



## **Baldonnel Elementary School Newsletter**

**October 4th, 2017 Phone: 250-789-3396**

### **Principal Message**

What a beautiful fall we are having this year! We are settling into a routine here at Baldonnel Elementary School. Many exciting activities are coming up! We have a Baldonnel Facebook page and we will often post activities, information, and events here.

<https://www.facebook.com/sd60baldonnel/>

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**Bronco Spirit Day:** Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students will be put into their Bronco House group and come up with a cheer and house name. Groups will share what they came up with and we will end with a relay game.

**Thanksgiving:** Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>. No school on this day. Enjoy your time together!

**Pro-Development Day:** Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. No school on this day.

**Halloween Parade:** October 31st @ 1 pm. Students will March around in their house groups.

**Interim Reports:** You will receive an Interim report for your child during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Upcoming November Dates**

**Remembrance Day:** Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>. No school.

**Early Dismissal Days:** Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>. School out at 1:47 pm

### **Hot lunch online website**

The website is functional. You can order and pay online. You can pay online or come in to the school and pay by cash or cheque made out to the school.

The website is: [baldonnel.hotlunches.net](http://baldonnel.hotlunches.net)  
access code: BEHL

### **October Websites of interest**

The Importance of Building Parent-Teacher Relationships:

<https://www.readinghorizons.com/blog-roll/the-importance-of-building-parent-teacher-relationships>

In the news: Canadian Pediatricians Sports Drinks/Energy drinks unhealthy for children and teens:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/sport-energy-drinks-cps-1.4306597>

Coding: What is all the fuss about coding? Check out this site to try coding for yourself  
<https://code.org/learn>

40 Easy School Lunches to Pack for your Kids:

<http://www.foodnetwork.ca/back-to-school/photos/easy-school-lunches-to-pack-for-kids/#!Ham-Apple-and-Cheese-Quesadilla>

### **Community Events**

Homesteader Health Foods is hosting a one-night parenting seminar entitled "Hold Onto Your Kids". It will be a cost of either \$10.00 in cash, or \$5.00 worth of Homesteader Health Food credits. Date: October 25th, at their store, at 7 pm. This would be great for parents who are dealing with complex parenting issues, especially if peers are becoming more important in the lives of their children than they (parents) are.

### **Extra-Curricular Sports Teams**

As we get ready for our elementary sports team season, we are in need of coaches. If you are interested in coaching or being an assistant coach for our students, please contact the office. All coaches must have a criminal record check and we request that if you are interested that you proceed with that as soon as possible.

## Questions

Don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any questions. It is important for our children to know that home and school, work together, for our children! If you have questions or concerns please come in to see us or call to arrange a meeting.

## Thank you

**We would like to take this time to thank our volunteers.**

Thank you to Mr. Wuthrich for helping to coach the Soccer team as well as the upcoming Volleyball season.

We would also like to thank the parents that have been coming in to help in the classroom and/or with the home reading program: Jolene Burke, Johanna Haab, Jaandi Roemer, Brittany Christon, Stephanie Blackmore, Crystal Wuthrich, Gillian Gordon, Heather Schroeder, Virginia Haab, Leona MacGregor. We appreciate your valuable time.

## Fire Drill

We had our first fire drill on September 29<sup>th</sup>. During a fire drill students follow their teacher outside to the back of the schoolyard up against the fence. The teacher does a roll call and a runner reports the attendance to Mrs. McDermott. Our time was approximately 4 minutes. We reminded students the importance of drills, the procedure for the drills, voices off for safety so they can hear instructions. We hope to improve on our time next drill.

Fire Prevention week is October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Christine Todd  
Principal  
Baldonnel Elementary School

## Assembly

At our assemblies students learn about positive behaviour and virtues. The virtue found in the agenda for this month is compassion. To have compassion is to feel sorrow for someone's sadness, sufferings or misfortunes. Students were asked to think about how they show those that are important to them how much they mean as well as how to show you care about others. We learn about virtues to build our own character. Students learned they can show compassion by: helping others feel better, smiling to show that they care and by being kind to others.

In the agenda you will find the behaviour matrix. The matrix helps remind one how to behave in school. Each assembly we will look at an aspect of the matrix. This assembly we spoke about behaviour on the playground.

**How to be safe:** Stay in the school boundaries, make safe choices, use equipment properly.

**How to be responsible:** dress appropriately for the weather, clean up after yourself and put garbage in the garbage can, ask for help when needed.

**How to be respectful:** be aware of personal space, include others. Play, share and take turns.

## Monthly Virtues

September: Goal Setting  
October: Compassion  
November: Perseverance  
December: Responsibility  
January: Fairness  
February: Trustworthiness  
March: Sportsmanship  
April: Self-Control  
May: Citizenship  
June: Respect

Throughout the year each class will run an assembly on a virtue.

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