



# ***Bert Ambrose Elementary School***

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Open House: Our Open House on Tuesday September 18th was very successful! We had approximately 2/3 of our student population represented.

New APPLE Executive: After the Open House we held our first Parent Advisory Council meeting and a new executive was elected for 2012-2013:

Co Chair: Mrs. Mrs. Close & Mrs. Hammond

Secretary: Mrs. Greer

Treasurer: Mrs. West

DPAC: Mrs. Brown

Our new School Planning Council for this school year consists of the following members: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Nault, and Mrs. K. Hagen. Together we will continue to work on our school improvement plan, to make our school the best it can be!

Our next Parent Advisory Council is October 9th at 6:30 pm in our Library.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> the professional development day was school based. It was totally worthwhile, with teachers collaborating on writing, learning assistance, iPads and more!

A huge THANK YOU to the Ambrose Soccer Coaches: Mr. Frankham, and Mrs. Close/Mrs. Hammond, and Mrs. McDonald for taking the time to coach our soccer teams. We have four teams this year!

Rik Leaf, a motivational presenter was awesome. Our students really enjoyed learning about Slam Poetry and singing along with him during the week long residency. At the assembly on Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, he made all our students feel very special!

Thank you everyone for supporting the Terry Fox Foundation last week; we are going to extend the fundraising for two more days Monday and Tuesday this week. A special thank you to Mrs. Barr and Mrs. London for organizing this event with the leadership students.

In the week ahead we are starting a Healthy Living Challenge, between our girls and boys. It should be fun as we try to emphasize the importance of making healthy food choices! Mrs. Tacey's class will be tabulating the results daily!

Kid Check: Mrs. Zoerb will be looking after Kid Check again this year, so please let her know if your child will be absent from school, for health or other reasons.

School Fees and Verification Sheets: Just a reminder for everyone to get these in as soon as possible.

Wireless Writing Project (iPads): Thank you to everyone for your input on Thursday Sept. 13th, especially Mrs. London and Mrs. Barr. If you have any questions about the computers, please let us know!

Parking: Again we really appreciate the careful driving and consideration you as parents are providing at the front of the school when students are dropped off or when students are being picked up. Thanks for not parking on the East side in front of our school which is marked with NO Parking signs and near the fire hydrant. Also on the South side of 114th A Avenue as we are worried someone will run across the road into traffic. Please use our parking lot and back in when possible! We need to be careful around the buses and not run between them when crossing the road. Please be patient, we have 108 Kindergarten and Gr. 1 students, let's be safety conscious and not in a hurry!

Just a quick note to parents about after school, please make sure that your children go home directly after school and check in with you before returning to the school to play, as some students are not going home and just staying at school.

Also a quick note about Campbell soup labels; yes please continue to bring them into the school if you can! (Thanks)

### **DATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Mountain West Pictures	Monday	October 01	9:00
Cross Country Running	Wednesday	October 03	1:00
Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast	Thursday	October 04	8:15
PAC Mtg	Tuesday	October 09	6:30
Staff Meeting	Monday	October 10	3:00
Fire Prevention Assembly	Thursday	October 11	1:00
Thanksgiving Day	Monday,	October 08	
Non-Instructional Day	Friday	October 19	
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday	November 09	10:00
Remembrance Day	Thursday	November 11	
Green Thumb Theatre	Thursday	November 19	9:00
Report Cards To Parents	Tuesday	November 27	
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday	November 28	1:45
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday	November 29	1:45
Non-instructional Day	Friday	November 30	
Christmas Concert	Tuesday	December 18	1:00 & 7:00
Last School Day in Dec	Friday	December 21	
School reopens in Jan	Monday	January 07, 2013	8:45

Sincerely yours,

Doug McCracken  
Principal

Laurie Shuster  
Vice Principal