



BVE February-March Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Happy mid-Winter to all of you! Here at BVE we are rolling up our sleeves and working hard, concentrating on the importance of opportunities to use creative and critical thinking skills. As well, despite the recent cold snap, we have been getting outside for learning and fun in the bright sun. As I always like to remind you, our three school goals help frame the work we continue to do:

1. Maintaining a safe, engaging and inclusive school environment;
2. Student-centred, data-informed teaching and learning;
3. Work to implement the School District No. 19 Policy on Reconciliation, enhance opportunities for learning stories, language, and history Indigenous to this place

I would like to say a huge thank you for all the support that BVE families like yours give to our school: from attending classroom events, to offers to help sponsor our yearbook (so that every child gets one free), to support with various school projects, to organizing and attending the upcoming Family Glow Dance, to bringing in a shirt for tie-dying...BVE families always show up! We all recognize here at the school how fortunate we are for the incredible support we have, so thank you!

Sincerely,
Ariel McDowell
BVE Principal

Dates to Note:

Mon. Feb 10 Gr 4 & 5 Cooking class after school, final day of Nordic skiing for Grade 4s

Tues. Feb 11 PAC-organized Kawakubo lunch

Thurs Feb 13 Spirit Day: Dress in All the Colours of the Rainbow Day!; Nordic Skiing After School (free, Grades 4-7, bussing and snacks incl.)

Fri. Feb 14 ProD Day (no school for students)

Mon. Feb 17 Family Day (no school)

Tues. Feb 18 Gr 4 & 5 Cooking class after school

Thurs. Feb 20 Nordic Skiing After School (free, Grades 4-7, bussing and snacks incl.)

Fri. Feb 21 Assembly (all welcome); PAC-sponsored Family Glow Dance (more detail below!) 6-8 PM

Wed. Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying Day), Brief whole school assembly at 8:40am (all welcome)

Thurs Feb 27 PreK Play in K session for new Kindies 4-5pm

Weds March 5 Battle of the Books at CPE 8:30-11:30;

Ready, Set, Learn (Three Year-Old Fair) 4:30-6:30 Gym

Fri. March 7 Assembly 8:40-9:10

March 10-14 Reports (Learning Updates) home this week

March 14 Spirit Day: Multiples Day (dress as twins, triplets, quintuplets, etc)

March 15-March 30 Spring Break

Basketball

The District Grade 6 & 7 Basketball season continues, with teacher coaches Ms. Floyd and Ms. Wall (Girls' team), and Mr. Leung, Ms. Langlois and Mr. Weddell (Boys' team). The teams will compete in a season ending wrap up tournament on February 27th at RSS. Come watch and cheer if you'd like!

Battle of the Books

This annual reading program is open to students in grades 3-7. Students have read 10 books in preparation for March 5th, at which time we will go to battle against AHE and CPE to see who knows the books the best. This year, the Battle will take place at CPE. Good luck to all!

Learning from Salmon

This year, we have been learning some Secwepemc stories about different animals' gifts. These stories help us contemplate our own contributions and ways of learning. Secwepemc Salmon stories emphasize that Salmon is a creative and determined problem solver. Salmon stories teach us to be resilient, persistent, and adaptable.