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Welcome back, and Happy New Year. I hope that your holiday season was filled with lots of time spent with family and friends. We are excited about the new year, and all that is upcoming, and look forward to working with you towards a great finish to the school year.

Registrations for next year

If you have, or know of anyone with Kindergarten aged children for next school year, registrations are now open. You can get a registration package from the office or online on the forms link of the Bert Ambrose page at www.ambrose.prn.bc.ca.

PJ Day and Spirit Assembly

Students are invited to wear their PJ's tomorrow to show some spirit and earn house team points. We will also have a spirit assembly at 1:15pm to celebrate what has been going on at Bert Ambrose.

Parent Conference

The district is once again hosting a parent conference on Saturday , January 30th at North Peace Secondary School. There is information about speakers and sessions, and links to registration forms on the school district page at www.prn.bc.ca. The keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Brokenleg is a renowned speaker and author of the book "Reclaiming Youth at Risk". The registration deadline is Jan. 27th.

Science Fair

Our school science fair will be changing format slightly this year. For our intermediate students, the fair will be optional , with classroom teachers supporting students who wish to display a final project on February 19th. Depending on numbers, the displays/presentations will be in classes or in the library. Projects that demonstrate excellence will be given an opportunity to travel to the regional fair in Dawson Creek on April 7th.

Dance Week

We are looking forward to a week of dancing with Angie Pomeroy again this year, thanks to the generosity of our PAC group. Mrs. Pomeroy will be here the week of January 18th. Students will have opportunities to learn a variety of dances, and the social etiquette that goes along with learning to dance and interact with peers. There will be a family dance, with everyone welcome to come and join in to see what the students have learned on the evening of Thursday Jan. 21st – we look forward to seeing you there.

Korean Guests

We are very excited to welcome three young Korean students who will be visiting Bert Ambrose for one month starting Jan. 15th. They are here for a cultural immersion experience and to practice their English skills.

Basketball

We are getting organized for our basketball season, and have seen interest from a large number of students. We have not yet received the game schedules but know that the games will start on Jan. 19th for the girls and Jan 21st for the boys. Schedules and permission forms will be sent home once we have the schedules finalized.

Bottle Drive

The students in Mrs. London and Mrs. Barr's classes will be hosting a bottle drive on Saturday to raise money for their trip to Barkerville. If you have bottles you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the school on Saturday morning.

Books for Breakfast

Books for breakfast is an early literacy program (suitable for up to age 7) we are pleased to offer to parents. This provides an opportunity to read and share new books with your children every day. If you would like to sign out a bag of books, stop by the canteen between 8:30-9:00 am. The bag includes 6 children's books and a parent guide – "How to read with Your Children". There are 16 different bags to choose from and the books are fabulous. If you are interested in helping with our Books for Breakfast, or the breakfast program, please contact Mrs. Boyd.

PAC News

We are excited to announce that we have enough volunteers to go ahead with the yearbook! Please remember to share your photos asap:

- please add your child's teacher's name in the caption or title when sending or uploading photos
- if you have a number of the same/similar photos please pick the best one to reduce the number of photos to sort through
- please do not send blurry or dark photos as they will not be able to be used
- photos can be emailed directly to erin.powers444@yahoo.ca, or upload to the replayit app on your smart phone.

Pink shirt order forms for anti-bullying day will be going home soon. Watch for the Easter Purdy's catalogue coming home in the next couple of weeks. PAC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30, babysitting provided. Check the PAC bulletin board across from the office for updates and info from the PAC.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 8	PJ day and spirit assembly at 1:15pm
Jan. 13	Hot Lunch – Quiznos
Jan. 18	Dance Week begins
Jan. 20	Hot Lunch – Dominos
Jan. 21	Family Dance
Jan. 27	Hot Lunch – Wendys
Jan. 29	NID – no school for students