field can be very muddy and slippery 😊! Thanks, parents.

### **Chilliwack Mustangs Minor Lacrosse:**

The Chilliwack Minor Lacrosse Association is offering free open floors starting this month. Check them out and "come try the fastest game on two feet"! 😊 See attached brochure at the bottom of this newsletter.



### **Ideas for Families:**

#### **School Goals and Growth Plan:**

- All students to meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy
- To increase students' ability to apply critical, creative and reflective thinking
- To enhance personal and social responsibility
- To foster, develop and enhance quality partnerships to improve student experiences and learning outcomes
- To foster a positive, respectful workplace culture and sense of community
- To align resources to efficiently, and effectively execute the strategic plan

It is important that we continue to strive to work towards regular attendance at our school so that we can focus on the above goals for our students. . We have seen significant improvements since we started our "At Bernard Attendance Matters" initiative, but there is still lots of room for growth. Last year, I found this interesting, and entertaining video about absenteeism and tardiness. Please take the time to watch this as it discusses some pretty scary facts that you need to know.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIEPKH2Izxg>

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ned's Mindset Mission - Yo-Yo presentation for all students 😊
Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	PAC meeting at 6:30
Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Adventures starts
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Super Reader Assembly for 100 Nights of Reading - 1:20 - Hope to see many parents there! 😊
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pancake Breakfast - starts at 8:00 - more info is coming home about this 😊
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day (no school)
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ready, Set, Learn - preschoolers
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional Day



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ASSOCIATION

For boys & girls ages 4-15  
Come try the fastest game on two  
feet at our free open floors  
starting January

REGISTRATION OPENS  
DECEMBER 1ST



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