



Baldonnel School



Recognition Awards
for March



Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. Students and staff are excited to be back at school and are ready for a fantastic third term! Please remember to check email regularly for updates from the school and take a moment to read our wonderful PAC sponsored sign at the front of the school for important dates. Behind the scenes, we are already planning for next year ... please keep us updated on any changes that may affect your child's attendance at Baldonnel School next year. Thank you!



**A special thank you
to Virginia Haab for
continually filling
out fruit basket so
students have
healthy options for
snacks. ☺**

Recycling

Week of April 4th

Lightning Dirt Bikers

Week of April 11th

Hula Hooping Hooligans

Week of April 18^h

The Diaper Wipers

Week of April 25th

Lightning Dirt Bikers

Week of May 2nd

Hula Hooping Hooligans

Week of May 9th

The Diaper Wipers

Week of May 16th

Lightning Dirt Bikers

Week of May 23rd

Hula Hooping Hooligans

Week of May 30th

The Diaper Wipers

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2016 please come in and register him/her for Kindergarten as soon as possible. If you know anyone in our school catchment area who has a child this age, please encourage them to register immediately . Thank you!

A Few Updates/Reminders

PAC Updates:

PAC Positions – There will be a number of PAC Executive positions opening up next year. Instead of hosting elections in the fall, our PAC has decided to, once again, hold the elections for these positions in the spring ... stay tuned for more information! Elections will take place at the June meeting.

Growing Smiles Fundraiser – Please check out the wonderful assortment of plants and flowers available through the PAC Spring Fundraiser. Information was sent home with students and is also available online on the PAC FaceBook page. Don't forget that Mother's Day is just around the corner and this would make a great gift for Mom or Grandma. All orders **MUST** be in by Monday, April 18th – delivery to the school will be Thursday, May 5th. A special thank you to Dixie Modde and Jess Thompson for coordinating this fundraiser.

Hot Lunch – The next PAC Hot Lunch will be on Wednesday, April 20th and the menu is Chicken Fingers/Fries/Veggies/Juice Box for \$5.00. Please make sure orders have been placed and paid for by Monday, April 18th. A special thank you to our "Hot Lunch Ladies" for making these delicious meals for our students.

Year Books – This year Mrs. McDermott will only be ordering enough yearbooks to fill the pre-paid orders – there will not be any extra books ordered. Please order by May 20th – cost is \$26.00

Outdoor Movie Night – Watch for information about this fun-filled family event happening at the beginning of June. (Mark your calendars and save Thursday, June 9th!)

Next Meeting – The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 4^h at 1:30 pm. Please note that this is an afternoon meeting. We would love to see more people join us!

SCHOOL CLOTHING

We still have clothing items that families can purchase (limited sizes and colours).
Please see Mrs. McDermott in the office if you are interested.

Howson Knit Hoody

Light weight / t-shirt weight, Front pocket, sleeve cuffs w/thumb exit

Colors: Heather Grey, Heather Dark Charcoal

Sizes: Men's S - 3XL/Women's XS - 2XL/Youth XS - XL

Pricing: **ADULT \$50** **Youth \$45**



988 HEATHER DARK CHARCOAL



932 HEATHER GREY

Sarek Short Sleeve T Shirt

Colors: Red Heather, Heather Dark Charcoal

Sizes: Men's S - 3XL/Women's XS - 2XL/Youth XS - XL/Kids 4-6

Pricing: **ADULT \$25** **Youth \$20**



358 TEAM RED HEATHER



988 HEATHER DARK CHARCOAL

SPORTS UPDATES

BROOMBALL CHAMPIONS ... again!



Baldonnel Mini-Sticks Intramurals

With the mild winter, we did not have the need for an extensive intramural program, however; due to the persistence of several students, we have organized a small mini-sticks event for our Intermediate students. We have four teams who will play on Fridays at lunch for the next 5 weeks to determine the winner of the Mini-Sticks Baldonnel Cup. At this time we are in need of a parent supervisor during the lunch hour – please contact Ms. Wright if you are able to assist with this lunch time supervision.



Thank you to Cortt and Trayton for their organization of this activity.

A big thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Johnson for organizing the Broomball Tournament and coaching our teams!



BADMINTON

The badminton season is finally under way! We would like to thank Mrs. Merrill for volunteering to coach this year's team. Practices will be held Mon-Thurs at lunch time as well as Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:00 pm. The badminton tournament is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 (3-9 pm) and Friday, Mar 6 (8:30 am – 4 pm).



*The tournament team will be selected based on participation in practices, sportsmanship, and positive behaviour.

WORSLEY SKI TRIP!

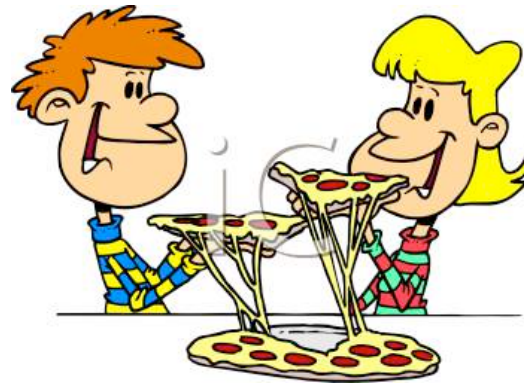
The photos speak for themselves ... it looks like a wonderful day! Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Johnson for organizing this activity. Thank you to our amazing PAC for sponsoring the bus. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents for supervising.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Collaboration Activity with Taylor School

On Tuesday, April 19th the entire school will be going to Taylor Elementary School to participate in a L.I.D. activity. We are very excited to be invited to Taylor to learn more about a program called “Learning In Depth” that has been implemented this year at their school. Mrs. Kim Boettcher, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, is supporting this collaborative activity and will be providing lunch to all participants. Thank you, Mrs. Boettcher!



Author Visit

Caroline Woodward will be visiting our school on Monday, April 25th at 1:30 pm to share a reading of her book “*Singing Away the Dark*”.



Singing Away the Dark was inspired by my first years of going to school, walking the mile from our homestead to where the bus would pick me up. I attended a two-room school in Cecil Lake until I was required to move into a dormitory in Fort St. John to complete high school. That's where my writing career began, writing a weekly column for the Alaska Highway News.

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS ...



PINK SHIRT DAY – On March 2nd, we acknowledged Pink Shirt Day and focused on activities to help instill a positive school culture. Students were challenged to do random acts of kindness around the school and were able to enter a draw for lunch out with Ms. Wright at Boston Pizza.

BC LIONS – Be The Best You Can Be!

On March 16th our Grade 4-5-6 students participated in a session with members of the BC Lions football team. Jazz, Stephen, and Eric spoke to the students about the following topics:

1. Choices – challenged the students to think through the pros and cons when faced with decisions and the impact that these decisions can have on your life.
2. Teamwork – focused on what it means to be a member of a team; accountability and responsibility
3. Trades – learned a little more about various career paths



Lucky winners of the Pink Day Random Act of Kindness lunch draw: Hannah and Trevor.



Dates to remember ...

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 8th – Camp Sagitawa Presentation at lunch time
April 11th -15th – Scholastic Book Fair
April 14th – Aboriginal Hand Games Tournament
April 18th – PAC “Growing Smiles” Fundraiser due
April 19th – School visit to Taylor Elementary to participate in their L.I.D. program (Learning In Depth)
April 22nd - Earth Day
April 22nd - Bronco “Games Day” Afternoon
April 23rd – Women’s Institute Spring Tea and Bazaar
April 25th – Author visit – Caroline Woodward
May 2nd – Taylor Fire Department at morning Assembly
May 4th – PAC Meeting – 1:30 pm
May 5th – Growing Smiles Fundraiser Delivery Date
May 6th – Project-Based Learning Learning for Grades



Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative for families and their 3-5 year old children. The Ready, Set, Learn program provides information about how to support a young child's early learning and development and develops positive connections between families, the school system, and local community agencies.

Ms. Wright will be hosting 5 sessions during the month of May on Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Please contact the office (250-789-3396) to pre-register.

- Tuesday, May 3
- Tuesday, May 10
- Tuesday, May 17
- Tuesday, May 24
- Tuesday, May 31

Moving?

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you will be moving prior to next school year and your child will not be attending Baldonnel School. This will help us determine numbers and class configuration for next year. Thank you!

Where do you live?

Children who attend Baldonnel School but live outside of our school catchment area must be granted a variance for three consecutive years in order to be considered a permanent student. If your child has not been at Baldonnel for three years, please remember there is the possibility your child may be asked to return to his/her catchment school if our numbers exceed capacity. Please talk to Ms. Wright if you have any concerns.

Students entering their 2nd and 3rd year on variance DO NOT have to submit another variance form through their catchment area school.

