

BVE April-May 2025 Newsletter

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Dear BVE Students and Families:

It's Spring, and some days it even feels like Summer is in the air already! There is so much great learning at this time of year, with many field trips, events and outdoor opportunities.

As a school we have continued to work toward our school goals, with a focus on literacy and numeracy, developing a strong school community, and our commitment to learning more about Truth and Reconciliation. This year we have been using Secwepemc animal stories to help us explore competencies like creative and critical thinking, positive personal and cultural identity, communication, and social responsibility. This month, we are learning about Bear.

April also brings Student-Led conferences, during which students and their caregivers and teachers have a chance to reflect on learning progress to this point in the year, revisit goals from earlier in the year, and look toward the last few months of this school year with purpose and intentionality. In May we will begin to gear up for Track and Field season and the BVE Sports Day on May 27th.

Please read on for many more recent and upcoming school events!



Next PAC Meeting:
**May 5th at 6:30 pm in the
Library. Childcare provided!**



Upcoming Dates:

- April 18th (Good Friday) & April 21st (Easter Monday) – No School
- April 22nd Earth Day – classes will do a neighbourhood clean-up in the afternoon
- April 24th Heart and Stroke Foundation fundraiser “Jump Rope for Heart” event
- April 25th Regular Assembly (all welcome!); Mrs. Evans’ Kindergarten Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) 8:30-10:00
- April 30th Hot Lunch (Perogies and sausages)
- May 5th Science World on the Road presentation in the Gym on “Fantastic Forces” 11:00am; PAC meeting 6:30pm
- May 7th Hot Lunch Roast Potato, Roast Vegetable, Chicken Breast strips
- May 9th Regular BVE Assembly (all welcome!)
- May 15th Performance in the RPAC by the Envirosongsters (different times for each grade)
- May 16th ProD (No School for Students)
- May 19th Victoria Day (No School)
- May 23rd Regular Assembly 8:40 am (all welcome!); Spirit Day: 80s Day
- May 27th BVE Sports Day
- May 29 & 30 Grade 7s to Sunnybrae
- June 3 District Track (at Centennial) ; June 5th District Field (at CPE)
- June 12 New Kindergarten Orientation (current Ks have early dismissal at 11:30)
- June 19th Grade 7 Celebration
- June 26th Last day of school, dismissal at Noon



Volunteer Request

We always have lots going on, and sure appreciate volunteers who pitch in to help make it all happen! Here are some areas where we can use some help. Please let us know if you are able to help in any of the events or ongoing volunteer roles:

- 1) **BVE Sports Day May 27th** (variety of helpers needed for Primary and Intermediate events) If you have time to lend a hand, please leave your name and number with BVE Secretary Brodie Johnson, and indicate which activity(ies) you can help with. Someone will give you a call back asap. Help is needed mornings (8:30-12:30) and afternoons (12:30-2:30), or all day if you can be available. Thank you for supporting our school!

- 2) Intermediate District Track (June 3) volunteers requested to help place judge, time, organize participants at the Centennial Track.
- 3) Lost and Found – we always need parent helpers who are willing to organize and take photos of items in the Lost and Found, and to post these on the PAC Facebook page.
- 4) Breakfast Program plate preparation – a couple of mornings a week 7:30-8:25 am – wash and cut fruits and vegetables, cut and prepare muffins, bagels, toast, as well as other breakfast items like hard-boiled eggs, sausage, cheese.

Battle of the Books Success!!

A huge congratulations to every student who participated in Battle of the Books this year! Being involved is a big commitment – everyone reads 10 different books, then needs to keep all of the characters and storylines straight in order to answer a series of questions on the 10 books. This year the District Battle of the Book event was held at CPE, with select teams from the District then travelling on to compete in Vernon for a regional competition.

Revelstoke teams did very well, placing second in two age categories, and first overall in the other. Battle of the Books is organized by the Elementary Librarians. Their extra time and dedication is appreciated!



First Annual BVE Math Fair

It was wonderful to share a day of math challenges with the whole school, and many families on April 8th! We had all the BVE classes, as well as about 70 families come out to enjoy the first annual BVE Math Fair. Some of the challenges were based on probability, some were more about game play and strategy. Still others were more computational, geometrical, or even



structural/physics-based. A huge thank you to teachers Mrs. Tomm, Mrs. Hill and Ms. Stiles for researching, planning and running such a wonderful event for our school! We are still wondering how to bridge that huuuuuge gap with those tiny blocks!

Substance Use Prevention Webinars for Families

The Ministry of Education, with Dr. Hayley Watson, adolescent clinical psychologist from [Open Parachute](#) is hosting three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers on creating a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills at home.

Participants are required to [register](#) in advance for one of the sessions on April 29, May 7 or May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm PDT. [Creating a Substance Use Prevention Plan Webinar for Parents](#)

District Caregiver Learning Series and Parent Survey request

We hope you have been interested and able to attend some of the sessions offered by the District this year on different topics. As we look forward to planning for 25-26, parent feedback is essential. Please take a moment to complete the Parent Survey from the Ministry of Education. The survey is used to assess the effectiveness of educational programs, to improve educational program delivery, and to report on student performance and achievements toward system goals such as Human and Social Development and Career Development. Here you can find the [Parent Survey](#). Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have already shared feedback on the series we offered this year.

BVE PAC Updates



The next PAC meeting will be Monday, May 5th 6:30pm in the BVE Library. Childcare is available for FREE, provided by two Intermediate students, so come on out ☺ The Begbie View Elementary Parent Advisory Council (BVE PAC) supports BVE events, activities, equipment and more throughout the year...and you might not be aware that every BVE parent is a



member of the PAC. There are many opportunities throughout the year to contribute – you can help as much or as little as you are able. There are two ongoing fundraisers that your family can benefit from, and which also benefit our PAC: Lovable Labels and TrueEarth. Currently the PAC has a committee that is creating the 2024-2025 Yearbook, which will go to each BVE student free of charge. Thank you, Yearbook Committee, and thank you to the individuals and businesses who donated to fund this initiative!

Provincial Request for Foster Parents

The Ministry of Child and Family Development has asked schools to share the following information: BC needs more foster caregivers. For more information, please contact:
 Jessica Galbraith - Network Facilitator - (250) 819-5819
 Renata Bonthoux - Network Facilitator - (250) 319-6557



Canada Learning Bond - RESP Money

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is FREE money that the Government adds to Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) for children from low-income families. This money helps to pay the costs of a child’s full- or part-time studies after high school and can be used for:


- apprenticeship programs and trade schools
- colleges and universities

No personal contributions to an RESP are required to receive the CLB. You just have to open an RESP account at a bank (no fees) and then apply for it.

Canada Learning Bond: Money for education when you need it

- For children/youth from low-modest income families
- Born in 2004 or later
- Offers up to \$2000: \$500 initially plus \$100 yearly until 15
- No personal financial contribution required
- Retroactively apply

For more information please visit:
 How to Apply - Canada Learning Bond (myclb.ca)



- up to \$2000 per student deposited into RESP
- no cost to families
- banks do the application
- pro-rated amounts depending on family income
- this year's threshold is about \$53,000.
- get \$500 up front, and then up to \$100/yr depending on income each yr.