

BVE SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

We hope that you had a good summer, and that you are as excited as we are for the school year to begin! As you might expect, there is lots going on in the weeks ahead here at BVE. Please read on for all the news.

First Partial Day Tuesday, September 3rd

Our first day will be a partial day, and will begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:00 noon. We will have the traditional “Mug and Muffin” (coffee and time to visit parents, students and school staff together) to start the first day of the year.

*****Note that for families of Kindergarten students, you will follow the gradual entry schedule in your Kindergarten letter, rather than the schedule below. *****

9:30 – 10:00 Mug and Muffin around the back of BVE (basketball court area) Bring your own mug!

Families are encouraged to bike or walk with your children as parking will be rare on Ninth. Coffee will be served on tables set up under the blue shade sail. Help yourself with your own mug, then come meet your child(ren)’s teacher(s) and our support staff members. Teachers will be located on the soccer field – they’ll have big signs to help you find each one.

10:00 The school bell will ring, students will line up with their teacher and head to class.

Recess: There will be a 20 minute outside play time, so please pack your child a recess snack.

12:00 Dismissal – this first day is a partial day, be please have a plan for your child to walk/ride home or be picked up .

Wednesday, Sept. 4th will be regular school hours for Grades 1 through 7, 8:30 – 2:30

Upcoming Dates and Events:

*****Please note that the BVE Events Calendar is available on our [website here](#) and includes all the ProD Days, holidays, and early dismissal days for the year ahead*****

Friday, Sept. 6th First Assembly 8:40-9:10 BVE Gym (Families welcome!)

Monday, Sept. 9th BVE Parent Advisory Meeting 6:30-7:30, BVE Library

Friday, Sept. 13th First Buddy Activity (older classes pair with younger classes)

First school Fire Drill of the year (9:55am)

Friday, Sept. 20th **School Photos (Mountain West Studios); Retakes October 22th**

Friday, Sept. 22nd Terry Fox School Run

Thursday, Sept. 26th Cross Country Running meet at Arrow Heights Elementary (Gr 4-7)

Friday, Sept. 27th Orange Shirt Day – **please try to send your child in an orange shirt if they have one.**
Monday, Sept. 30 **No School - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**



October events:

Thursday, Oct. 3rd District Cross Country Running meet at BVE (**volunteers needed**) to set up & clean up, help along the route, cheer, or run with the students)

Thursday, Oct. 10th Columbia Park Elementary Turkey Trot (Cross Country Running meet)

Monday Oct. 14th **No School (Thanksgiving Day)**

Weds & Thurs Oct. 23 & 24th **Early dismissal at 12:30** to allow time for Goal Setting Conferences with Students, Teachers and Guardians

Message From the Office

In the first few days of school, there will be a number of things sent home. To help you keep track, here's a list of things that will need your attention:

1. If your child has any **medical needs**, or if they need medications administered at school, it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to alert the office. Updated forms will be required, and you may be requested to make a doctor's appointment to sign off on the directions.
2. For Grades One to Seven, each child will receive an agenda. This is an important day-to-day communication tool. The Student Handbook is located inside the Agenda, it is the first 8 pages. **Please read the Student Handbook over with your child**, as it has lots of important information about our school, our staff, and our school-wide expectations.
3. School fees – **please send a cheque or cash for \$45** (\$37 school supply and \$8 agenda fee) if you are using the bulk school supplies. If your child is bringing their own school supplies, only the agenda fee is due. We can only take cash or cheque at this juncture, sorry no eTransfer yet.
4. You will also receive copies of the contact and registration information we have for your child. Each year, this information needs to be verified by the students' guardian(s) to confirm that we have accurate information on file. **Please read over the verification form carefully, correcting anything that you wish changed by writing right on the sheet. Sign, and return this to your child's teacher.**
5. And lastly, a package will be sent home that asks for your permission for many things throughout the year, including in-town (walking) field trips, photo permission, permission for your child to access food from the school food offerings, internet use permissions and a few others. **Please read the package carefully and sign as appropriate.**

Indigenous Education

Indigenous Education in School District 19 seeks to improve success, deepen cultural connection, and increase the presence of Indigenous culture, languages and history for all students. It also aims to help teachers bring Indigenous knowledge into their teaching practice.

Indigenous Education in our District aligns with commitments to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and the Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous People.

If your child has Indigenous ancestry, and you wish them to participate in Indigenous Education opportunities, please contact the office or your child's teacher, and request a parent consent form and return to the school.



Library News

Library book exchange starts up Sept. 9th! Please ensure your child keeps their library book in a water proof bag inside their back pack so that books don't get damaged. Also from the Library, watch for details about the November Fable Book Fair, November 19th-21st !

Terry Fox Run

September 27th is the Terry Fox School Run! Please send your child with a **Twonie donation** if you can, for the Terry Fox Foundation. Leading up to the run, we will have an assembly on September 20th to remember Terry's legacy. On the day of the run, the whole school will do a cross country run (two courses, approximately 1km and 2 km). Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to join the run or cheer along the course!

Cross Country Running Club

Students in Grade 4 through 7 can participate in this fun running club! Thank you to Ms. Hill, Ms. Tomm and Mr. Weddell for organizing the Club. District-wide running meets will be on Thursdays, starting with the AHE District run on September 26th . If your child is participating in the District-wide running meets, they will need you to drop them off and pick them up. More information is available in a permission slip going home with students who are interested.



School Drop off and Pick up

If you are dropping your child off at school by car, remember that only families with children in Cornerstones childcare, Kindergarten or Grade One may enter the BVE cul-de-sac for drop off AND pick up. cul-de-sac is extremely crowded, even with just these access rules, so please do not try to pull in and park if you don't have a child in Kindergarten or Grade One.

Walk Your Wheels for Safety

We have very busy sidewalks around our school, and it is really important that everyone stop and walk their bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc on the paths and sidewalks around BVE. Last year we had a very scary and unfortunate collision near the front entrance and the Childcare area. To keep everyone safe, please remember to dismount and walk your wheels.

Configuration and Classes

We were happy to hear from the Superintendent late in the Summer that a division was added to our school, making BVE 14 divisions, with about 280 students K-7. If your child will not be in attendance on September 3rd, but will be attending BVE this year, ensure that you call the office to include them in our student numbers. Classroom placement is a thoughtful and collaborative process. Requests to change classes are rare and are only considered after all options to make the placement work have been tried. In our configuration, multi-aged or combined classes will exist. This practice is well supported by research, and it also accommodates the number of children in each grade.

Agenda books and Student Handbook

Each BVE student in Grades 1 through 7 is required to purchase an agenda book, available from the school for \$8. This is an important tool to aid in planning and to facilitate communication between home and the classroom. As well, the agenda book contains the BVE Student Handbook (the first few pages of the agenda). Please carefully read the Handbook together with your child, and sign that you've read it. If you have questions about the Handbook, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher, either by phone or email. **A reminder that students are not to come to school with a phone or other connected device, including watches that can access the internet.** We have school iPads and laptops to facilitate instructional technology use, and the use of phones, cameras, social media distracts from rather than enhances the elementary school experience. If your child needs their phone or connected watch after school hours, they may leave it in airplane mode, either in the office or with their teacher until after school.

Help Keep our School Healthy

In order to keep our BVE community healthy, please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of illness. If your child will be late or absent, phone the school office at (250) 837-3085 to let Ms. Biollo know.

Supplies

The BVE Supply Purchase program includes the entire year's supply of classroom materials needed. As we have found prices for supplies went up considerably, we have had to increase the fee to **\$45, this includes \$37 for supplies + cost of agenda book, \$8.** Be sure to send a water bottle, clothing appropriate for all kinds of Revelstoke weather, clean indoor running shoes with non-marking soles, and a pair of headphones labelled with your child's name. Your child's supply and agenda fee can be paid by cash or cheque to your child's classroom teacher. If you would rather purchase supplies yourself for your child, there are supply lists on the BVE website [here](#) for each grade.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your help is always appreciated to keep our school vibrant, community-oriented, and well-organized! Please call Meredith Biollo, our Secretary, to let her know what you would like to volunteer for. Someone will get back to you to confirm and give further information: **(250) 837-3085**

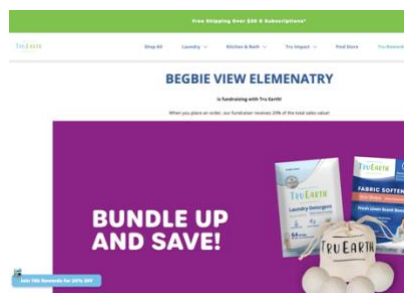
Here are some ways we would love your help this month:

1. Sept. 27th BVE School Terry Fox Run: Help to set up & clean up, cheer students along the running route, or run with students. Time commitment approximately 8:40-9:30am
2. BVE Lost and Found: Help to sort and hang up items in the lost and found, check for student's names on items, take photos and share them on PAC Facebook page. Time commitment: approximately one hour a week.
3. BVE Breakfast preparation: Prepare breakfast plates for each classroom, includes cutting fruit and other breakfast items, toasting bagels, etc. Time commitment: approximately one hour a week
4. Oct. 3rd BVE District Running meet: Help to set up & clean up, cheer students along the running route, or run with students. Time commitment approximately 2:45 – 3:45 pm

PAC News

The first BVE Parent Advisory Council meeting is, Monday September 9th at 6:30 pm in the BVE Library. This first PAC meeting is usually when elections are held for the PAC executive positions. Please see more information on the [BVE Website](#).

Meetings are held monthly, usually on the first Monday of every month, unless there is a holiday or ProD day, in which case they move to the next available Monday. There is free child minding available, provided by Grade 6 and 7 students, and the meetings are just one hour long, 6:30-7:30. The PAC at BVE is wonderfully supportive of many BVE initiatives, and the PAC also holds some special events for BVE students to take part in. Last year, the PAC purchased two ping pong tables and contributed \$200 to each classroom for special items or activities, among other things. They also organized and ran two school dances, Green Christmas, and much, much more. The PAC has a yearbook committee that for the past many years has put together a beautiful yearbook for each student FOR FREE, with the help of some local business donations. If you think you would like to add your energy and gifts to the BVE PAC, please come out to a meeting, or email bvepac@gmail.com



There are two ongoing fundraisers that the BVE PAC has available. One is [Lovable Labels](#), which sells washer- and dryer-proof personalized labels to help make sure your children's items make it home. The other fundraiser is [Tru Earth](#) eco-friendly household products.



Please attend the September PAC meeting if you are interested in volunteering, or contact the PAC at bvepac@gmail.com



Photo Day

Friday Sept. 20th is photo day! Your child will have their individual photo taken. These are used in the BVE Yearbook, and families have the option to purchase photo packages from Mountain West Studios. When you receive the photos, if you are not happy with them there will be an opportunity for retakes on October 22nd.

Annual Emergency Services Community Connections Food Drive

Emergency services in Revelstoke are rallying support for the Community Connections Food Bank **Wednesday, September 18th from 4-8pm**

This event involves hundreds of volunteers, collecting non-perishable foods and cash donations for the food bank in a door-to-door campaign, with help from our emergency services. You will hear sirens and see fire trucks and other emergency services vehicles around your neighbourhood. Let's fill the food bank with food to support our neighbours!

Orange Shirt Day September 27th ,National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) September 30th

Leading up to, and on Friday September 27th, classes at BVE will be learning stories about Canada's colonial past, and the harm caused to Indigenous families and communities. We will be learning together about how this history continues to impact Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, and how knowing about the harms caused in the past can help us more toward a healthier understanding of who we are and who we want to be as a society. One of our school goals is to help implement the School District No. 19 policy on [Truth and Reconciliation](#).

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on Monday, September 30th, so there will be no school on that day. We hope that BVE families can learn together with your children, since most of us grew up not knowing this history.



Truth and Reconciliation resources to explore:

- [Learn more about Orange Shirt Day](#), opens a new window
- [Learn more about the Day of Truth and Reconciliation](#), opens a new window
- [Podcasts: Residential schools](#), opens a new window
- [Documentary: The Pass System](#), opens a new window
- [Film: We Were Children](#), opens a new window
- [Documentary Series: Elder in the making](#)

(Information and links courtesy of the Halifax Library)

[New BVE Website is up and running!](#)

Last year School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) worked with a local web design company to modernize our District websites, including the Begbie View Elementary website. Please explore our website and let us know what you think. There is a feedback form on the site.

BVE Staff:

Our BVE staff is a dedicated team! In the days ahead we will be adding staff photos and personalized photo frames to the display case to help you put faces to names, and learn a little about our great team! ☺

Ms. Biollo	Secretary
Ms. Wegner	Library Clerk
Ms. Adam	Education Assistant/Student Supervision
Ms. Lucius	Education Assistant/Student Supervision
Ms. McNutt	Education Assistant
Ms. Mohr	Education Assistant
Ms. Pendergast	Education Assistant/Student Supervision
Ms. Waterhouse	Education Assistant
Ms. McKenzie	Strong Start Facilitator & Education Assistant
Ms. Duguay	Educational Assistant
Ms. Cunningham	Custodian-in-charge
Ms. Pratico	Custodian
Mr. White	Custodian
Ms. McDowell	Principal
Ms. Rogers	Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Evans	Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Malcolm	Grade One and K Teacher
Ms. Wilson	Librarian and Grade 1 Teacher
Ms. Schadinger	Grade 1 Teacher



Ms. Embury	Grade 2 Teacher
Ms. Uremovich	Grade 1/2 Teacher
Ms. Bafaro	Grade 5/6 (Tuesdays) Grade 1/2 (Wednesdays) and Grade 3/4 (Thursdays) Teacher
Ms. Poirier	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Harrison	Grade 3 Teacher
Ms. Wall	Grade 3/4 Teacher
Ms. Hill	Grade 4 Teacher
Ms. Floyd	Grade 5 Teacher
Mr. Uremovich and Ms. Kramer	Grade 5/6 Teachers
Ms. Tomm	Grade 6/7 Teacher
Mr. Leung	Grade 7 Teacher
Ms. Langlois and Ms. Sydney Hill	Grade 6 Teachers
Ms. Ausman	Band Teacher
Ms. Stiles	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Ford	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Fransoo	Learning Support Teacher
Ms. Lambert	Prep Teacher
Ms. Krug	Indigenous Student Advocate
Ms. Penner	Speech and Language Pathologist

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