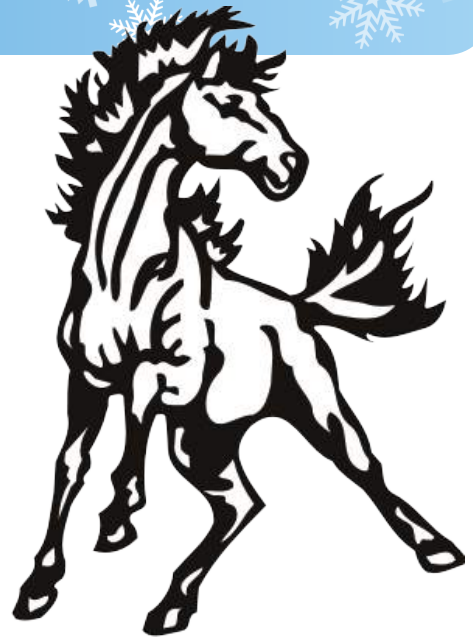


# BALDONNEL BRONCOS

**FEBRUARY 2016**

## Hearts and Random Acts of Kindness

The month of February brings thoughts of hearts, Valentine's Day, and Pink Shirt Day. At the morning assembly on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, students were challenged to contribute to a positive school culture by making smart choices and doing random acts of kindness – not to be recognized but simply because it is the right thing to do. Please take a few minutes to talk to your child about the various things he/she could do to make a difference in our school ... it is often the little things that add up to make a difference.



### Recycling Calendar

WEEK of	HOUSE TEAM
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	The Diaper Wipers
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lightning Dirt Bikers
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hoola Hooping Hooligans
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Diaper Wipers
Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lightning Dirt Bikers
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hoola Hooping Hooligans
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Diaper Wipers



### Proper Footwear:



Just a reminder that students need to have proper inside and outside footwear. This means running shoes are necessary for our daily gym time ... it is fine for other footwear to be worn but for safety reasons students must have proper footwear in our gym. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## Visit from our Superintendent – Mr. Sloan shares his love of penguins!

### YEARBOOK

Thank you to Mrs. Nurse for taking on the Yearbook project again this year. If you have photos of school activities that you would like to share, please email them to: baldonnel@prn.bc.ca or kristinanurse@hotmail.com

### BASKETBALL

The Elementary Basketball league is in full swing. Thank you to Mr. McDonell for coaching our Grade 5/6 A-team and Mrs. Nelson for coaching our Grade 4/5 B-team. Games are held on Thursday's after school. A-team practice is on Tuesday and B-team practice is on Saturday morning.



Mr. Dave Sloan visited Baldonnel School on January 18<sup>th</sup> to share his passion for penguins with the Grade 3 and 4 students. Both classes have been reading the classic novel, “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” during library time and were excited to learn about the many varieties of penguins. Next on the agenda ... “adopting” a school penguin to care for. Watch for more information about this opportunity for our students!

**Bowl For Kids** – This is a fundraising event put on by Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Interested students have been given registration/permission forms that need to be returned to the school. The date for this event is Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. \*Please note: This is not a school event – we are simply assisting with the registration process.



## Ministry of Education Satisfaction Surveys

The Satisfaction Survey is a province-wide survey administered annually as part of the accountability cycle that gathers opinions from students, parents and school staff on topics like achievement, human and social development and safety. The survey is delivered online and it takes about 10 minutes to complete. The results from the survey can help provide key feedback that assists in the planning for school improvement. All of our grade 4 students will complete this survey online sometime before spring break. We will also be sending home instructions for parents so that they can complete the parent version of this survey ... stay tuned☺

## PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, boys and girls from all across Canada will be wearing pink to help bring awareness to the National Anti-Bullying Campaign, also known as Pink Shirt Day.

For more information, check out the following  
<http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

## Upcoming Events

- February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Interim reports go home
- February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Family Day – No school
- February 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Mandatory Parent meeting for ski trip at 7 pm with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson**
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Worsley Ski Trip (Grades 3-6)
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Skating for K-2 plus non-skiers at the Taylor Arena (1-2:30 pm)
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Pink Shirt Day
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Pizza Lunch – date changed**
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** – PAC Hot Lunch: Mac & Cheese (please order by Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00.)
- February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Non-Instructional Day
- February 29<sup>th</sup>** – Non-Instructional Day (No school)



Kindergarten registrations are currently being accepted for the 2016-2017 year. If you have a child who will be five years old before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, please drop by the school and register for Kindergarten. Please bring the child's birth certificate and a utility bill to confirm your 911 address.



## January 18<sup>th</sup> - Recognition Awards



Congratulations to these students for being recognized for outstanding effort and progress this month.

## Family Literacy Day Activities

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> was a busy day at our school as we held a Recycled Book Fair, had PJ Day, and spent a wonderful Bronco afternoon engaged in literacy activities including reading, writing, and singing activities. It is wonderful to see the student working in their house team groups - a special thank you to the older students for being amazing big buddies!





## PAC Updates:



We would like to thank our PAC for the wonderful spaghetti lunch they provided for the school in January. The next PAC hot lunch is Thursday, Feb. 25 – the menu is mac & cheese with ham and a juice box for \$5. Orders must be placed by Tuesday, Feb. 23.

### PAC SPRING FUNDRAISER:

Our PAC will be holding a “Growing Smiles” fundraiser from April 4-22 but we wanted to give you a preview of the items that will be available for ordering. This is the same company that was used for our Christmas fundraiser and the product was very high quality. For those of you who love gardening ... start planning now – and for those of you who love the look of beautiful flowers with minimal effort – take a peek at the baskets and planters.

#### 12” Premium Hanging Basket

They arrive ready to hang in a sunny location and give a bright splash of colour all summer long. Our premium flower mixes will surely be a big hit with Mom!



• Product mixes vary and may not be exactly as shown.

#### 12” Premium Patio Planter

A beautiful arrangement of flowers in vivid and bold colours. A great way to decorate your patio and also attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



• Product mixes vary and may not be exactly as shown.



#### 4.3” Assorted Herb & Tomato Pack

Become top chef with this fine collection of herbs and juicy tomatoes. This item includes six assorted top selling herbs and four tomato plants.



#### 4.3” Value and Premium Annuals

Fill your garden with some of our most popular flowering annuals this spring. We offer Petunias, Marigolds, and Zonal Geraniums in 10 packs.

#### 12” Strawberry Hanging Basket

Enjoy beautiful home grown strawberries right from your patio. You can enjoy these juicy, delicious fruits all summer and even into fall.



#### Organic Potting Soil

Upgrade your garden or planters with our premium organic potting soil. This hearty outdoor mix has been custom blended to help your plants grow to their fullest potential.

