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Mrs. Scott's Scoop

We have a very, very busy May and June as we gear up to year-end activities. Please refer to the calendar at the end of this newsletter for important dates to remember. There may be some changes between now and the end of the month, so please watch for fieldtrip forms coming home with your children. Also, if you have been asked to attend a fieldtrip with your child's class, please make sure that you have a current criminal record check completed for our school. Thank you ☺!

It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my retirement from the Chilliwack School District. While I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, I know that I am going to miss the kids and the families from this wonderful school. My last day will be June 28th. At this time, we do not know who the new principal will be at Bernard, but as soon as we know, we will get the information out to our families. Also, we will try to have the new principal come into the school to meet the kids before I leave. These last 4 years of my career have been very special for me! I will really miss my Bernard family.

I would also like to announce the retirement of our Ms. Jones! She has decided that this is going to be her last year as well! We are so happy for you, Ms. Jones, but sad for us! ☺ We wish you all the best on this new adventure in life, with many healthy years to come. We will miss you! ☺



Dress Code:

It is always this time of the year that I like to remind students to remember our "Code of Conduct" and to make sure that you are continuing to follow our dress code. At this time, students are not allowed to wear the following: spaghetti straps, revealing t-shirts, shirts with mid-sections showing, t-shirts with questionable words/symbols, bandanas, short shorts, etc. The School District is currently looking at

revising the District's dress code. Parents were invited to look at the revisions in an email that was sent out to you last week. Until the revisions have been confirmed, we will be following our current dress code. Thank you, parents, for monitoring what your children choose to wear to school 😊.

Summer Learning Opportunities

COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER LEARNING - Registrations for all programs will go live on Tuesday May 21, 2019. Register soon to avoid disappointment by visiting: <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/summer-learning>

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM - Grades 1 - 5 - from July 2-15, 2019 (8:30 AM -2:30 PM)

The Chilliwack School District is offering a Summer Learning Program at Chilliwack Secondary School.

This year they will also be able to offer programming for students with exceptionalities.

Check out the website. Summer learning gives students boosts for the coming year and also strengthens skills from the previous year. 😊



Basketball

We would like to thank our basketball teams for showing incredible sportsmanship and skills while representing Bernard Elementary School this year.

The girls' basketball team included: **Allyshia H., Siri S., Maia L., Alexis L., Alyssa S., Katelyn S., Peyton D., Brooklynn M., Alex M., Collette B., Keonna P., and Brooklyn P.**

The boys' basketball team included: **Colin M., Damian N., Justice H., Jacob B.Y., Cash S., Jordan S., Wyatt W., Myles W., and Hollis G.**

Thank you also to our fabulous coaches for donating many hours of their time to these teams: **Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Cooper** coached the girls this year. **Mrs. Kanuho-Sam and Miss Snell** coached the boys' team this year. 😊



District Track and Field

The District Track Meet will be happening on **June 20th** this year (**Thursday**). The 1500m race is on **June 19th** (**Wednesday**). We understand that this is the same day as the Grade 4 and 5 Waterslides. We are giving students the choice of Waterslides or Track and Field for the day. They just won't be able to go back and forth, from one, to the other. Students from Grade 3 to 5 will be doing activities in their regular gym periods to prepare for this event, as well as participate in try-outs with various

volunteer teachers over the next month or so. Teachers will be choosing our team members and a staff member will be taking them to the Track and Field event on this day. We are looking for parent volunteers to help out at the track meet for one-hour shifts. **EVERY SCHOOL HAS TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS!** ☺ Please let Ms. Hooper or Mrs. Sward know if you are planning to attend the track meet and if you can donate one-hour of your time. I believe that we are responsible to help at the girls' long jump again this year. ☺ Thank you.

There are 2 Mini-Meets that happen every year. Any student, in grades 3-5, can attend these Mini-Meets. They are for practice only. The first is on May 29th at 3:30. On that day, the following events will be taking place: 100m race, 400m race, 1500m race, boys high jump, girls long jump, boys ball throw, and girls shot put. The second Mini-Meet is on June 5th at 3:30. On that day, the following events will be taking place: 200m race, 800m race, relays, girls high jump, boys long jump, girls ball throw, and boys shot put. Both Mini-Meets take place at the Sardis Secondary track, behind Sardis Secondary. If students plan to attend these meets, they must connect with Ms. Hooper to get a jersey. ☺



Year-end Fieldtrips

If you wish to attend a year-end fieldtrip with your son's/daughter's class, please make sure that you ask the teacher if they are in need of parent volunteers. We need to organize groups, check for criminal record checks, check for driver's insurance forms, make sure we have our "headcount" in to the organizations that we are visiting, etc. All of this has to be done prior to the event. Thank you for understanding that it does take some time to organize fieldtrips, and if parents show up without the teacher knowing, it can cause some organizational difficulties. ☺ Thank you so much.

Kindergarten Orientation (Kinder Fair)

If you have a child entering Kindergarten for next year, we'd like to invite you to come to our Kindergarten Orientation on **May 28th, starting at 11:30**. We would like to kindly ask that siblings stay at home (or with a sitter) for this event, as this will be a special time for you and your child to spend together. Can you please call Mrs. McCarthy at the school to let her know if you plan to attend this wonderful event?



Year-End Assessments:

For the months of May and June, teachers are starting their year-end testing with your children. It is imperative that families make these last two months a priority for attendance and for getting to school on time. We have to provide the district with our year-end results, and we need to look at year-end data as a school, for purposes of planning for success with our students. Having to catch-up on student assessments can be very time-consuming and difficult for the students as well. They should be completing the assessments at the same time as their classmates and we want to make it as "stress-free" as we can for our students ☺. Also, regular bedtimes and healthy eating really does make a difference during assessment-time. Thank you parents, for making this a priority for your children.

Literacy Day

We have a fun-filled day planned in order to celebrate "Literacy" in our school on May 16th. To start, we are asking all students to dress as their favorite story character. ☺ We will also be participating in a school-wide read-aloud.



Talent Show

Students should now be practicing for auditions for our Talent Show. The auditions will start on May 22nd. The students are expected to do up to a 3-minute performance. The Talent Show will be taking place on **June 3rd** (p.m.). Students must have their music chosen and be ready to audition on **May 22nd, 23rd, or 24th**. This year, they will be signing up for an audition time. If they are not ready for their audition time, they will not be able to perform in this year's Talent Show. Also, if using music, it must be appropriate for elementary school performances. Practices and rehearsals should now be taking place. Examples of types of activities: singing, dancing, piano, guitar, gymnastics' routines, card tricks, comedy, reciting poetry, beat-boxing, karate, etc.) We also hope to see many parents here on June 3rd to enjoy our Talent Show, so mark your calendars! ☺



Sports' Days

This year, our Intermediate and Primary students will be having one Sports' Day ☺. It will be on **Tuesday, June 18th**. We hope parents can make it to this event in order to cheer on our students.

Bike Auction at Bernard

On Saturday, June 1st, the Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy Group are holding a bike auction in our school parking lot. The auction will start at 8:00 and will run until 12:00. Many of the bikes will be just like new. Come on out and support this group, and get a "like-new" bike for your family.



Bullying Presentation: (for students and for parents)

We are so fortunate to be having an anti-bullying presentation for all of our Grades 4's and 5's on May 14th. It is such a prevalent issue in today's society, especially through social media. The group who will be presenting to the students will also be presenting to parents on [May 13th at Central Elementary, starting at 6:30](#). I highly recommend that parents attend this presentation! It is a reality that we all need to be on top of.

Ideas for Families:

For many years now, I have discussed the effects of video games on child development, especially at the early stages of life. I found a really interesting article that discusses how video games can actually "be good" for kids ☺ (yes, I am admitting that there is some good in video-gaming, but please read this article carefully).

<https://mathrider.com/effects-video-games-child-development>

Dates to Remember:

- May 13th - Ms. Jones' class visits Burns Bog
- May 13th - Parent Night at Central Elementary (Bullying Presentation) 6:30
- May 14th - Grades 4 and 5 - bullying presentation
- May 14th - PAC AGM - 6:30
- May 16th - Literacy Day (see above)
- May 16th - Popcorn Day
- May 17th - Pro-D
- May 20th - No school (Victoria Day)
- May 21st - Mrs. Gross/Miss Kazulin's classes go to "Just Say No" presentation

- May 22nd - Talent Show Auditions start
- May 22nd - Miss Alton's class visits the Public Library
- May 23rd - Mrs. Vogt/Ms. Ruiter/Mrs. Cooper/Mrs. Gross go to Peter Pan
- May 24th - Talent Show Auditions end
- May 28th - Kindergarten Orientation (Kinder Fair) - 11:30 - 12:30
- May 29th - Mini - Meet #1
- May 29th - Ms. Jones' class goes to Peter Pan
- May 29th - Mrs. Vogt/Ms. Ruiter's classes go to the Blue Heron Reserve
- May 30th - Super Reader Hot Dog Lunch for all students (free ☺)
- May 31st - Assembly at 1:30
- May 31st - Special Needs Sports Day
- June 1st - Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy Bike Auction 8:00 - 12:00
- June 3rd - Talent Show p.m.
- June 4th - Afternoon Adventures Year End Party - after school
- June 5th - Mini-Meet #2
- June 6th - Read-a-Thon fundraiser (more info to come about this ☺)
- June 10th - 14th - Book Fair ☺
- June 11th - Final PAC meeting at 6:30
- June 13th - Grade 1's go to White Rock
- June 14th - PAC Paint Night at the school - doors open at 6:30
- June 18th - Sports Day - Hot Lunch (hot dogs)
- June 19th - Aboriginal Day
- June 19th - 1500m race
- June 20th - District Track Meet
- June 20th - Waterslides for Grades 4 and 5
- June 21st - Grade 5 student luncheon
- June 25th - Grades 2 and 3 to Bridal Falls Waterslides
- June 27th - Last day for students - Awards for Grades 4 and 5 at 10:15 - Early Dismissal

****Wow....there is a lot happening at Bernard!!****

