



## Baldonnel Elementary School Newsletter September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Phone: 250-789-3396

### Principal's message

I would like to welcome everyone, new and familiar, back to another school year at Baldonnel!

We trust your families have had a fun, restful and exciting summer filled with a lot of special memories. For each child to gain the most from this year, we are looking forward to your support at home and at school. Working together is better!! Being involved with your child's education is instrumental to a successful learning experience. This dedicated staff worked hard to prepare for our school year. Special thanks to our secretary, Tasha McDermott, custodian, Darlene Taylor, maintenance staff and the various contractors who have worked hard to clean and prepare the school.

We hope you enjoy your year at Baldonnel Elementary!

### KINDERGARTEN START UP

Welcome to our new kindergarten students and families. This is an important and exciting year for all of you. The first day will be Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Miller is busy meeting her new students before they start school.

### School Schedule

8:50 Warning Bell and Entry  
8:55 Instruction Begins  
10:30 Recess  
10:45 Instruction resumes  
12:00 Lunch Bell  
12:20 Lunch Activity Bell  
12:40 Warning bell  
12:45 Instruction resumes  
2:46 Dismissal Bell  
3:03 After School Supervision Ends

We take our responsibility for students seriously. Therefore, we ask that you please call the school before 8:50 AM if your child will be absent or late. If your child arrives late please have them check in at the office. If we have not heard from you we will make every effort to contact you. Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe.

### Baldonnel Staff 2017-2018

We welcome back our wonderful staff that is committed to supporting your children. We welcome our new teachers: Mrs. Shand and Ms. Vanderbeck.

**Principal:** Christine Todd  
**Secretary:** Tasha McDermott  
**Custodian/LPM:** Darlene Taylor  
**Aboriginal Support:** Tanis Bourgeois  
**Learning Assistant:** Jan Pope  
**Librarian:** Jan Pope  
**Bus Monitor:** Arlene Dressler

### Primary Teachers:

Jodi Miller: K  
Cathy Cooper: 1/2  
Tanya Merrill: 2/3  
Terri-Lynn Vanderbeck: 3

### Intermediate Teachers

Christie Shand: 4/5, Prep  
Christine Todd: 1/2, 4/5  
Mary Stregger: 5/6

### Classroom support

Tasha McDermott  
Vicki Lariviere

### Important reminders

#### Important dates for September:

Wednesday **September 13<sup>th</sup>**: First day for Kindergarten  
**Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>**: Earth Rangers 9:25-10:25  
**Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Non-Instructional Day. No school for students.

**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

### FORMS

Next week a stapled packaged will arrive home **with important information** for you to look over and **sign**. All forms need to be returned and filled out. For children living in two households, paper work will be sent to both homes for **both** parents to sign. **All paper work must be filled out, signed and returned.** There are important permission forms for: Learn 60 student account, BC Fruit and Vegetable, the ability to receive emails, school fees, media release forms etc.

### HOTLUNCH ONLINE WEBSITE

The website will be functional next week. You can order and pay online.  
baldonnel.hotlunches.net  
access code: BEHL

### ONLINE CALENDAR

Make sure you go to the various websites for information about our school. You will find an updated calendar listing important dates.

#### Baldonnel webpage

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

#### Facebook page

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

### 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!

Christine Todd

Principal

Baldonnel Elementary School

E-mail: ctodd@prn.bc.ca

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to our custodian for having our school so shiny and clean. We ask that all students and visitors remove outside footwear in the mudrooms. Students will need to bring inside shoes to help keep the school in great shape. We also ask that visitor's check in to the office and if you are picking up a student prior to the end of the day that you sign them out at the office.

### VOLUNTEERS

We encourage and welcome all parents, guardians and grandparents as volunteers in our school. It is a requirement of the School District that volunteers complete a criminal record check every two years. If you will be volunteering, please come and get a form at the office. It is the responsibility of the volunteer to complete the appropriate paperwork, take this paperwork to the R.C.M.P., pick up paperwork from the R.C.M.P. and return the paperwork to the School District 60 board office. Criminal Records checks take a minimum of three weeks for the process to complete.

### MEDICATION

Any medication that your child needs must be stored and administered from the office. An "Authorization for Medication" form is required, which provides written permission from both you as the parent/guardian and from your family doctor. Forms are available upon request. Please advise the office if your child has severe allergies and needs an EpiPen. This information is crucial for your child's safety.

### SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

This summer we had a lot going on at Baldonnel. We have had the heating system, air exchange and duct work completely redone. We still have a bit of work going on and we look forward to having a warm building this winter. The contractors have done a great job making our school a better place.

