



September 2023

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Hello Bernard Families

It has been an exciting first week of school. It has been great to see so many returning students as well as we have a number of new students attending our school this year. We are looking forward to a great year and working with all of you and your children.



In celebration of Terry's Marathon of Hope, our school will once again be participating in the Terry Fox run on September 28th @1:05. Classes will be collecting donations from September 18th to the 28th and donations can also be made online at: <https://terryfox.org/> Simply choose 'Donate Today' and then 'To a Student or School' and you can search Bernard Elementary in BC.

School Hours and Bell Schedule”

8:25- Warning Bell

8:30- Class in session

10:15- Staggered Recess (30 min)

12:15-1:00- LUNCH

- 12:15-12:35- eating period
- 12:35-1:00- play period

1:00- Class in session

2:26- Dismissal



Meet-n-Greet- BBQ

Thursday September 21st from 5:00-6:30pm

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. We will be serving hotdogs, chips, cookies, and water.

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

Student Verification Forms

Please watch for your child(ren) to bring home a personal information verification sheet next week. Please update any information that has changed and send it back to school as soon as possible. If there are no changes, please sign and return. We ask that you send one back for each child for tracking and accuracy.



Parent Advisory Council

Every parent at our school belongs to the PAC ! We would like to invite all of you to the first PAC meeting of the year. **It will be on Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30.** All of the meetings will be on ZOOM so you can attend the meetings in the comfort of your home. We are currently looking for two positions on our PAC Executive.

Hope to see all on September 12th @ 6:30pm

PAC EXECUTIVE 2023-2024

- Chair: Jessica Fairweather
- Vice Chair: Katie Crompton
- Treasurer: ?
- Secretary: Emilea Semancik
- DPAC Rep: ?



PICTURE DAY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th

HOT LUNCH



Our 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 the 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 cutoff date of 1 week before the lunch is to be served. MunchaLunch will also send out reminders to parents.



On September 29th Bernard will be participating in Orange Shirt Day. It was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. As part of the project, former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year-old girl, which prompted the realization that many survivors have similar stories. As a result, Orange Shirt Day is gaining visibility as an influential movement helping to educate our students and communities on the history of Canadian Residential Schools.

Our school will be doing a number of learning activities throughout this day to recognize the colonial legacy of residential schools, honour Indigenous survivors which is vital to the ongoing reconciliation process.

Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

You may have already or soon receive an email from Permission Click on Acceptable Use Agreement.

It is important for all our students to have this form completed in order for them to:

- Log-in to a school computer
- Use Student Wi-Fi and access any online services such as Office 365, space by MyBlueprint, etc.
- Be included on School Messenger Lists

New registrations will have been completed during the registration process.

This form needs to be completed every year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this form, please email lianne_mccarthy@sd33.bc.ca

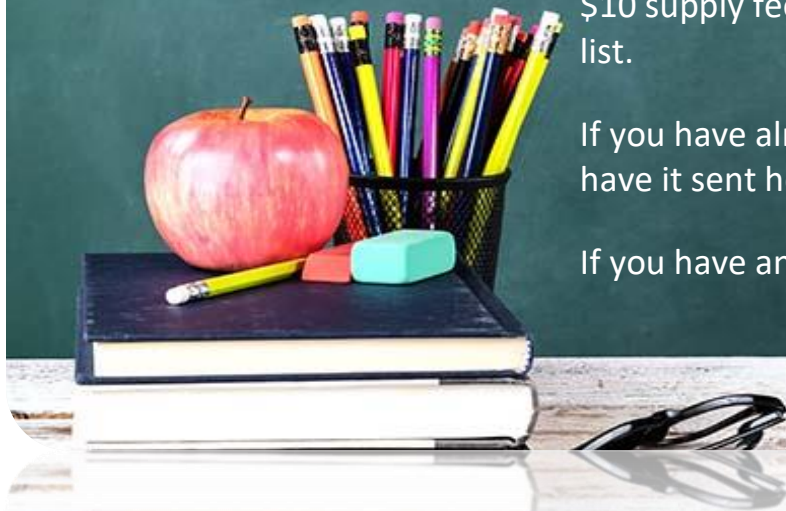
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please send all school supplies in with your child this week, if they have not come already.

For students in grade 2-5 – due to unexpected funds being made available to us we are able to waive the additional \$10 supply fee that was attached to your school supplies list.

If you have already sent the money in you can expect to have it sent home with your child next week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.



PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm - ZOOM	September 12 th
Photo Day	September 13 th
Meet-n-Greet- @ 5:00-6:30pm	September 21 st
Success Assembly @ 1:05 pm	September 22 nd
Terry Fox Run @ 1:05 pm	Sept 28 th
Orange Shirt Day	Sept 29 th
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	October 2
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 6 (District)
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 9
Early Dismissal Day #1 - 8:30am -11:30am	October 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 20 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	November 10
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 13
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - Assessment & Evaluation	November 24
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 22
Christmas Holidays	December 25 to January 5
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 8
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - Assessment & Evaluation	January 26
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	February 16 (District)
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 19
Early Dismissal Day #2 - 8:30am -11:30am	March 1
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 15
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 – March 29
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	March 29
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 1

Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 2
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	April 26 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	May 17
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 20
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - Assessment & Evaluation	May 31
Last Day for Students - - 8:30am -11:30am	June 27

