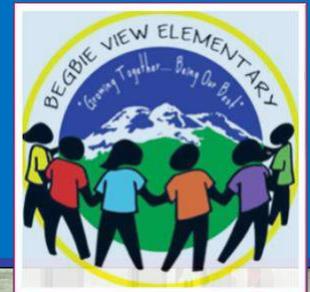


BVE April 2026 Newsletter

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Dear BVE Students and Families:

Welcome back, it's Spring! I hope that you and your family have been able to enjoy if not time off, then at least a little less structured time during the break. Here at school we are gearing up for the third school Term. This is a favorite time of year, with students and staff getting to see the results and growth from so much hard work from the previous months.

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. Again 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 Coyote, who is a great communicator, a storyteller, and sometimes a trickster!

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 seasonth and the BVE Sports Day on May 26th.

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





Next PAC Meeting:

April 13 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Childcare provided!



Upcoming Dates:

- April 3 (Good Friday) & April 6 (Easter Monday) – **No School**
- April 8 Battle of the Books Regional competition (Vernon); whole school lunch (Beef stew with biscuits)
- April 10 Regular assembly 8:40-9:10 (all welcome!), Jump Rope for Heart and Green Team Trashion Show kickoffs!
- April 13 BVE PAC meeting 6:30 in the Library
- April 14 Class photo day AND Family Photo Night (more info in this newsletter)
- April 17 Spirit Day: Twin, Triplet, Multiples Day
- April 21st Parents Of Primary Students (POPS) for Gr. 1s & caregivers 8:30-10:00
- April 22nd Earth Day & whole school lunch (spaghetti and meatballs)
- April 23rd Math Fair 2:30-4:00 (more info in this newsletter)
- April 24th Regular Assembly (all welcome!) 8:40-9:10
- April 28th Vanessa LaPointe Parent/Caregiver presentation RSS Theatre 6:30pm
- April 29 & 30 Student-led conferences, **Early dismissal at 12:30**
- May 4th Spirit Day: Star Wars Day! May the Fourth be With You ☺
- May 8th Heart and Stroke Foundation fundraiser “Jump Rope for Heart” event
- May 15th **Pro D Day (No school for students)**
- May 18th **Victoria Day (No school)**
- May 27th BVE Sports Day
- June 12 New Kindergarten Orientation (**current Ks early dismissal at 11:30**)
- June 19th Grade 7 Celebration 6pm
- June 26th Last day of school, **dismissal at Noon**

Volunteer Requests

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 by calling the school at 837-3085:

- 1) BVE PAC Family Photo Night fundraiser April 14– help to sign people in as they arrive, volunteer slots available from 3:30pm until event ends later in the evening.
- 2) BVE Sports Day May 26th (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.

- 3) Intermediate District Track (June 2) volunteers requested to help place judge, time, organize participants at the Centennial Track 8:15am until approximately 12:30
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 BVE, with some students from the District then travelling on to compete in Vernon on April 8th for a regional competition. Battle of the Books is organized by the Elementary Librarians. Their extra time and dedication is appreciated!

Second Annual BVE Math Fair

Coming up on April 23rd we will hold the second annual BVE Math Fair from 2:30-4:00pm in the BVE Gymnasium. Throughout the day, each BVE class will have a chance to come explore the challenges. There are engineering challenges, challenges related to probability and chance, strategy games, computation games, and much, much more! A huge thank you to teachers Ms. Hill, Ms. Tompkins and Ms. Stiles for researching, planning and running another wonderful event for our school!

Parent Survey request As we look forward to planning for 26-27, 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](#).



District Caregiver Learning Series

We hope you have been interested and able to attend some of the sessions offered by the District this year on different topics. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have been able to attend some of the learning sessions. The last in the series is coming up April 28th

Parent & Caregiver Series

When: April 28th 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Revelstoke Performing Arts Theatre at RSS

Why Kids Need Grown-ups to be in Charge, and What Almost Always Gets in the Way *with Dr Vanessa Lapointe*

It sort of goes without saying that grown-ups need to be in charge. And yet, being in charge can be a whole lot easier said than done. In fact, Dr. Vanessa believes that the greatest crisis facing children today is that it is the children who are in charge rather than the grown-ups. It can feel like things have been turned upside down, and you find the child telling you what to do and how to do it – being bossy, demanding, prescriptive, and generally large and in charge! There is a reason this is happening with increasing frequency for children. Contrary to popular culture, this reason is not that children need a firmer, stricter hand. The true reason for why children are adopting the large and in charge stance is much more complex. Dr. Vanessa will shine a bright light on the real essence of leadership when it comes to child raising, and how to guide children to a place of emotional rest as you – the big person – steps back in as their ultimate guide.



[Link to register \(admission is free\)](#)

Use the QR code or link above to register so we can plan accordingly.



with Vanessa LaPointe, 6:30pm at the RSS Theatre.

Please register here so we can anticipate numbers in attendance.

BVE PAC

Updates

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, April 13th 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 2025-2026 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! You can read the March PAC minutes [here](#) on the BVE website.

Yearbook Sponsorship Request

The PAC is once again requesting support to sponsor the yearbook. Every year we are so lucky to have a parent or two who puts the BVE yearbook together, and over the years the PAC has worked to fundraise so that hopefully every student can get a yearbook free of charge. In order to make this happen, we are grateful for private and business donations to bring down the cost of printing. Any amount is gratefully accepted, and your name or business name will be recognized in the yearbook. Send an etransfer or drop off a cheque to the school office by May 15th to help! Thank you! on behalf of the BVE PAC BVEPAC@GMAIL.COM

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

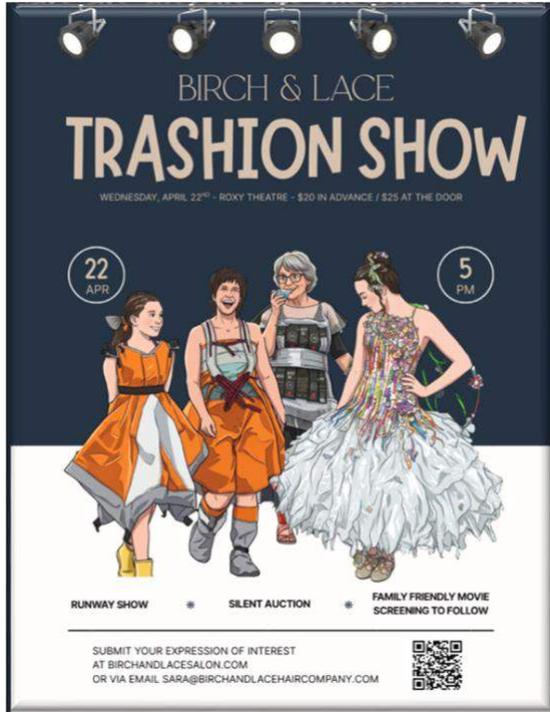
Canada Learning Bond - RESP Money

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.

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 (mysclb.ca)



Caring for the Earth at BVE

With Earth Day coming up, there are many ways to get involved in environmental stewardship. Currently, Jessica Duerks is offering a series of workshops for turning trash into fashion! Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch Grade 3-7 students can turn recycled items into wearable art with Jessica's expert support. Students who wish can exhibit their creations in the Revelstoke Trashion Show on April 22nd. The BVE Green Team continues to lead many initiatives like the school-wide composting program and the reusable towel program. As well this month, classes will be learning about tree identification using a Tree Key. On Earth Day, each class will set out to do our annual neighbourhood clean-up. **Please send your child with a garden glove on April 22nd so that we don't**

need to use plastic gloves during our clean up.

Cooking Club BVE

Some students in Grade 4 & 5, and coming up in Grade 6 & 7 have a chance to bake and cook with Austin Luciw. These after school explorations are intended to teach important life skills like recipe reading, cooking techniques, safe food preparation, and nutrition.



Swimming for Grade 2s and 5s

As part of the District's grade-specific sports explorations, students in Grades 2 & 5 will head to the Recreation Centre pool for a series of swimming lessons and some free time to enjoy the pool facility. We are grateful to the staff at the pool for making time for our classes to visit, and to the instructors for their skill instruction!



Grade specific sports explorations are supported by the District to give every student a chance to try multiple sports over their educational career, with the goal of encouraging a life-long love of sport and healthy activity.