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STRIVING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR POTENTIAL FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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We have made it through our first month and students are settling in to new classes and routines very well. Thank you to all the parents for your involvement in your children's classes and for attending our open house to say hello. We value your input and ideas, and especially your encouragement of your child's learning.

# Farewell from Mrs. Shuster

Saying "good-bye" ...

I hope the school year has started out positively for everyone at Bert Ambrose. It is hard to believe we have already finished a month of the new school year. Due to the timing of the changes in the District, I was not able to be at the school to say "good-bye" to this amazingcommunity of which I was so fortunate to have been a part of for the past 5 years. Please know it was not an easy decision for me to make but I am excited about my new opportunities at Baldonnel School. I will keep each and every one of you in my heart and I am so grateful to have been part of your journey during my time at Bert Ambrose. I look forward to seeing you in the community and at school events ... and will gladly collect hugs! Have a wonderful year. I miss you! Love Mrs. Shuster

# **Fall Weather**

As the season begins to change, our weather becomes increasingly unpredictable. Please ensure that your child arrives to school prepared for any weather conditions. We ask that they have separate inside and outside shoes, and encourage you to make sure that your child's name is in their shoes and boots as many are very similar or exactly the same as others. Fresh air is healthy and an outside break is important for learning. We will be outside as much as possible and have -20 (including wind chill) as our temperature decider for inside days. We do consider wet and muddy conditions as well but want to have outside time whenever possible. If you think your child will get wet on outside days, an extra change of clothes in their backpack can be helpful.

# **Terry Fox Run**

Thank you to everyone for the enthusiastic participation and generous donations for our Terry Fox Run. We have sent a cheque to the foundation for \$910.75 which will go towards finding cures for cancer. Check out the school web page for some pictures from this event at <a href="https://www.ambrose.prn.bc.ca">www.ambrose.prn.bc.ca</a>.

# **Library News**

Mrs. Ollenberger will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the library on Oct. 14-16. Students are able to purchase during breaks and after school.

There will also be an opportunity for people to visit the fair in the evening on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30. Proceeds from the book fair provide books and other resources for the library and classrooms. Coles books is also supporting schools through the Adopt a School program. You can adopt our school every day until Oct. 10 for free at adoptaschool.indigo.ca. Each time you do so gives the school a chance to win prizes. You can also donate to the school — donations come back to the school as new books.

# **Breakfast Program**

We are hoping to offer our breakfast program again this year but need your help. We are looking for up to 5 helpers to work 1 morning per week from 8:30 - 9:00. If you are able to help please contact Mrs. Boyd.

# **Sports News**

Our soccer teams will finish their short season this week with the grade 4's playing their tournament Friday after school, and the grade 5/6 teams starting their tournament Saturday morning. All the tournament games will be played at Alwin Holland School. Our cross country runners have had some great results and will finish the season next Wednesday after school at Kin Park. As we are hosting this final race, we could use many parent helpers to be course marshalls and to help with timing at the end of the race. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Ritchie.

#### **PAC News**

Please watch for a PAC newsletter coming soon.

# Upcoming:

- Oct. 5 School Photos
- Oct. 7 Hot Lunch Dominos
- Oct. 7 Cross Country Run at Kin Park
- Oct. 8 Fire Prevention Week Assembly at 9:30
- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving no school
- Oct. 14 Hot Lunch Wendys
- Oct. 14-16 Book Fair
- Oct. 21 Hot Lunch Saigon Noodle
- Oct. 23 NID no school for students
- Oct. 28 Hot Lunch Quiznos
- Oct. 28 Axis Theatre at 1 pm
- Oct. 30 Fall Carnival