

BALDONNEL BRONCOS



Welcome Back

It is certainly great to see all those smiley faces as we settle into the new year! Things will continue to be super busy at our cool little school so please keep checking your email for updates and don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns about anything at all!

Spring Carnival Update

The Baldonnel PAC is holding a Spring Carnival on March 13, 2015. This event has always been greatly enjoyed by our students and families!

The First Planning Meeting is Monday Jan 12 at 2 pm in the staff room. Meetings will be weekly.

Contact Nicole Fuhr at [250-787-7348](tel:250-787-7348) or nwfuhr@yahoo.ca if you can help but can't make the meeting.

PAC Updates

- Next meeting is January 12th at 7pm ... new parents are always welcome to attend!
- PAC Hot-Lunch on January 22nd (Pancakes) will be free for all students who submit an order form!
- The PAC will be purchasing our school a brand new set of Ukulele's!
- Thank you to Mrs. Nicole Fuhr for stepping up to be our Spring Carnival Committee Chair!
- We would like to thank our PAC for all the wonderful things they do for our students ... it is greatly appreciated!

Recycling Calendar

WEEK	HOUSE TEAM
Jan. 5 th	Jumping Jelly Beans
Jan. 12 th	Cup Cake Warriors
Jan. 19 th	Moon Walking Mustaches
Jan. 26 th	Jumping Jelly Beans
Feb. 2 nd	Cup Cake Warriors
Feb. 9 th	Moon Walking Mustaches
Feb. 16 th	Jumping Jelly Beans
Feb. 23 rd	Cup Cake Warriors
Mar. 2 nd	Moon Walking Mustaches
Mar. 9 th	Jumping Jelly Beans
Mar. 16 th	Cup Cake Warriors

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Information (Grade 4 students only)

BASKETBALL

The Elementary Basketball League Games will be starting next week for all 3 of our teams. The practice/league schedule and consent forms for the season will be sent home by the end of the week ... please return the consent forms to the office ASAP!

We would like to thank all of our coaches:

Gr. 5/6 Girls Team – Michelle Callison & Kim Emond

Gr. 4/5 Girls Team – Jamie Ross & Rosemary Odermatt

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:

<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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January 27th
Family Literacy Day

(AM) – Recycled Book
Fair Fundraiser

(PM) – Read & Feed

More info to come☺

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☺

Save the Date

January 12th – PAC Meeting @ 7pm
January 14th – Dr. Kearney Musical at NPCC
January 22nd – PAC Pancake Hot Lunch (Free)
January 23rd – Theme Day (80's/Neon Day as well as Whacky Hair Day!)
January 27th – Family Literacy Day (Fundraiser for Mr. Moss)

Request for Consent Forms

Due to the new Ant-Spam Legislation that came into effect in July, we now need written consent from all parents if we wish to continue to use EMAILS as a form of communication!

These forms were sent home earlier in the week. Please return these to the main office as soon as possible☺

Unfortunately, those families who fail to submit this form will be removed from our email contact list☹

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registrations are currently being accepted for the 2015-2016 year. If you have a child who will be five years old before December 31st, 2015, feel free to drop by the school and register for Kindergarten. Please bring along their birth certificate as well as a utility bill of some sort to confirm your 911 address.

Fundraiser for Mr. Moss (EA) – Recycled Book Fair (January 27th)

Unfortunately Mr. Moss was extremely sick over the holidays and was admitted to the ICU at the hospital. We are happy to report that he is feeling much better but he still remains in the hospital; which means he will most likely not be able to return to work until next month. He is part of our Baldonnel family and we would like to help him through this difficult time.

We will be donating all of the proceeds we make from the Recycled Book Fair that is happening on January 27th as part of our Family Literacy Day activities. ALL books will cost \$1.00 each this year and families are more than welcome to make additional donations on this day if they wish too. Your support with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!