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# Baldonnel

WE ARE KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE



## Building a Positive School Community

Baldonnel Elementary Staff welcomes you to the 2018-2019 school year and we look forward to working with you and your family throughout the year. We are excited and ready for another great year. If you need to get in contact with any staff, their email address is first initial of their first name, last [name@prn.bc.ca](mailto:name@prn.bc.ca) Please feel free to e-mail if you need to.

Example: ctodd@prn.bc.ca

### Save the Date!

#### Pro-D Day September 21st

No school for students as teachers work on our school plan.

#### Pro-D Day September 24th

Non-Instructional Day as teachers work on curriculum.

#### Terry Fox Walk September 27th

Come join us at 2:20 for our annual Terry Fox walk.

## Schedule

### Bell Schedule

8:50 am Warning Bell

8:55 am Classes commence

10:30 am Recess

10:45 am Classes resume

12:00 Lunch begins

12:40 pm Warning Bell

12:45 Classes resume

2:45 Dismissal

3:00 After-school supervision ends



## Choose Kind

Throughout the year we will be teaching our school community about the virtues that are important. Please see the virtues in the agenda.

### Clothing

Please make sure students have a pair of inside running shoes. Inside shoes help keep our school clean and students use them for P.E.

Make sure students are dressed for the weather as we will be going outside on overcast days, snowy days, cold days! Boots, hats, mitts, scarves, snow pants.

### Late and/or Absent

Please call the school to let us know if your child will be absent. If your child arrives late to school it is important for them to come to the office to check in. Safety is important to us! Please help in this way!

### PAC

If you are interested in joining the Parent Advisory Council please come out to the monthly meetings. We appreciate our parent volunteers. Just come and listen to what is happening around school or choose to volunteer where you can! We look forward to seeing you! Any questions please email!

### Summer happenings!

Over the summer a lot of construction work was taking place. We have had some work done on our lagoon. A berm has been built around the lagoon and a 25,000-gallon cement tank has been placed in the ground closer to the school to prevent any overflows.

Also, I would like to recognize, Mrs. Taylor. She did an amazing job getting our school ready for this upcoming year. We appreciate her amazing work ethic.





## Welcome to our staff!

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Mrs. Miller

Grade 1/Grade 2 Mrs. Cooper

Grade 2/Grade 3 Mrs. Merrill

Grade 3/Grade 4 Ms. Shand

Grade 4/Grade 5 Mr. Read

Grade 5/Grade 6 Ms. Dunn

Secretary: Mrs. McDermott

Custodian Mrs. Taylor

Principal: Mrs. Todd

LAT/Prep/Library: Mrs. Pope

EA's:

Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Reid

Mrs. LaRievriere,

Mrs. McDermott

Bus Monitors:

Mrs. Dressler/Mrs. Ennis

Mrs. Reid

School Counsellor: Mrs. Mitchell

We welcome our two new teachers this year to our school team, Ms. Dunn and Mr. Read.



## 100+ School Lunch ideas

Ideas that your kids will actually eat! Check out:

<https://www.onecrazyhouse.com/100-school-lunches-ideas-kids-will-eat/>

Meatballs

Cheese string

Grapes

Carrot sticks

Ranch dip

pretzels

*Grab a Protein: Hard boiled eggs, string cheese, ham slices, pepperoni, chicken wings, meat balls etc.*

*Add a fruit and a veggie!*

*Add a dip to make it fun!*

*Add carbs for fast energy!*



## Dane-Zaa

### We recognize the Dane-Zaa

The Dane-zaa historically referred to as the Beaver Tribe by Europeans, are an Athabaskan-speaking group of First Nations people. Their traditional territory is around the Peace River in British Columbia and Alberta. At our assemblies we start each one recognizing that our school resides on the traditional lands of the Dane-zaa.



### Dane-Zaa Language

**Dahwawetsats** : Dreamer's Dance

Chege aanach'e : Take Care

**dane jéhjèh dè** : The School

**Ii laa uujo.** : That is good.



### Orange T-shirt day

On Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize that every child matters by wearing an orange t-shirt to school. You do not have to go out and buy one but we do encourage students to wear orange if they have it. For students that do not have orange we will have something they can pin on if they choose to do so.



### Every child matters

Find more information about orange shirt day here: <http://www.angeshirtday.org> Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. We learn about belonging and kindness!



## Behaviour Matrix

In the month of September, teachers are reminding students about the procedures to follow in our behavior matrix. We use common language and teach our school community our four key words: Safe, Responsible, Respectful and Kind. Our behaviour matrix is built around our key foundation.

**Playground:** Stay in school boundaries, make safe choices, use equipment correctly. We teach them to be responsible you must: dress appropriately for the weather, clean up after yourself, and ask for help when needed. Respect means: be aware of personal space (self and others, include others, when playing to share and take turns.

**Hallways:** We teach students to be safe you should walk quietly, feet on the ground and to keep hallways clear. One shows responsibility by cleaning up after themselves and to stay on task. It is respectful to use inside voices and to avoid disturbing others.

**Washrooms:** Be safe by washing hands, keeping feet on the floor. Be responsible by flushing toilets, and keeping the area clean. It is also important to respect others privacy.

**Lunch:** You show you are safe by sitting while eating and eating only your own food. You are responsible by eating healthy choices first, by recycling and cleaning up after self. It is respectful when you use inside voices and lunchtime manners.

**Assemblies:** You are safe when you enter and exit quietly in an orderly manner. It is also safe to be aware of personal space of self and others.

Responsibility is to demonstrate positive participation. One show respect by using whole body listening.

**Library:** Safely walk in the library quietly and take turns using the stool. It is responsible to bring books on time and take care of them. Make sure you use shelf markers properly. It is respectful to use inside voices and clean up after using the space.

**Gym:** You show safety by waiting for adult supervision, wearing proper footwear, using equipment properly. One shows responsibility by actively participating and following instructions. One shows respect by playing fair, showing good sportsmanship: win or losing have a positive attitude and by being a good team player.

**Computer Lab/I Pad Use:** You are safe when you use teacher approved sites, keep personal information private, remember everything is permanent. You are responsible when you focus on learning, report unsafe, harmful or inappropriate content to an adult, log off and close all programs, follow the district technology agreement that students/parents signed. You are respectful when you are a good online citizen, you ask for permission before posting, and use earbuds when appropriate.

**Bus:** You are safe when you follow the bus drivers safety rules. You are responsible when you choose an appropriate seat partner, you are on time and keep the bus clean as well as reporting problems to the driver. You show respect by keeping your voice down and being aware of personal space.

# School Fees

Please make sure you pay your school fees as soon as possible. An information package was sent out last week and includes: fees, consent forms for publications, computer usage forms, verification sheets etc. Please return as soon as possible. If you would like to volunteer at our school at any time, a criminal record check must be completed. See the office for info.

Together we  
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