



Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday September 22nd - PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm in our Library or on ZOOM

Thursday September 24th - Meet-n- Greet - 4:30-6:00 pm – Hot Dogs and Chips will be provided -free of charge.

Tuesday September 29th - Orange Shirt Day - Picture Day

Wednesday September 30th – National Truth and Reconciliation Day- school is not in session

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Bernard Families
It has been an exciting first couple of weeks at 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.

BELL SCHEDULE

8:25- WelcomingBell

8:30- Class in session

10:15- Staggered Recess

- 10:15-10:30 1st recess
- 10:30-10:45 2nd recess

12:15-1:00- LUNCH

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

1:00- Class in session

2:35 - Dismissal

BERNARD ELEMENTARY

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

**THURS. SEPT 24
4:30 - 6:00**

**BBQ
Party**

LIBRARY NEWS

Indigo Adopt a School

I'm excited to share that Bernard Elementary has been selected to participate in Indigo's Adopt a School program! Our partner store is Coles at Cottonwood Corner, and the fundraiser runs from September 4 to October 4, 2026.

As part of the campaign, we are looking for gently used or unwanted books that families may be willing to donate. Indigo is hosting a Blind Date with a Book sale, where donated books will be wrapped and sold at the store to help raise funds for Bernard. If you have books at home that you no longer need, you can send them to school with your child or drop them off with me in the library. I will collect the donations and deliver them to Coles.

We are also able to accept donations directly through our school's online fundraising page. Any donation made through our GiveCloud page will contribute toward Bernard's overall Adopt a School fundraising total. Donate online:

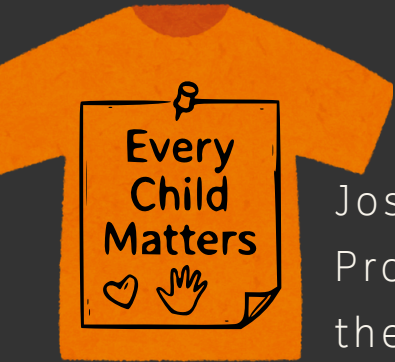
[Bernard Elementary - Adopt a School Fundraising Page](#)

Thank you to our Bernard families for supporting our library and helping us build our collection and literacy programs!

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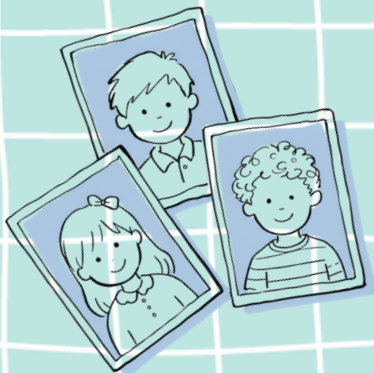


Orange Shirt Day



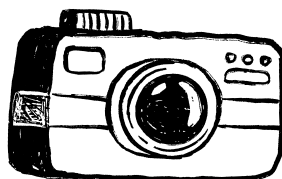
On September 29th Bernard will be participating in Orange Shirt Day. It was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. As part of the project, former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the story of her first day at residential 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. Shane Henry from Kwaw-kwaw-a-pilt- First Nation will be drumming a song for us to start our day.

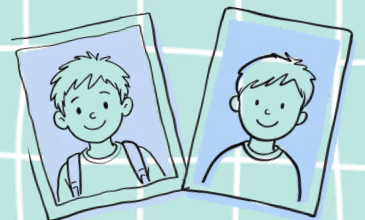


PICTURE DAY

Septmeber 29th



Please note picture day falls on organe shirt day. If your child has a specific shirt they want to wear for their picture, feel free to send it along and they can change into it for thier photo



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 22nd @ 6:30 in our Library or on Zoom. If you prefer to attend the meeting on Zoom the link is below

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86346394623?pwd=f7jjlR82olaxw2R0v7vbWEA8URaVlk.1>

PAC EXECUTIVE

Chair: Cassandra French

Vice Chair: Kara Turcotte

Treasurer: Shelby Aslin

Secretary: Shelly Bunnah

DPAC Rep:

Contact Bernard PAC



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LUNCH

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Days in Session	183
Number of Instructional Days	173
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 8
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (School Based Pro-D Day)	October 9
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 12
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 22
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 23 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (A&E Day #1)	November 6
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day)	November 27
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 18
Christmas Holidays	December 21 to January 1
Schools Reopens after Christmas Holidays	January 4
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 22
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 12
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 15
Early Dismissal Day #2	February 26
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 12
Spring Vacation Period	March 15 to March 26
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	March 26
Easter Monday - Holiday	March 29
Schools Reopens after Spring Vacation	March 30
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 (Pro-D Day)	April 30 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (A&E Day #3)	May 14
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (Pro-D Day)	May 21
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 24
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 24
Administrative Day	June 25