

OCTOBER 2016

BALDONNEL BRONCOS



Welcome to our new kindergarten students!

Recycling Calendar

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September flew by with a whirlwind of activities! Take a look through the pages of this newsletter to see an overview of what has been happening at school.

Please use the school email account for all communication with the office pertaining to things such as lates/absences, hot lunches, or other general inquiries.

baldonnel@prn.bc.ca This will allow us to get the messages even when Mrs. McDermott is away.

I'm looking forward to another amazing year at Baldonnel and encourage you to maintain regular contact with your child's teacher and the school.

Ms. Wright

Week of ...	House Team
October 3 rd	Wild Pizza
October 10 th	Bronco Riders
October 17 th	Icecreamers
October 24 th	Wild Pizza
October 31 st	Bronco Riders
November 7 th	Icecreamers
November 14 th	Wild Pizza
November 21 st	Bronco Riders
November 28 th	Icecreamers
December 5 th	Wild Pizza
December 12 th	Bronco Riders

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 the recycling program for our school and all the money goes directly back into a wide variety of student activities! We encourage all families to participate in this program! Thank you, Mrs. Taylor, for caring about our environment and our students!

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 1:30 pm. We would love to see some new parents join our amazing PAC this year. Please try to join us to learn more about how you can be involved in our school.

OUR PAC EXECUTIVE:

President: Dixie Modde
 Vice President: Jessica Thompson
 Secretary: Sheldon Wiebe
 Treasurer: Hope Hanna

PAC is in need of a DPAC rep – this involves attending one monthly meeting at the School Board Office and reporting back to our school PAC. Please contact Dixie Modde if you might be interested in this position. Thank you!

Upcoming PAC Events:

- Hot Lunch – Chilli and Cornbread– on Tues. Oct. 11th
- Purdy’s Fundraiser
- Christmas Poinsettia Fundraiser

THANK YOU to our PAC for:

1. Providing busing to the cultural event in Taylor.
2. Purchasing 2 iPads for the grade 5/6 classroom
3. Purchasing a new freezer for the canteen. for his
4. Providing each teacher with a \$100 classroom allowance. ☺

Terry Fox Run and Coin Drive

On September 29th we held our Terry Fox Run and enjoyed a lovely Fall afternoon of walking/running. We honoured and remembered special people in our lives who have faced cancer while also raising money to help continue the fight against this disease.

We are very proud of the students for their participation and for raising \$584.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation through our coin drive. The “Wild Pizza” group was the house team challenge winners for this



Classroom / School Volunteers

We are always looking for extra help at school! Our students benefit from having parent helpers in the various classrooms; tasks range from working with small groups of students to organizing the home reading books to assisting with art projects or sharing special talents. If you are interested in volunteering please connect with your child's teacher to discuss how you can help. There are also opportunities to assist with distributing hot lunches and helping in the library. Coaching various sports teams and helping get our ice rink ready for the winter season are additional areas that require parental support. See Ms. Wright if you are interested in helping out in any of these capacities. **Please remember that ALL parent volunteers require an up- to-date criminal record check.** Mrs. McDermott has the forms in the office or can send you the information to complete this online. The Criminal Record Check is now good for 5 years so if you had one completed last school year then you should be good to go for this year! Check with the office if you need to verify if yours is current. Thank you.

School Sports

School sports are already underway and we are impressed with the enthusiasm of the students and the willingness of staff and parents to volunteer their time to coach these activities.

Soccer – We would like to thank Mr. Wuthrich for coaching the Girls “A” team and Mrs. Schroeder for coaching the Boys “B”. Although the season was short, the Baldonnel Broncos played well and exhibited great sportsmanship. The Girls “A” team was undefeated in league play. Unfortunately the tournament was cancelled due to lack of cooperation from Mother Nature.

Cross-Country Running – 32 students in Grades 1-6 joined the cross-country running team with Ms. Wright and completed two races in September. The final race will be held (weather permitting) on Oct. 12 at 3:00 pm at Kin Park. Primary students run 1.5 km and Intermediate students run a 2.5 km course. Our students have shown true Bronco spirit at the races and every single runner completed both races. Well done runners – we are very proud of your efforts.



Race day at
Upper Pine
School –
September
28th.

Volleyball is the next school sport. Sign-up is underway – students should come to the office if they wish to play. Thank you to Mrs. Turriff, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Wuthrich for offering to coach our teams.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Jan Pope has come out of retirement to join the Baldonnel School Community. Mrs. Pope will be working as our Learning Assistant teacher as well as providing Behaviour Support. She has also taken over Library duties. Unfortunately Mrs. Pope escaped for the day without having her photo taken ... we'll try to get that taken for the next newsletter. **WELCOME MRS. POPE!!**



Another addition to Mrs. Johnson's Grade 2/3 classroom is ARLO. Arlo comes to school with Mrs. Atkinson as part of her training to become a certified therapy dog. In addition to the socialization she is receiving, Arlo is assisting students with anxiety and helps them calm more quickly. We've been most impressed with Arlo's friendliness and her amazing wardrobe!

Baldonnel Ear Buds



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

Infinitus – Cultural Presentation at Taylor Elementary School on September 20th. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring the buses to take us to this event! And thank you to Taylor for inviting us to join you!



Reminders/Information/Thank You's

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

Students are not permitted to play with electronic devices at school. We encourage our students to enjoy the fresh air, get some exercise and enjoy face-to-face time with their friends! Students who bring electronic devices for the bus ride are reminded that these devices must be stored in their backpack as soon as they arrive on school grounds. Thank you for your help reinforcing this expectation!

After School Supervision

Please remember that after school supervision ends at 3:05 pm. 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 this time as we cannot ensure supervision after this time.

Change in Usual Routines

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 may be placed on their regular bus run at the end of the day and this results in a lot of confusion.

Transportation Contact Information

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

School Speed Zone and Student Safety

Please remember to slow down in our school zone! We ask that you also be extremely vigilant in the parking lot and refrain from talking on your phone/texting when dropping off or picking up your children. Please help us keep our students safe! Also, with the colder weather approaching, please remember that schools are an idle-free zone. Please do not leave your vehicles running when you are in the school.

Hot Lunch Orders

We are happy to announce a new way to purchase meals for the Hot Lunch Program. Mrs. McDermott is excited about our new online system – this should help make her job easier and, we hope, also make it easier for parents to order. The URL is <http://baldonnel.hotlunches.net> and the access code is BEHL. Please contact Mrs. McDermott if you have any questions.

BC Fruit and Vegetable Program

Thank you to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. McDermott for stepping forward to coordinate our BC Fruit and Vegetable Program this year. Twice per month fresh BC fruit or vegetables are delivered to our school and distributed to the classrooms. Milk/soy milk is also provided for our Primary classes through this program ... but we often have enough to share with the Intermediate classes as well.

School Fruit Basket

We are currently looking for someone to sponsor the School Fruit Basket – last year Virginia and Steve Haab kept the school supplied with a wonderful assortment of fruit to help supplement breakfast, recess snacks, and lunch for students who may have forgotten their lunch bag or were in need of a little extra nutrition. If you could help fill our basket, please contact the office. Thank you!



RECOGNITION ASSEMBLIES



We are continuing with our bi-weekly assemblies on Monday mornings. Left: Recipients of the first Baldonnel Bronco awards for this school year. Congratulations to these students for an awesome start to their year!

October Dates to Remember!

Fri. October 7th – HAT DAY – wear a hat to earn points for your House Team.

Mon. October 10th – Thanksgiving (No School)

Tues. October 11th – PAC Hot Lunch – Chilli and Cornbread

Wed. October 12th – Fire Prevention Week presentation with Firefighter Sadie – 9 am

Wed. October 12th – **WEATHER PERMITTING** Final X-Country Running Race at Bert Ambrose (Kin Park) – 3 pm –

Thurs. October 13th – Hot Lunch – Booster Juice

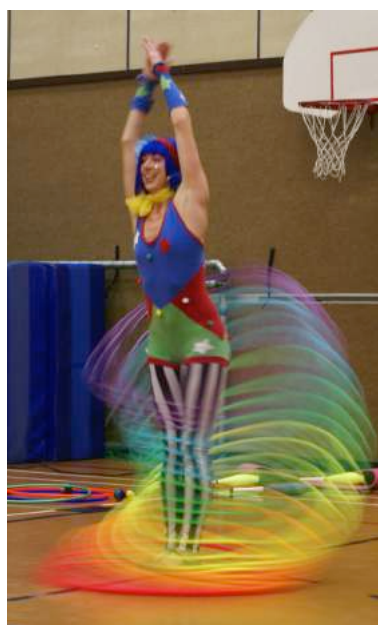
Thurs. October 20th – Hot Lunch – Saigon Noodles

Fri. October 21st – Provincial Non-Instructional Day (No School for students)

Thurs. October 27th – Hot Lunch – Domino's Pizza

Fri. October 28th – Creason – Cultural Event – 11:00 am.

Mon. October 31st – Hallowe'en Activities – Costume Parade at 1:00 pm.



On Friday, September 29th our students enjoyed a day of Hula Hooping with Mandi the Clown. A special thank you to the Hotte family for sponsoring this wonderful day of activity. The students really enjoyed the day!



Left: Mandi the Clown demonstrating some amazing hula abilities.

Right: Mrs. Cooper's Grade 1 class with Mandi the Clown.