



# ***Bert Ambrose Elementary School***

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Welcome to another month. Our weather is looking promising for an early spring, and report cards will be coming home next week signalling the start of our last term for the year.

## **MEND Program**

The City of Fort St. John is having another intake for the MEND program – a free, fun, healthy living program for children aged 7-13 and their families. The program is designed to help families get fitter, healthier and happier through healthy lifestyle changes. The sessions run for 2 hours twice a week for 10 weeks. If you are interested, contact Ryan Harvey at 250-787-5785, or [rh Harvey@fortstjohn.ca](mailto:rh Harvey@fortstjohn.ca).

## **Breakfast Program**

Our breakfast program and healthy snack basket are very popular and we are excited to see students getting a little extra boost of healthy energy. We are running out of funding for these programs. If you are interested in sponsoring either the basket or breakfast program with donations of food or monetary support, please contact Mrs. Boyd.

## **Jump Rope for Heart**

Thank you to everyone for making our Jump Rope for Heart event such a success. This year we raised \$5452.45 for the Heart and Stroke foundation. Thanks also to the classes who were leaders on the day, providing fun activities for the classes to enjoy.

## **Report Cards**

Our second term reports will be sent home on March 8<sup>th</sup>, with early dismissal days scheduled on March 16 and 17. During these days students will be dismissed one hour early. These times are opportunities for parents to connect with teachers to discuss your child's progress. There will not be formal scheduled interviews for these times, but parents are encouraged to connect with teachers as needed. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please contact the teacher directly.

## **Basketball News**

Thanks to all the coaches, parents and students for a successful basketball season. Our last event will take place on March 3 with the grade 5/6 boys playing their tournament at NPSS after school. Our teams did a fantastic job all season with lots of fun and great sportsmanship demonstrated by all.

## **Student Conference**

Our annual student conference will take place on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our student created theme this year is Keep Calm and Play On. We are excited about some new sessions being offered this year –stay tuned for more details. Students in grades 1-6 are able to select two morning, and one afternoon session.

## **Spring Break**

Our Spring Break will take place from March 19 – April 3 with school starting up again on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Track and Field**

Bert Ambrose is the host school for the district track and field meet this year. Organizing and running this event is a big undertaking. If you are interested in helping plan and run this event, please contact Mr. Ritchie. The meet will take place in June, but we will be starting to get organized very soon.

## **PAC News**

- a. PAC meetings are held on the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 in the library. Babysitting is provided. Everyone is welcome.
- b. Purdys orders are scheduled to arrive on Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Watch for information regarding a parent internet awareness course coming in April.
- d. Anyone interested in a table, or in volunteering for the Mother's Day tea and bazaar on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please email bertambrosepac@gmail.com

## **Upcoming Events:**

March 9 – Hot Lunch – Quiznos

March 9 – Band presentation at 11:00 am

March 16 + 17– Early Dismissal – students dismissed 1 hour early

March 18 – Student Conference, last day before Spring Break

April 4 – School opens after Spring Break