



# Bernard Elementary School Newsletter



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*The staff at Bernard Elementary would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and would like to thank you for your support, encouragement, and involvement in your child's education. Our partnership is vital to the success of students and we encourage you to come into the school and talk with us and to get involved.*

### Dates to Remember

**Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- -Craft Fair- 10:00am-2:00 pm @ Bernard**

**Fri. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> -Report Cards Go Home  
-Turkey Lunch with Students- 12:00**

**Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert- 1:00 & 6:30**

**Fri. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Movie- Matilda- 10:30am  
-Hot Lunch-Pita Pit- 12:00  
-Success Assembly- 1:15**

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>- Christmas Holidays**

**Mon. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - School re-opens after the holidays**

### School Hours and Bell Schedule

**8:22- Warning Bell**

**8:27- Class in session**

**10:20- Recess (15 min)**

**12:25-1:15- Lunch Time**

**1:15- Class in session**

**2:25- Dismissal**

### **GREETINGS TO THE BERNARD ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY**

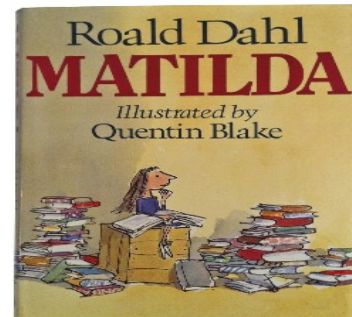
The month of December many parent families, PAC, and community members are setting a great example of generosity to the children in many ways, and we thank you for that. It doesn't always have to be something tangible; often the gift of time and effort can be so valuable. Our school community is fortunate to have so many people and organizations making a difference for Bernard children and families.

*Thank you*

Brad Johnston (Principal) & Kris Sward (Vice Principal)

## One School, One Book

### *Matilda*



**What it is:** All of our school is currently reading the book *Matilda*. One School, One Book is a way to encourage children to enjoy reading together at school. All of our classes are taking part and participating in fun activities as well like:

- answering a trivia question or two in class each day (which is one reason we're all reading the book at the same rate)
- taking part in a *Matilda* based buddy activity with another class in the school
- dressing up as a favourite *Matilda* character on the last day of school before Christmas break
- watching the *Matilda* movie on December 20
- ***going to the Matilda performance in January***

### 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 meeting is on **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Library**. You are invited. Hope to see you there.

### **REGISTRATION**

It is that time of year again. If you have a child who will be turning **5 before December 31, 2019** then it is time to register for **Kindergarten**.

All registrations are now completed online. Please either go to our School District website or follow the link - <https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

You will need to provide a copy of the birth certificate as well as something that shows proof of residency. Please give the office a call if you have problems or need access to a computer. Thanks

### Christmas Tree Contest

Bernard has a Christmas Tree at the Coast Hotel that was decorated by our students. If you have the time, drop by the Coast Hotel over the holidays to vote for our school tree. You can vote by donating a canned food item. Thank you



### MILK PROGRAM

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we sell White or Chocolate Milk during the lunch hour. In order to continue this program, we are having to increase the price to \$1.00 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

### Bernard Elementary's Craft Fair

**SATURDAY- December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am- 2pm**

Come see the VENDORS, enter our RAFFLE, enjoy a snack at L'LI JOES'S FOOD truck, treat your sweet tooth at the BAKE SALE, keep the kids busy at our CHILDREN'S CRAFT TABLE, and MORE!! If you are interested in volunteering or donating baked goods please contact Nathalie at [nathaliemoo34@gmail.com](mailto:nathaliemoo34@gmail.com)



### 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!



### HOT LUNCH

Our new Hot Lunch program (**Munch-a-Lunch**) Please follow the link at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/BernardBC>

The link will allow parents to set up their own personal account. In parents account they can add their children and credit card or debit information. From there they can order online. They can either choose to do 1 hot lunch at a time or fill out the whole session. The program will collect payments. There is a cut off date of 1 week before the lunch is to be served. MunchaLunch will also send out reminders to parents.

### Lost and Found-

Please come by and check our Lost and Found as it is getting very full. Thanks



*In/Out days @ Bernard*

**WHY DO MY KIDS HAVE TO GO OUT IN THE RAIN?"**

You are likely aware that we send children out to play every day, rain or shine, barring a torrential downpour or bitter cold, unless a child has been sick. We allow them to play outside because they need the exercise and fresh air, it is good for them, and because most children ask to be able to go outside regardless of the weather (it's actually more fun than screen time!). We adjust these guidelines at times when the weather is bad, and we try to provide fun and active indoor options. We also ask children to wait outside in the morning until the 8:22am warning bell.

This is because we cannot guarantee supervision inside until that time, as teachers are busy getting things ready for the day and may not be in the classroom. If you do not want your children to be outside in the rain to start the day, please arrange for them to arrive close to the 8:27 am bell.

We ask you to please ensure your children are dressed properly for the weather.

Thank you

