

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 4

# BALDONNEL BRONCOS



**Welcome to our new kindergarten students!**

Dear Parents,

Things have been extremely busy over the past couple of weeks but everyone finally seems to be settling in! We appreciate the patience as we try to get certain programs up and running. As always, do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any questions or concerns.

## OUR NEW HOUSE TEAMS!

**JUMPING  
JELLY  
BEANS**

**MOON  
WALKING  
MUSTACHES**

**CUPCAKE  
WARRIORS**

## Recycling Calendar

Week	House Team
October 6th	Cupcake Warriors
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Moon Walking Mustaches
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jumping Jelly Beans
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake Warriors
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Moon Walking Mustaches
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jumping Jelly Beans
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake Warriors
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Moon Walking Mustaches
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jumping Jelly Beans
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cupcake Warriors
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Moon Walking Mustaches

**Recycling** - We accept all refundable recyclables and these can be dropped off any day of the week just inside our main entrance! Mrs. Taylor does an amazing job organizing this for our school and all this money goes directly back into a wide variety of student activities! We encourage all families to participate in this program!

## PAC



The first PAC meeting of the year has been scheduled for Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We would love to see some new parents join our amazing PAC this year so get off that fence and join us this coming Monday!

## Terry Fox Coin Drive

We are hosting a one-week house team challenge to see who can raise the most money for the Terry Fox Foundation! If we can raise over \$600, Mrs. McDermott will let the winning team choose the color and then she will have her hair streaked that color! The results will be shared with all students before our Terry Fox this coming Friday afternoon!

### Terry Fox Coin Drive 2013

We reached our goal last year and look what happened! Let's reach that goal of \$600 this year so that we can do this to Mrs. McDermott!

## Classroom Volunteers

We are always looking for extra help at school! A number of our classrooms, especially our primary classes, could really use some additional support from parent volunteers. If this is something you are interested in please connect with your child's teacher ASAP as they are in the process of setting up daily/weekly schedules that require pockets of support! Please remember that ALL parent volunteers require an up to date criminal record check. Mrs. McDermott has the forms in the office and she can explain this process. These checks are good for 2 years so if you had one completed last school year then you should be good to go for this year!

## Athletics

We have a few updates for Soccer & X-Country Running, see below ...

**Soccer** – We would like to thank Mrs. Jamie Ross for coaching this year's team! The season will be very short ... one practice and then a tournament on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sururus Soccer Fields. Consent forms were sent home with all players today after practice.

**X-Country Running** – We would like to thank Mrs. Amber Ditner for coaching this year's team! The season will only consist of 2 races that will happen after school on October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. More information about these races will be sent home with interested students later this week ... stay tuned!

## House Team Pictures



**Jumping Jelly Beans**



**Moon Walking Mustaches**



**Cupcake Warriors**

## School Canteen Info

Our school canteen will be opening next Monday the 6th of October. We will be using the same menu from last year to start with but this is an area that we hope to revise sometime soon by adding a few more healthy choices. For the time being, please remember that our school canteen has limited selections so all students should still be bringing a proper lunch from home on a regular basis.

### MENU ITEMS

#### Snacks

Cheese String \$0.75

Fruit Bar \$0.75

Gold Fish Crackers \$0.75

Yogurt Tubes \$0.75

Pizza Pops \$1.00

Pogos \$1.00

Booster Juice \$3.50 & Pizza Slices \$2.00 – sometimes we have extra left over from our hot lunch orders.

#### Beverages

Water \$0.75

Juice Box \$1.00

Milk \$1.00 (limited supply)

Chocolate Milk \$1.00 (limited supply)

## Baldonnel Ear Buds & Yearbooks



**Baldonnel Ear Buds \$5** – These can be purchased at the office from Mrs. McDermott

**Yearbooks \$26** – We still have a few yearbooks from last year left and these can also be purchased at the office.

## A Few Gentle Reminders:)

### **School Fees**

Mrs. McDermott has been extremely busy collecting these fees at the office. We are hopeful that all families will be able to pay these in full by the end of October at the very latest. If this is not possible please let us know and we will gladly make alternate arrangements.

### **Technology at School**

During outside days, students are not permitted to play with electronic devices during recess and lunch. Please encourage your child to enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise with their friends!

### **After School Supervision**

Please remember that after school supervision ends at 3:00pm. This is roughly 15 minutes after the final bell rings. Parents who pick up their children on a regular basis need to do so before 3pm or your child may be left unsupervised.

### **Not Taking the Bus**

If your child usually rides the bus but for some reason will be picked up instead please communicate this to the office in a timely manner ... a note, phone call or email is needed! Without this communication students will be placed on their regular bus run at the end of the day.

### **Hot Lunch Orders**

These went out at the end of last week and are due back to the office by October 6th at the very latest. We will not be able to process orders that come in after the deadline.

### **School Speed Zone**

Please remember to slow down in our school zone! We had a very scary incident last week where a speeding truck passed a parked school bus while it was dropping off students! This is obviously against the law and it was reported to the RCMP with the plate number. Please help us keep our students safe!

### **Transportation Contact Information**

If you have questions or concerns regarding bus runs please phone the Transportation Supervisor (Mike Fitzgerald) at (250) 785-1577.

### **Soup Labels**

For many years we have been collecting and processing Soup Labels for points to make purchases for our students. Mrs. Rosie has volunteered her time in helping with this tedious job over the past couple of years. Unfortunately it takes an enormous amount of hours and points just to make the smallest of purchases. We will continue to collect these labels but we will no longer be entering the codes online so we are looking for a person or organization we can donate these labels too. Please let us know at the office if you have an idea that might help us!

### **Legion Donation (Branch 102)**

We received a very pleasant surprise at the end of last week. Our school was selected to receive a \$250 art supply donation from Legion Branch 102. Veteran, Mr. Gavin Holmes, delivered the cheque and in return we will be making a school wide Remembrance Day art piece that will be displayed in the Legion during November!





## HEAD LICE!

Unfortunately we have already had our first case of head lice this year and I'm sure we will have more cases as the year progresses. Please be checking your child's hair/scalp on a regular basis, especially if they start complaining about being itchy! If you discover that your child has this condition please let us know at the office right away! Students with head lice must have atleast one treatment before they can return to school. Please direct all questions regarding this process to Mrs. McDermott at the office.

## Dates to Remember!

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terry Fox Run 2:15pm  
October 4<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Soccer Tourney at Surerus Fields  
October 6<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 7pm & Hot Lunch Order Forms are due!  
October 7<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention Week Assembly with the Taylor Fire Depart.  
October 9<sup>th</sup> – X-Country Running Race at Bert Ambrose (Kin Park)  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – Baldonnell Open House 6-7pm  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – X-Country Running Race at Surerus Ball Diamonds  
October 13<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving (No School)  
October 21<sup>st</sup> – PICTURE DAY! (after morning recess)  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D (No school)  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Christian Swenson Cultural Event

