

September 2019

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Dates to Remember

Tues. Sept 3rd- First day of school for Gr 1-5 - 8:27-10:30
Wed. Sept. 4th- Students in session all day- 8:27-2:25
Tues. Sept 10th- PAC Mtg- @ 6:30
Mon. Sept. 16th- Kindergarten students in session for full day.
Thurs. Sept. 19th- Open House- @ 5:00-7:00
Mon. Sept. 24 - School Photos

School Hours and Bell Schedule”

8:22- Warning Bell
8:27- Class in session
10:20- Recess (15 min)
12:25-12:45- Eating Period
12:45-1:15- Play Break all students
1:15- Class in session
2:25- Dismissal

GREETINGS TO ALL BERNARD ELEMENTARY students, parents, staff, and community partners. The staff are really excited for the 2019-2020 school year as we have some great plans and initiatives that will make for exciting times for all of us in our school community. Parental involvement is vital in the success of students and we encourage you to come into the school and talk with us and to get involved. Please do not hesitate to call the school office if you require more information or wish to speak with a staff member. We look forward to a great year.

Brad Johnston Principal and Kristin Sward Vice Principal

Parent Advisory Council

Every parent and guardian of a Bernard Elementary student is automatically a member of the Bernard Elementary PAC. We encourage you to get involved as they are a very important part of our school.

The first meeting is on **September 10th at 6:30 in the Library**. You are invited. Hope to see you there.

Our PAC Executive:

President - Crystal Henry-Schmitz (2nd term)

Vice-President - Randy Moojelski (1st term)

Secretary - Nathalie Moojelski (2nd term)

Treasurer - Barry Schmitz (2nd term)

KIDS ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.

iA Financial Group is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

This will replace the previous Kids Accident Insurance plan.

The benefits of the coverage can be found at <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance> on our school district webpage.

STUDENT SAFETY –

As part of our effort to keep our students safe, we try to connect with every person who enters the building. You can help by stopping at the front office to check in and out, letting the secretary (Mrs. McCarthy) know who you are and why you are there. If you are dropping off, coming to pick up early, or delivering something, please check in. Parents need to be wearing a “**Volunteer Badge**” if they are in the school during the day. Please note the front doors will be locked during the lunch hours (12:25-1:15). **If you are dropping off or picking up early please come by the school at 12:20.** Thank you!



We would like to invite all parents and guardians to our

Annual Back to School Open House BBQ
Thursday September 19th from 5:00-7:00.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

It is a great time to meet Teachers, parents and the PAC

Community Minded:

We try very to encourage our students to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves through different events. This year our staff and students will again be raising money for the **Terry Fox** Foundation during the month of Sept. We also hold our **annual food drive** for Christmas.

Should your child forget breakfast or lunch, don't panic, we have paired up with the “**Bowls of Hope**”, and have fresh food for whomever needs it.

Schools Open	September 3 rd
PAC Meetings @ 6:30 in Library	Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 14 (AGM), June 9
Terry Fox Assembly	September 16 th
School Based Professional Development Day	September 23 rd
Open House	September 19 th - 5:00-7:00 pm
Terry Fox Run	September 26 th
HOT LUNCH	Sept 27 th , Oct 18 th , Nov 22, Dec 20, Jan 24, Feb 14, March 13 th , April 24, May 22,
Orange Shirt Day	September 30 th
Thanksgiving Day	October 14 th
School Photos	October 15 th
Professional Development Day	October 25 th (Provincial)
Professional Development Day	November 1
Picture Re-takes	November 4 th
Early Dismissal- no busses	November 7 th @ 11:25
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 8 th @ 10:30
Remembrance Day- Statutory Holiday	November 11 th
Professional Development Day	November 29 th
Report Cards sent Home	December 13 th
Christmas Concert	December 19 th
Christmas Holidays	December 23 to January 3 th
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 6 th
ArtStarts Presentation	January 27 th @ 9:00am
Interim Reports	February 3 rd -7 th
Early Dismissal- no busses	February 6 th @ 11:25
Family Day	February 17 th
Ready, Set, Learn	February 20 th 11:12:30
Professional Development Day	February 21 st
Report cards sent home	March 11 th
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 - 27
Good Friday	April 10
Easter Monday	April 13
Volunteer Tea	April 17 th -10:00-11:00
Professional Development Day	May 1
Professional Development Day	May 15 th
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 18 th
District Track Meet	June 18 th
Waterslides- Gr 4 & 5 students	June 19 th
Last Day for Students- Early Dismissal @11:25	June 25 th
Administrative Day- school not in session	June 26