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Welcome back. I hope that everyone had a wonderful spring break! We are looking forward to a strong finish to our year, with lots of great learning for all.

Next Year

As we start to plan for next year we are needing to have as accurate a count as possible in order to arrange our staffing accordingly. If you have not yet registered a child for next year's kindergarten program, please complete the forms at the office as soon as possible. Also, if you know that your child will not be attending Bert Ambrose next year, please share this information to the office as well.

Emergency Preparedness

We are required to do 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown practices each year. As we progress through these practices we do less notification and more random practice to ensure we are ready in the case of a real emergency. For our first lockdown practice we will give advance warning of the date and teachers will review the process with their classes to alleviate concerns and fears. From home you can best support your child by answering any questions or concerns they have as simply as possible stating that we practice to make sure we stay safe. We try very hard to avoid what if scenario questions as there are simply too many possibilities. Instead we focus on the process, and what we do in the event of the lockdown announcement, or fire alarm bell. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ritchie or your child's teacher at the school.

Phones

Thank you to everyone for your patience with our phone outage. We returned from the break with no phones. The maintenance staff were able to rectify the problem today and we are back to normal phone service.

Jean's Day

We will once again participate in Jean's day, on April 28th. This event raises funds for BC Children's hospital, which has helped many Fort St. John children and families. Students will be able to purchase buttons later on this month. Please stay tuned for further details.

Performances

We are fortunate this month to have two special performances. On April 14th at 1:30 pm, we will see Aytahn Ross "The Great Balanzo", and on April 22nd at 9:00 we will see Mistatim, a story combining dance, theatre, mask and storytelling about the taming of a wild horse – building friendships. Parents are most welcome to join us for these events.

Barkerville Fundraiser

Mrs. Barr and Mrs. London's classes will be hosting a hot dog sale fundraiser on Sunday, April 24th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Save on Foods. Proceeds are by donation and will help the students enjoy their trip to Barkerville in May.

Ready, Set, Learn

We will be organizing our Ready, Set Learn events soon for children aged 3-5. Stay tuned for registration and session information.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Thanks to the generosity of the PAC, we are hosting Missoula Children's Theatre again this year with a performance of Aladdin during the week of May 2 – 6. We will share more information regarding auditions, practices and performances soon. If you are interested in hosting either of the performers, please contact Mr. Ritchie at the school.

District Track and Field Meet

Bert Ambrose will be hosting the district track and field meet this year. The organization and running of this event is a big undertaking. We will need many helpers. If you are willing to be part of this event, please contact Mr. Ritchie or Mr. Frankham at the school.

PAC News

Welcome back everyone from the Pac! We hope everyone had a great spring vacation and are well rested.

The Pac is very excited to announce we are hosting an amazing presentation for parents next Tuesday April 12th at 7:00. This presentation is put on by the b.c.t.f and it is on Internet awareness for parents. The workshop will provide an overview of the jargon, the risks, and how to explain Internet safety to your children. Babysitting is provided for this event if needed and will be around 60 minutes long. Please join us for this important event.

Keep in mind our Mother's Day tea and bazaar on April 30th. There will be many local vendors as well as catalogue ordering available from our previous fundraisers including Happy Hippo, DeVry(flowers), Dielmans, 1st aid kits etc. There will be a cardmaking table for the kids to make a card for the special women in their life. Of course it wouldn't be a tea without drinks and snacks. The grade sixes will be hosting this event and it is available by donation to support the leadership classes going to Baskerville.

Please remember all parents are welcome to come to our Pac meetings with any suggestions, ideas or just to listen and meet some other parents. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 and babysitting is provided. The Pac bulletin board is located across from the office and is updated with any current information. Please keep in mind we will be looking for a new hot lunch coordinator next year to start shadowing and take over for our current volunteer.

Upcoming Events:

April 6 – Hot Lunch – Wendys

April 7 – Regional Science Fair in Dawson Creek

April 11 – class photos – starting at 9:00 am

April 11 – Lunch session – info about Camp Sagitawa summer camps

April 13 – Hot Lunch – Saigon Noodle

April 13 – Band Festival at the cultural center

April 14 – The Great Balanzo – 1:30 pm

April 20 – Hot Lunch – Quiznos

April 22 – Mistatim performance at 9:00 am

April 27 – Hot Lunch – Dominos

April 28 – Jean's Day

April 30 – Mother's Day Bazaar and Tea 10:00 – 3:00