



BVE May & June Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear BVE Students and Families,

This time of year at BVE is exceptionally busy, with field trips and projects, learning outdoors, growing veggies and flowers for planting, and much more! Students in the Grade 6, 6/7 and Grade 7 classes have started their last round of Explorations for the year, where they get to choose to participate in three of the following: Crocheting, Knitting and weaving, ProCreate (drawing with Apple pencils), cooking, drama, and outdoor education. Kindergarten parents recently came for a final Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) session, observing and exploring print and writing with their children. Grade 2s and 5s are swimming for 3 sessions, and Grade 7s will be learning to golf. And somewhere in between all of that activity, classroom teachers continue to make time for engaging and challenging lessons to keep each child's progress moving forward.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the school during our second annual BVE Family Math Night, and the April Student-led Conferences! We hope both opportunities gave you a chance to explore and understand some of what your child is learning.

In the remaining couple of months, there are many opportunities for you to share your time and volunteer with activities if you are able. One very special event coming up May 26 is our BVE Sports Day. We are hoping many of you will come and volunteer and take in the fun. We are also looking for a few shade tents, just in case the day is really hot or really wet. Please call the office at 837-3085 if you can share your time or loan a tent ☺

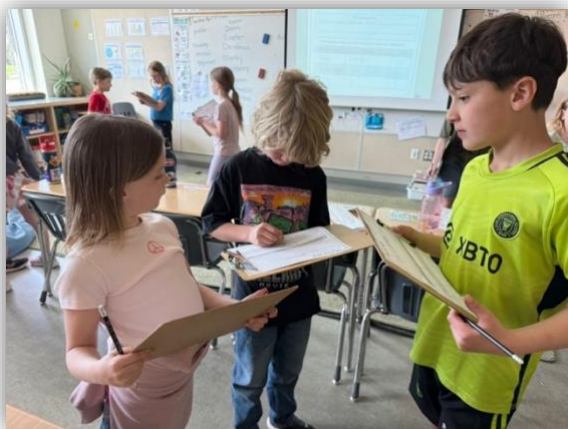
The BVE Yearbook Committee is also working hard to complete this year's annual. Thank you to Cassie Brummett for putting it together! And thank you to those who have offered to help sponsor the yearbook so each child can get one free of charge. We are all so grateful for the wonderful support of BVE families!

Sincerely,

Ariel McDowell, Principal BVE

May and June Dates to Note:

- Wednesday, May 6 - Whole school lunch: Shepherd's pie (send a container and fork)
- Friday, May 8 - Assembly 8:40-9:10 everyone welcome! Jump Rope for Heart, skipping stations from 10:30-11:30
- Wednesday, May 13 - Subway orders due (to be delivered on Sports Day)
- Friday, May 15 - Professional Development Day (**no school**) & Monday May 18 Victoria Day (**no school**)
- Wednesday, May 20 - Whole school lunch: Chicken teriyaki stir fry (send a container and fork)
- Friday, May 22 - Assembly 8:40-9:10 Everyone welcome!
- Tuesday, May 26 - BVE Sports Day and PAC Subway day
- May 28 and 29 - Grade 7s to Sunnybrae
- Intermediate student finalists compete in District Track June 2, District Field June 4
- Wednesday, June 3 - Whole school lunch: Lasagne and Caesar salad (send a container and fork)
- Friday, June 5 - Assembly 8:40-9:10 everyone welcome!; Books due back to the BVE Library
- Monday, June 8 - June PAC meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 11 - Current Kindy early dismissal (11:30am) to allow next year's Kindies and their families to have Orientation
- Friday, June 12 - 1:00-1:20 Grade 6/7 Band concert at RSS (Performing Arts Centre)
- Wednesday, June 17 - Grade 7 Celebration 6pm
- Friday, June 19 - Assembly 8:40-9:10 everyone welcome!
- Thursday, June 23 (afternoon) Year end wrap-up celebration and Wednesday, June 24 - World Cup viewing party! More detail to follow.
- Thursday, June 25 - Last day for students (**Early Dismissal at 12:00**)



Volunteer Opportunities

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) 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
- 2) Free Hot lunch helpers May 6, May 20, June 3, approximately 11:45-12:30 Duties include helping set up the tables, serving the lunch to students, cleaning up the serving area, packaging up extras for student lunches.
- 3) BVE Sports Day May 26th, 8:30-2:00 (variety of helpers needed to help students get from station to station, and to help out at stations

If you have time to lend a hand, please leave your name and number with BVE Secretary Brodie Johnson at (250) 837-3085, and indicate which activity(ies) you can help with.



Jump Rope for Heart

BVE is raising funds to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation again this year. The



fundraising is all online. Thank you for your support of the Campaign. Students who fundraise online are entered into draws for equipment like soccer balls, basket balls, and skipping ropes. We are announcing winners every day, so please sign up to donate to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Our school goal is to raise \$2000 for the Heart and Stroke foundation. If we raise \$3000, we'll earn ourselves an extra recess!

To help us celebrate the funds we raise, we will do a whole-school Jump Rope event, with different types of skipping, hula hoops, chalk, etc. This year our celebration will take place on May 8th.

Extracurricular Sports

Another exciting season of Smashball wrapped up, with a tournament at BVE and RSS last week. Thank you to coaches Tracey Hill, Tracy Tompkins, Rana Nelson and Naomi Ford for organizing, and to RSS student coaches for skills development!

For students in Grade 2 and 5, Swimming has also begun. We are grateful to the Rec Centre for accommodating our annual swimming program. The program will run with three sessions, including a half an hour of lessons and a half an hour of free swim time.



BVE Sports Day May 26th

This year for Sports Day, we will again be doing one big sports day, rather than running separate Primary and Intermediate events. All students will have an opportunity to try out all the stations – some of them traditional Track and Field stations, and some of them will be more fun and silly stations. For most classes, the events will run all day, from about 8:30 until about 2:00pm. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will participate during the morning only. It is a busy day, and we will be needing many helpers, getting younger students from one station to the next, assisting with running stations, etc. If you are available to help on this day, please contact the school office at 250-837-3085. It should be an exciting and fun-filled day!

Indigenous Education in SD19

This month, the Indigenous Education Department is highlighting a very painful reality in Canada: murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. The REDress Project began as an art installation by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. Since then, the REDress Project has become a movement and Red Dress Day is annually observed on May 5th. In our District, you can view the red dress installation at the new outdoor learning classroom behind RSS, near the School Board Office.

Trashion Show

This year for the first time, BVE participated in the community Trashion Show. Teacher Rana Nelson and parent Jessica Duerks helped students prepare for the event, and students spent hours designing, planning, sourcing items to reuse, and then assembling their creations for the show. Their work was showcased in the local paper, and you can read the article [here](#): Designers and models had a chance to share their creations at the Trashion Show at the Roxy Theatre on April 22nd, and again at our BVE assembly on April 24th. Congratulations to all the students who participated! We hope the Trashion Club continues into the future!

PAC Message

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. The BVE PAC and Parent Conor MacKenzie helped install a new addition to our playground this spring: a Gaga Ball pit! The students are really enjoying this new game, as you may have heard 😊 Currently, the BVE PAC is working on some seating and shade for the front play area of BVE.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 pm at BVE in the Library.





E-Scooters and E-Bikes

A sure sign of spring is the many more bikes and scooters that are being ridden to school.

However, in BC, it is NOT legal for children under age 16 to ride e-scooters or most e-bikes (smaller power e-bikes may be ridden over 14 years of age). **Please do not send your child to school with these motorized vehicles.** This article from the Canadian Paediatric Society outlines the risks. <https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/safety-and-injury-prevention/electric-scooters-and-bikes>

BC laws for electric scooters are here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules>

and BC laws for electric bikes are here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/cycling-regulations-restrictions-rules/e-bikes>

Please encourage your child to walk, bike or scooter to school, but leave the motorized ones at home.

You can find our school website here: begbieview.sd19.bc.ca