

Baldonnel Broncos

HOUSE TEAM LEADERBOARD

The Diaper Wipers
806 points

Lightning Dirt Bikers
740 points

Hula Hooping Hooligans
1337 points



Halloween Activities



Our special scarecrows!!

Thank you to everyone for making our Halloween activities such a success! It was wonderful to see so many parents and preschoolers out for our costume parade. And a special thank you to all the parents who contributed goodies for our afternoon celebration!



PAC

We would like to thank our PAC for the great hot lunch in October! The next hot lunch is Thurs. Nov. 19th.

Updates:

- The next PAC meeting is Wed. Nov. 4th @ 7pm
- Purdy's orders and Poinsetta/Wreath orders are due by Friday, Nov. 13th.
- Drama Residency with Ted Sloan will occur this month
- The mini iPads for our Grade 5/6 room have arrived!

School Sports

Soccer

Congratulations to our school soccer teams for playing with a lot of heart and great sportsmanship this season. We would like to thank Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Gray, and Mrs. O'Neil for coaching this year's teams!

X-Country Running

Our runners did very well at the third race at the end of October and represented Baldonnel School exceptionally well. Thanks again to Mrs. Ditner and Mrs. Modde for their help with this activity.

Volleyball

The season is now underway for three teams! We would like to thank our coaches for volunteering their time this season; Mr. Johnson, Mrs. O'Neil, and Mr. Gray. The schedule is listed below so please try to come out and cheer on our kids!

Thursday, November 5th ... Girls A Team and Mixed A Team
- Double Header @ Baldonnel at 3:00 pm vs Robert Ogilvie

Thursday, November 12th ... Girls A Team and Mixed A Team
- Double Header @ Central at 3:00 pm

Thursday, November 12th ... Mixed B Team @ Baldonnel at 3:00 pm vs Central

Thursday Nov. 19th ... Mixed B Team @ Finch at 3:00 pm
3:00pm Boys @ Central A

Tournaments – Tuesday, November 24 = Girls A Team and
Wednesday, November 25 = Mixed A Team.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd-6th = Book Fair

Wed. Nov. 4th = PAC Meeting 7pm

Mon. Nov. 9th = Recognition Assembly at 9:00 am

Tues. Nov. 10th = Baldonnel
Remembrance Day Assembly at 11 am

Wed. Nov. 11th = Remembrance Day

Fri. Nov. 13th = PURDY'S and
Poinsettia/Wreath Orders are due!

November 16th-20th = Drama Residency
with Ted Sloan (sponsored by our PAC)

Wed. Nov. 18th = Operation Christmas
Child; shoe boxes will be filled in the
morning (9am-12pm)

Thurs. Nov. 19th = PAC Hot Lunch

Mon. Nov. 23rd = Recognition Assembly
at 9:00 am

Tues. Nov. 24th = Term One Report Cards
go home.

Wed. Nov. 25th & Thurs. Nov. 26th
Early Dismissal Days (1:50 pm) for
Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri. Nov. 27th = NID for Parent Teacher
Interviews (No school for students.)

Remember to use the link
on our school website for
our "Calendar of Events"!
Mrs. McDermott will be
keeping this calendar as up
to date as possible!

<http://www.baldonnel.prn.bc.ca/>

Bus Safety

Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten class and Mrs. Cooper's Grade One class participated in a bus safety activity. This activity was sponsored by the School District's Transportation Department. Thank you for teaching our students how to safely ride the bus!





After nine years of successful Operation Christmas Child campaigns, Baldonnel School has sent **more than 1200 shoeboxes** to underprivileged children around the world.

This project is a simple way for our students to share Peace, Prosperity and Hope with other children and to learn empathy for those who are less fortunate than us.

Our goal this year is to fill at least 100 shoeboxes! Please help us reach this goal!!

All donated items are shared throughout the school and each student will have the opportunity to help fill a shoebox on November 18th.

Parent volunteers are needed to help with shoebox setup on Tuesday, November 17th from noon till 3pm. We also need help on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 9am for assembling the shoeboxes and helping the students fill them.

If you have any questions or if you are able to help out please contact Kim Liwiski at kliwiski@prn.bc.ca or 250-261-4318 or 250-789-3396.

Things that we need:

- Wax Crayons or Pencil Crayons
- Rulers
- Stickers
- Activity Books
- Small re-usable cloth bags
- Combs / Brushes / hair Accessories
- Socks / T-Shirts / Mittens / Toques
- Face Cloths
- Toys (balls, dolls, marbles, jacks, stuffed animals, yo-yos, cars or trucks, skipping ropes, foldable frisbees – no toy guns, knives or war related toys)
- Sewing Kits
- Tool Kits or Multi-purpose Tool
- Small plastic bowl or cup



All items need to be new and small enough to fit into a shoebox. Please do not send anything that is a liquid or a gel, as we cannot send these items. Additionally, candy is not allowed this year.

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLIES

Our bi-weekly recognition assemblies have continued ... and they are a wonderful start to the week! It is amazing to see the students' faces light up when they are acknowledged by their teachers for the positive things that are happening at school. We also recognize our staff! ☺



Recipients from the October 13th Assembly



Recipients from the October 26th Assembly

ROOTS OF EMPATHY COMES TO BALDONNEL SCHOOL!

Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown a significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. This Canadian program was developed in 1996 by Mary Gordon and is highly recognized throughout Canada and many other countries.

We will be running two programs at Baldonnel this year. Mrs. Turriff and Baby Landon (pictured below with Roots of Empathy facilitator, Ms. Wright) will be working with Mrs. Cooper's Grade One class.



The second program, starting in mid-November, will see Mrs. Geitz and Baby Christian working with Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten classroom.

For more information about this amazing program please check out www.rootsofempathy.org

Special Events at our School:

On Tuesday, October 13, students and staff at Baldonnel School participated in a Book Reading with local authors Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton. Christy and Margaret shared stories about Margaret's time at a Residential School and donated two books to our school library. Thank you to both authors for this generous donation and for taking the time to come to our school.



On Tuesday, October 27th we had our first cultural performance of the year. The Axis Theatre Company presented a musical entitled "Hamelin: A New Fable". As you can tell from the photos below, our students were thoroughly engaged in the performance. Due to company policy, we were unfortunately not able to take photos of the group or set design ... but it was definitely a wonderful performance!



Reminders/Information/Thank You's

School Fees

Thank you to everyone for submitting school fees in a timely manner. This is very much appreciated. Please contact the school to make arrangements for payment if you have not already done so.

Sports Fees

Students are charged \$10 for each school sport they choose to participate in. This small contribution assists with league fees, bussing costs, tournament fees, and paying referees. Please make sure payment accompanies your child's permission form for each sport. Thank you.

After School Supervision

Please remember that after school supervision ends at 3:05 pm. Students who have not been picked up by this time will be asked to wait inside the front doors now that our weather has turned colder. Please contact the office to let us know when you will be late.

Nutrition

Our PAC has generously donated a fruit/veggie basket and Mrs. Virginia Haab makes sure our students have a wonderful selection of healthy options. I would also like to encourage you to send nutritious snacks and lunches with your children as this helps fuel their body for the busy school days.

Hot Lunch Orders

For the most part, the new online ordering system is working well and has made a big job much easier for Mrs. McDermott. We have discovered that payment **MUST** be made prior to the cut-off date each month or the system will automatically cancel your child's order. Please pay attention to the cut-off dates (approximately one week prior to the beginning of each month's order) so we can eliminate any confusion on hot-lunch day. Additionally, once the order has been placed for a particular month, we cannot issue refunds for dates you may be away. If you have any questions about hot lunches, please contact Mrs. McDermott.

Book Fair

We are holding the first book fair of the school year from November 2 – November 6 in the school's library. The preview date was Monday and students are able to purchase items for the remainder of the week. Parents and other family members are encouraged to join us as well. The book fair is open at lunch and after school each day. Please contact Ms. Wright if you need to schedule an alternate time to come in.

Winter Weather

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSING WARM ENOUGH FOR THE WINTER WEATHER THAT HAS ARRIVED! This reminder is for ALL students – please make sure snow pants, toques, mitts, and proper winter footwear are sent to school each day. The cut-off for inside days is -20 C (including the wind chill factor). We believe our students need the outside break to help their brains and bodies recharge for learning!



Baseball – Oct. 27!!



Buddies



Outdoor Chess!



**November 11
is a day we
remember.**

Mr. Gray's 5/6 class will be organizing our Remembrance Day Assembly to be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:00 am. We invite parents and family members to join us for this assembly and ask that you arrive prior to the start of the assembly so as to not disrupt this very important and solemn occasion.

I would also like to ask parents to talk to their children about the significance of Remembrance Day and why we mark this date with a national holiday. It is more than a day off school ... it is time to reflect on all that it means to be a Canadian and to think of those who gave their life to provide us with the many freedoms we enjoy today.

Thank you.

Ms. Wright