

BALDONNEL SCHOOL

September, 2016

WOW – the first two weeks of our new school year have flown by! It has been an exciting return to classes. A special thank you going out to students, staff, and parents for all of your patience and understanding during the process of hiring new staff and making changes to student placements and teaching assignments. I hope to have the final staff member hired and in place by the end of the month. (See next page for an outline of staff and assignments.)

In addition to newsletters, please check out the Baldonnel School website and the Baldonnel School FaceBook page as well as the Baldonnel PAC FaceBook page. Mrs. McDermott also has an online calendar that lists all of the school activities that can be accessed from our website.

We held our first Bronco afternoon last Friday and students have been assigned to a house team. We hope to have more challenges and events this year to help us ramp up school spirit. Check with your child to see what team they are on and you can also help them practice their cheer. (see below)

NEW HOUSE TEAMS

BRONCO RIDERS



ICE SCREAMERS



WILD PIZZA



Bronco Riders – Bronco Riders are the best. Bucking strong – we will not rest!

Ice Screamers – I SCREAM, You SCREAM, We all SCREAM for Ice SCREAM

Wild Pizza – We're the wildest in the West. Pepperoni is the Best. Wild Pizza!

Staff and Assignments for 2016-2017

Teaching Assignments:

Kindergarten – Mrs. Jodi Miller

Grade 1 – Mrs. Cathy Cooper

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Tanya Merrill

Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Leanne Johnson

Grade 3/4 – Mr. Geoff Johnson

Grade 5/6 – Mr. Devin Gray

PE Prep – Mrs. Shannon Turiff

Learning Assistance – Teacher X

Library – Teacher X

Principal/Inclusion/Counselling –
Ms. Wright

Support Staff:

Secretary – Mrs. Tasha McDermott

Education Assistants – Mrs. Liwiski,
Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. LaRiviere,
Mrs. Florian, Mrs. McDermott

ASSW – Mrs. Bourgeois

Lunch Period Monitors – Mrs. Taylor
and Mrs. Florian

Bus Supervisors – Mrs. Dressler and
Mrs. Atkinson

Custodian – Mrs. Taylor



Mrs. Turriff has returned from maternity leave and will be doing PE prep this year. Welcome Back!

Mrs. Bourgeois has joined our staff as ASSW (Aboriginal Student Support Worker) and will be with us 3 days per week. She will be providing academic support as well as enhancing cultural identity and awareness of the Aboriginal culture. Welcome to our school!



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC

- We have an amazing PAC that goes above and beyond to provide so many extra opportunities for our students. Already this year they have put on a Pancake Lunch for the school and hosted an Outdoor Movie Night.
- PAC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the library. Next meeting is Wed. Oct. 5.
- PAC Executive this year is as follows:
 - President – Dixie Modde
 - Vice President – Jess Thompson
 - Secretary – Sheldon Wiebe
 - Treasurer – Hope Hanna

PAC NEWS

*PAC has purchased a new stand-up freezer for the kitchen. A special thank you to Wiebe's Cabinets for donating half the cost of the freezer. ☺

*PAC has agreed to purchase 2 new iPad minis for the Grade 5/6 classroom to allow all students to participate in the District Wireless Writing Program using the same platform. This support is greatly appreciated.

*PAC has graciously donated money to pay for transporting our entire school to Taylor Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to join them for the cultural event "INFINITUS". This is a "Beatboxing String Trio" that plays classical, jazz, and hip hop music. We look forward to partnering with Taylor School for several activities this year.

*Special thank you's to Eagle Vision for the donation of the screen and the time to set up and run the movie and to The Lido for assistance with the delicious popcorn.

*Next PAC Hot Lunch will be Tuesday, October 11 – Chill and Cornbread. Make sure to get your orders in. (See information on the Baldonnel PAC Facebook page or contact Mrs. McDermott if you need assistance with the online ordering process.

"The research is overwhelmingly clear: when parents play a positive role in their children's education, students do better in school"

As a school staff, we value your input and want to continue to strengthen relationships between home and school. Please speak directly to your child's teacher with respect to any concerns you may have or come and talk to Ms. Wright. We can't address your concerns if we are not aware of them.

Illness:

Please remember to contact the office if your child is going to be away from school due to illness. It is important for students to attend regularly **BUT** I would like to ask parents/guardians to consider the health of our school community before sending sick children to school. If your child is throwing up, has a fever, or has a thick nasal discharge, a day at home is likely the best medicine and will help prevent the spread of germs and keep the other students and our teachers healthy. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. ☺



**COIN DRIVE WILL TAKE
PLACE SEPTEMBER 26-30th.**

**Terry Fox School Run
Thursday, September 29th
at 1:30 pm**

The entire school will be participating in the Terry Fox School Run again this year. This is a great opportunity for parents and siblings to join us and help raise money for a very worthwhile cause. We will hold a coin drive next week and this activity will also be a House Team Challenge to earn points.

Cancer has touched the lives of so many people. Students will be given a sticker that says "Terry Ran For Me ... I Am Running For _____. " It would be wonderful if you could have a discussion with your child (especially the younger ones) and help them identify who they might like to acknowledge on their sticker. You could write this information in the back and forth book or their agenda so teachers have it. Thank you!

BALDONNEL ATHLETICS

Participating in sports is a great way to stay active, have some fun with friends and improve skills! We encourage all intermediate students to participate on at least one school sports team throughout the year.

The majority of elementary athletics are for students in grades 4-6 with the exception of x-country running and track & field. We are currently gearing up for the start of the Cross-Country Running and Soccer seasons. We are always looking for coaches and parent helpers so if you have a passion for a certain sport and would like to assist, please contact the office! The yearly athletics schedule has been listed below for your convenience.

Cross-Country Running (September-October) – Ms. Wright will be coaching this year's team but could use some help supervising students at the races! Race dates are Sept 21 / Sept 28 / Oct 5.

Soccer (September-October) – Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Wuthrich have offered to coach this year with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gray in the role as school sponsor. Game days are Sept 20 and Sept 27 with a tournament to be held on Sept 30/Oct 1.

Volleyball (October-November)

Basketball (January-March)

Badminton (March & April) *Please note that Baldonnel is responsible for organizing this year's tournament. Ms. Wright will be looking for help with this – let her know if you are able to assist.

Track & Field (May & June)

Please remember that ALL school volunteers (including assisting with field trips or coaching a sports teams) require an up to date Criminal Record Check ... this can now be completed online and is valid for 5 years. Contact Mrs. McDermott if you require assistance.

BALDONNEL OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, September
20th from 6-7pm.
Please come out and
meet your child's new
teacher! First
opportunity to earn
house team points!**

SCHOOL FEES

**Please remember to
pay these at the office
before the end of the
month! If you require
additional time to pay
fees, we ask that you
contact the office to
make arrangements.**

Dates to Remember

- Tues. Sept. 20 – School visit to Taylor for Cultural Event. Make sure permission forms are handed in.
- Tues. Sept. 20 – Soccer games for Girls A and Boy B teams. *Please remember parents are responsible for transporting to and from the games. No buses this year!
- Tues. Sept. 20 – OPEN HOUSE from 6-7 pm.
- Wed. Sept. 21 – Cross-Country Running at Taylor School. 1 pm start.
- Fri. Sept. 23 – Non-Instructional Day – No school for students.
- Tues. Sept. 27 – Soccer games for Girls A and Boys B teams.
- Wed. Sept. 28 – Cross-Country Running at Upper Pine School. 1 pm start.
- Thurs. Sept. 29 – Terry Fox School Run at 1:30 pm
- Fri. Sept. 30 – Special Guest – Mandi The Clown will be here to teach Hula Hoop Skills to our students.
- Fri. Sept. 30 – Special Farewell Assembly and Tea for Mrs. Cushway – 2:00 pm
- Sat. Oct. 1 – Soccer Tournament for Girls A and Boys B teams.
- Wed. Oct. 5 – Cross-Country Running – Kim Park – 3 pm

Recycling Calendar



*When you refuse to reuse it's our
Earth you abuse!*

Week of	House Team
September 19 th	Bronco Riders
September 26 th	Ice Screammers
October 3 rd	Wild Pizza
October 10 th	Bronco Riders
October 17 th	Ice Screammers
October 24 th	Wild Pizza
October 31 st	Bronco Riders
November 7 th	Ice Screammers
November 14 th	Wild Pizza
November 21 st	Bronco Riders
November 28 th	Ice Screammers
December 5 th	Wild Pizza
December 12 th	Bronco Riders

**Thank you to Mrs. Taylor for all of her
work with our recycling program!**

Another way to earn House Team points!
