



Bert Ambrose Elementary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome everyone to the 2012/2013 school year!

Everyone at our school wants to make this school year the best it can be for you and your child or children at Bert Ambrose Elementary.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Trockstad to our school as our new Learning Assistant and Mrs. Watchel who will be teaching full time this year.

Again this year our enrolment at Bert Ambrose Elementary at this time is at capacity. The housing development in our attendance area continues to increase. Our numbers cannot exceed the Ministry Guidelines, so we may be asking some students who are at our school on a variance, to return to their home school, in their attendance area.

Class lists were posted first thing Wednesday morning on bulletin boards inside our school as required by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act! The classes have been put together very carefully, with the intent that they are set for the school year! After setting the classes, changes will only be considered for sound educational reasons and all requests must be submitted in a written format! If changes are necessary we will try to do this right away.

Our kindergarten classes are at capacity and will have the same bell schedule as everyone else. The first day for Kindergarten will be on Wednesday, September 12th.

Routines in the morning are very important for the start of every new day. Classroom instruction begins at 8:54 am and students who arrive after this time need to report to the office to check in.

Kid Check: (Please!) If your child will be absent or late please phone the school. Knowing that your child or children are away due to sickness or travel really helps with "Kid Check", because each morning we will do a phone check for students who are absent and have not phoned in.

Also a reminder to parents and visitors that it is important to check in at the office for safety reasons, we need to know who is in the school at all times. We would like to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, and avoid interruptions to teachers and students.

Please see reverse side for our bell schedule.

Our bell schedule:

- 8:30 Playground Supervision begins
- 8:45 Warning Bell/Students to classrooms
- 8:54 Classes begin
- 10:30 Recess begins
- 10:40 Warning bell to end recess
- 10:45 Classes begin.
- 12:00 Lunch Hour begins: Students outside until 12:20
- 12:20 Lunch Hour students in classrooms eating lunch
- 12:40 Warning Bell
- 12:44 Classes Begin
- 2:45 Classes End
- 3:05 Outside Supervision Ends

Arrivals and Departures: You are aware of the need for safety at all times with the dropping off and picking up of children. It is our hope that through the usage of our sidewalks that we will reduce the congestion in front of the school. It is our wish for parents to use the parking lot to drop off and pick up children and to not do this on the road in front of the school or on the South side of 114th Avenue! Staff Parking now will be in front of the Primary Classrooms. Please **do not** park directly in front of the school entrance. Let’s make it as safe as possible for the children at Bert Ambrose Elementary.

Also please take a moment to make sure that your contact information, including an up to date emergency contact number! (Thank You!)

School Fees: Kindergarten: \$15.00 Primary: \$35.00 Intermediate: \$25.00
Student supplies are available, the first day of school. Please make your cheque payable to “Bert Ambrose Elementary School”. Please try to take care of the fees by Sept. 30th.

Tuesday September 18th we have tentatively scheduled our OPEN HOUSE from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a short Parent Advisory Council Meeting to follow from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please take the time to visit the school and meet the teachers. Babysitting will be provided during the PAC meeting. (More information to follow.)

OUR VISION: Bert Ambrose will focus on success, self-respect, and the appreciation of others in a safe, secure environment, providing opportunities for everyone.

OUR MISSION: “ **Striving together to achieve our potential for a better tomorrow**”

- School Goals:
- # 1: Social Responsibility, solving problems in peaceful ways.
 - # 2: Literacy: Improve student reading ability and comprehension.
 - # 3: To improve the Critical Thinking Skills of all our students.

Motto: G.A.T.O.R. Growing - Achieving - Together - Opportunities for all being, Respectful, Responsible and Resourceful

Sincerely,

Doug McCracken
Principal

Laurie Shuster
Vice Principal

DATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 04 2012 -10:45 am Dismissal
Kindergarten Starts	Wednesday September 12 2012
Open House	Tentatively: 6 to 7 pm Tuesday September 18 2012
PAC Mtg.	7 to 8 pm Tuesday September 18 2012
NID (no school for students)	September 21 2012
Mountain West Pictures	October Monday October 01 2012
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 08 2012
NID (no school for students)	Friday October 19 2012
Remembrance Day	Monday November 12 2012
Early Dismissal Days	Wednesday November 28, Thursday November 29 2012
Non-instructional Day	Friday November 30 2012
Christmas Concert	Tuesday December 18 2012
Last School Day in Dec	Friday December 21 2012
School Re-opens in Jan	Tuesday January 07 2013
Dance Residency	January 14 th to the 18 th 2013
Family Dance in our gym	Thursday January 17 ^h 2013
Non-instructional Day	Friday February 01 2013
Family Day	Monday February 11 th 2013
Non-instructional Day	Monday March 01 2013
Early Dismissal Days	Wednesday March 13 2013 Thursday March 14 2013
Fine Arts Day	Friday March 15 rd 2013
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 to March 28th 2013
Good Friday	Friday March 29th 2013
Easter Monday	Monday April 01 2013
School Reopens	Tuesday April 02nd 2013
Missoula Theatre	April 08 th to 12 th 2013 THE SECRET GARDEN
Non Instructional Day	Friday May 10 2013
Paul Hann	May 13 th to the 17 th 2013
Victoria Day	Monday May 20 2013
District Speech	Thursday May 16 2013
Last Day for Students	Thursday June 28 2013