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BALDONNEL BRONCOS



Recycling

Week of Jan. 7th – Stingrays
Week of Jan. 14th – Tornadoes
Week of Jan. 21st – Blackbirds
Week of Jan. 28th – Stingrays
Week of Feb. 4th – Tornadoes
Week of Feb. 11th – Blackbirds
Week of Feb. 18th – Stingrays
Week of Feb. 25th – Tornadoes
Week of Mar. 4th – Blackbirds
Week of Mar. 11th – Stingrays

Mrs. Taylor Rocks!

Welcome Back☺

We are pretty excited to get the new-year off to a great start! The year seems to be flying by and things will continue to be super busy at our cool little school! Please see the upcoming highlights outlined in this newsletter and don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

Save the Date!

FSA's

All grade 4 students will write this assessment between Jan. 14th and Feb. 22nd.

PAC

Meeting on January 14th @ 7pm.

Read & Feed

Activities will be happening during the afternoon of Jan. 25th to celebrate Family Literacy Day.

Theme Day

Our Stingray house team will be deciding the theme for the day on Jan. 30th ... stay tuned.



Parent Contact Information

Please remember to let the office know ASAP when contact information changes so that we can update our system accordingly. We encountered a number of errors as we tried to contact all parents before the break when buses were dismissed early due to weather and road conditions.



Elementary Basketball

Practices will start this week but we are still looking for one more coach! Please contact Mr. James if you are able to help. Practice and game schedules will be sent home once all details are finalized.

Dressing for the Weather

Once again, it is very important that ALL students (including our intermediate students!!) come to school dressed for the weather and prepared to go outside during recess and lunch. We will continue to monitor this and contact individual parents as needed.

Pink Shirt Day

Pre-Order a pink shirt for \$7 at the office by January 15th.

On February 27th, boys and girls from all across Canada will be wearing pink to help bring awareness to the National Anti-Bullying Campaign, also known as Pink Shirt Day.

For more information, check out the following website:
<http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>



Foundation Skills Assessment Information

What are FSA's?

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy.

The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province; school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills assessed are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards.

How to Get Prepared

This is not something that students can really study for but there are a number of "sample" assessments outlined below that will help students become familiar with the assessment. We will use these resources at school to prepare our students but feel free to do the same at home if you wish.

Website - <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

Click on the "Samples" link located under the Popular Topics heading at the bottom of the page.

Follow these two sets of Instructions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Click on the "Multiple Choice Questions" under the grade 4 online section. - Select Peace River North School District #60 - Now select either the Grade 4 Reading or Numeracy assessment and click the logon button and this will automatically upload the PEN and Session Password to access the sample assessment. | <p>Click on the "Student Response Booklet" under the grade 4-paper section and this will allow you to download a sample booklet with the written sections.</p> |
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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations are currently being accepted for the 2013-2014 year. If you have a student who will be five years old before December 31st, 2013, you may want to drop by the school and register for Kindergarten. Please bring their birth certificate and a utility bill of some sort to confirm your 911 address.

School Fundraiser

We will be organizing a “green” school fundraiser for the month of February. Students will be asked to collect orders for SnackPack Reusables, which are reusable snack and sandwich bags made of cloth. All information and order forms will be sent home during the first week of February.



Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys

A province-wide survey administered annually as part of the accountability cycle that gathers opinions from students, parents and school staff on topics like achievement, human and social development and safety. The survey is delivered online and it takes about 10 minutes to complete. The results from the survey can help provide key feedback that assists in the planning for school improvement. All of our grade 4 students will complete this survey online sometime before spring break. We will also be sending home instructions for parents so that they can complete the parent version of this survey ... stay tuned☺

ON THE HORIZON

January 14th – PAC Meeting

January 15th – deadline for Pink Shirt Pre-Orders

January 25th – Read & Feed Afternoon & PJ Day.

January 30th – Theme Day ... Stingrays to decide.

February 1st – NID (no school)

February 7th – Flyin Bob Cultural Event 9:15am

February 8th – Cabin Fever Afternoon Activities

February 11th – Family Day (no school)

February 12th – 15th – Paul Hann Week!

February 27th – Pink Shirt Day

February 28th – Baldonnell Science Fair

