



Bert Ambrose Elementary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome to November at Bert Ambrose Elementary:

A quick thank you to everyone who supported the annual Scholastic Book Fair at Bert Ambrose! Thank you to Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Ollenberger for all their hard work organizing this event.

Bert Ambrose Read-A-Thon Challenge for the month of November. Information should be on its way today with students. Please help your child record the time he/she reads or is read to and submit the weekly sheets for the month of November. The Challenge ends December 02, 2012.

PAC: Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm, Library. Babysitting will be provided.

Our new **School Planning Council** (SPC) will be working on our School Improvement Plan for this year. We will be getting it ready to submit to our School Board in the next few weeks. Our SPC consists of three parents (Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Nault) Mrs. Shuster and myself.

Volleyball: Thank you to our volunteer volleyball coaches! We have four teams this year: Mrs. Macdonald for 4/5 Girls and Mrs. Simpson for Gr. 4/5 Boys. Mr. McCracken for Gr. 6 Boys and Mrs. Barr for Gr. 6 Girls.

Fundraising: Thank you everyone for supporting our school with fundraising. We are very excited to again have Paul Hann, Missoula Theatre, and to have also enjoyed Rik Leaf. The fundraising is also targeted to support technology in our classrooms this year!

Operation Christmas Child (also known as the Christmas Shoe Box Program): Mr. Eastwood and Mrs. Barr are collecting the items this year for our shoeboxes. The deadline for this is Friday, November 25th. The information:

Option 1: Fill a shoebox and return it to the office by November 25th. Boxes may be picked up in the office, Mr. Eastwood's room, or Mrs. Barr's room. (You may also use a regular sized shoebox. If you wrap your box, please wrap the lid separately.) Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 and label your box with this information.

Option 2: Bring in some individual items and add them to the "class box" in your classroom. When one box gets filled, your class can start on another.

***Parking:** Our concern for safety continues. 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 in front of the school at the metal posts and by the fire hydrant on 96th Street. Also thank you for not parking by the pylons entering the parking lot, we need to have an entrance and an exit. Please help by reminding your children or child to be careful when crossing all roads. Thank You!

Again, a quick note about **Campbell Soup Labels**, yes please continue to bring them into the school if you can! (Thanks) We are also collecting Schneider Lunchables packages. We need the whole package.

Lost and Found: Please take time to check the "Lost and Found" bins as well as the table in front of the office. We are only two months into the school year and already have accumulated a great deal of clothing. Also, encourage your child to take on the responsibility for looking for his or her lost belongings rather than simply replacing items as they go missing. Thank you!

Roots of Empathy is a program developed in Canada by Mary Gordon and has proven success in developing empathy and emotional intelligence in students. The program involves a partnership between a classroom and a baby and his/her parents for the duration of the school year. For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children have learned about respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their experiences with their Roots of Empathy baby. We are very fortunate to be chosen to participate in the Roots of Empathy program this year. **Baby Wyatt and his mom, Ashley**, will be joining Mrs. Larsh's classroom starting this month. A special welcome to them!! Watch for information and pictures about our Roots baby on the bulletin board outside of the library

Important Dates:

Read a Thon	Nov 1st to Dec 2nd
Assembly (Magic with a Message) - 1:00 pm	Nov 2nd
Hot Lunch - Quiznos	Nov 7 th
Remembrance Assembly (Student Leadership)	Nov 09 - 10:00 am
Remembrance Day	Nov 12 - School not in session.
Parent Advisory Council Mtg.	Nov 13 th - 6:30 pm
Hot Lunch - Booster Juice	Nov 14 th
Mountain West Picture Retakes (envelopes available at the office)	Nov 16 th (library 10:45 am)
Gr. 4/5 Boy's Volleyball Tourney here starting at 3:15	Nov 16th
Green Thumb Theatre - 9:00 am	Nov 19th
Gr. 6 Immunization – 1:00 pm	Nov 19 th (1:00 pm)
Hot Lunch - Saigon Noodles	Nov 21st
Hot Lunch - Pizza Day	Nov 28th
Early Dismissal Day – 1:45 pm	Nov 28th
Early Dismissal Day – 1:45 pm	Nov 29th
Boy's Elementary Volleyball Tourney NPSS 3:00 pm	Nov 29 th
Girl's Elementary Volleyball Tourney NPSS 3:00 pm	Nov 30th
Pro D (Interviews all Day) – School is not in session	Nov 30
Christmas Concert – 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm	Dec 18 th
Christmas Vacation	Dec 24 th – Jan 4, 2013
Classes start in the New year	Jan 7, 2013

Sincerely yours,

Doug McCracken
Principal

Laurie Shuster
Vice Principal