

BERT AMBROSE GATORS



Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



OPEN HOUSE

Please join us to meet your child's teacher and the administration team on Tuesday, September 26 from 6-7 pm.

"The research is overwhelmingly clear: when parents play a positive role in their children's education, students do better in school"

School Fees are due now. Please pay Mrs. Selin at the office. K = \$30, Grade 1 = \$50, Grades 2-3 = \$61, Grades 4-5-6 = \$71. *\$30 iPad insurance for Grades 5-6.

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

WOW – the first two weeks of our new school year have flown by! It has been an exciting return to classes. A special thank you going out to students, staff, and parents for all of your patience and understanding during the process of our start up. We are hoping to soon see the arrival of our new portables so we can get our Grade 2/3 class moved into their new location.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new kindergarten students and parents as well as to our new families! It is going to be a great year!

See the next page for an outline of staff and assignments.

PAC MESSAGE

Please join us for the first PAC meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm following the Open House. We need your support to continue to make our school community a wonderful place for our children to learn. There are many ways to make a difference in your child's school – come and find out how you can help!

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Friday, September 22nd is our first Non-Instructional Day of the year. The staff will be working on the “Framework for Enhancing Student Learning” document that guides our practice. There is no school for students on this day.



SOCCER



Soccer season has officially started! We have three teams this year; 2 Grade 4/5 mixed teams coached by Miss Breakkas and Mrs. Kiello, and a Grade 5/6 team coached by Mr. Frankham. Games will be held on Thursdays for the next two weeks. All players are reminded to bring the following to each practice and game: light snack, water bottle and shin pads (required for game play). Tournament dates are September 29th and 30th.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We are very excited to have a cross-country running team this year! Our team coaches are Mrs. Tacey, Miss Symynuk, and Mrs. Lehr. Practices will be held during the lunch hour. Our team will compete in three races this year: Wed. Sept. 20th at 3:00 pm at Kin Park, Wed. Sept. 26th at 1:00 pm at Upper Pine, and Wed. Oct 4th at 1:00 pm in Taylor.



In addition to newsletters, please check out the Bert Ambrose website (www.ambrose.prn.bc.ca) and the Bert Ambrose Elementary FaceBook page. Mrs. Selin is also working on creating an online calendar that lists all of the school activities which you will be able to access from our website.

Staff and Assignments 2017-2018:

Office/Administration:

Secretary – Mrs. Selin

Vice Principal – Miss Brekkas

Principal – Ms. Wright

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten – Mr. Ouellette / Mrs. Larsh / Mrs. Watchel

Grade One – Mrs. McKinnon / Mrs. Kursteiner

Grade Two – Mrs. Tacey / Mrs. Tewari / Miss Symynuk (2/3)

Grade Three – Mrs. Fraser / Mr. Frankham

Grade Four – Mr. Burkinshaw / Mrs. Lavoie (4/5)

Grade Five – Mrs. Lee

Grade Six – Mrs. Barr (5/6) / Mrs. London

Learning Assistance – Mrs. Trockstad

Reading Recovery/Learning Support – Ms. Yorke

Library – Mrs. Ollenberger

Prep Teachers – Mrs. Wilson (Primary PE) / Miss Brekkas (Intermediate Arts Education)

Additional Teacher – Mrs. Stewart (teaching one day per month in Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Tacey's classrooms).

Support Staff:

Educational Assistants – Mrs. Henrickson / Mrs. Bates / Mrs. Greer / Mrs. Swift / Miss Lynch / Mrs. Lehr / Mrs. Holloway / Mrs. Atkinson / Mrs. Liwiski / Mrs. Coutts / Mrs. Peterson / Mrs. Blair

Aboriginal Student Support Worker – Mrs. Green

Lunch Period Monitors – Mrs. Bates / Mrs. Swift / Mrs. Green

Custodians – Mrs. Abramiuc / Mrs. Gurmesa



As a school staff, we value your input and want to continue to strengthen relationships between home and school. Please speak directly to your child's teacher with respect to any questions or concerns you have related to the classroom. For school related or playground issues, please come and talk to Miss Brekkas or Ms. Wright. Remember – the school is a partner in your child's education and we are all looking forward to an amazing year!

Illness:

Please remember to contact the office if your child is going to be away from school due to illness. It is important for students to attend regularly **BUT** I would like to ask parents/guardians to consider the health of our school community before sending sick children to school. If your child is throwing up, has a fever, or has a thick nasal discharge, a day at home is likely the best medicine and will help prevent the spread of germs and keep the other students and our staff healthy. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



**COIN DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE
SEPTEMBER 18-21st.**

**Terry Fox School Run
Thursday, September 21st
1:00 pm (Playground)**

The entire school will be participating in the Terry Fox School Run again this year. This is a great opportunity for parents and siblings to join us and help raise money for a very worthwhile cause. We will hold a coin drive this week and the activity will also be a friendly House Team Challenge.

Cancer has touched the lives of so many people. Students will be given a sticker that says "Terry Ran For Me ... I Am Running For _____ . " It would be wonderful if you could have a discussion with your child (especially the younger ones) and help them identify whom they might like to acknowledge on their sticker. You could write this information in the back and forth book or their agenda so teachers have it. Thank you!

ATHLETICS

Participating in sports is a great way to stay active, have some fun with friends and improve skills! We encourage all intermediate students to participate on at least one school sports team throughout the year.

The majority of elementary athletics are for students in grades 4-6 with the exception of cross-country running and track & field. We are currently gearing up for the start of the Cross-Country Running and Soccer seasons. We are always looking for coaches and parent helpers so if you have a passion for a certain sport and would like to assist, please contact the office! The yearly athletics schedule has been listed below for your convenience.

Cross-Country Running (September-October)

Soccer (September)

Volleyball (October-November)

Basketball (January-March)

Badminton (March & April)

Track & Field (May & June)



Please remember ALL school volunteers (including assisting with field trips or coaching a sports teams) require an up to date Criminal Record Check ... this can now be completed online and is valid for 5 years. Please contact Mrs. Selin for assistance with this process.

Ms. Wright is seeking volunteers to assist with the Breakfast Program. This involves a commitment of one morning per week for approximately 30 minutes to help make sure all of our students start the day ready to learn.

We are also seeking donations for our Breakfast Program as well as looking for sponsor for the Fruit Basket.

Please contact Ms. Wright at the office if you can help with this program.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, September 18, 2017

- Kindergarten students start full day attendance.
- Welcome to Mrs. Amber Green – new Aboriginal Student Support Worker and LPM (Lunch Period Monitor).
- Coin drive continues for the Terry Fox Run – support your House Team and a great cause!

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- 3:00 pm – Cross-country Running at Kin Park.

Thursday, September 21, 2017

- 1:00 pm – Terry Fox Run on the Bert Ambrose Playground
- 3:00 pm – Boys A Soccer games at Dr. Kearney Middle School and Mixed B Soccer games at Alwin Holland Elementary School.

Friday, September 22, 2017

- **N.I.D. (Non-Instructional Day) – No school for students.**

Saturday, September 13, 2017

9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Teas with the Stigers fundraiser.

Monday, September 25, 2017

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Wednesday, September 17, 2017

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Friday, September 29, 2017