BVE NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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DEAR BVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

This month, students and staff have been enjoying the opportunity to take learning outside whenever the weather cooperates, including practicing important math skills. Surveys and data collection, taking measurements, finding and creating patterns, estimating and solving can all be done outside the classroom, and often this helps students understand that math is truly all around them all the time, and that the skills they are learning are applicable and transferable. One of our school goals is focusing on Numeracy, and on instructional routines and practices that help our students feel confident, capable and excited to learn!

Recently we enjoyed a delightful pre-Hallowe'en celebration here at school. It was fun to see so many creative and unique costumes, and students and staff enjoyed the day. Post-Halloween the candy has also been kept to a minimum, so thank you all for that!

Through the month of October, our school-wide focus has been on the small things we can do to make our school feel welcoming and kind: opening doors for each other, saying "please" and "thank you", and greeting each other are the 3 main things we've been trying to improve on. We've been starting with the little things to make our school community feel more connected, and help everyone 'grow together and be our best'. Please read on to see what else we've been up to, and what is around the corner this year!

Sincerely,
Ariel McDowell BVE Principal

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, November 9th	PAC meeting 6:30 pm, BVE Library
Tuesday, November 10th	Remembrance Day assembly at BVE (10:45am to approx. 11:am)
Wednesday, November 11th	Remembrance Day (No school)
Friday, November 13th	Regular BVE Assembly 8:40-9:10 Everyone welcome! & also it's Jersey Day
Wednesday, November 18th	District provided hot lunch – Spagetti and meatballs
Friday, November 20th	Winter Clothing Swap (more detail in this newsletter)
Friday, November 27th	Regular BVE Assembly 8:40-9:10 Everyone welcome!
Wednesday, November 25th	Purdy's orders due (order forms will go home soon)
Wednesday, December 2nd	District-provided hot lunch (chicken noodle soup)
Week of December 7th - 11th	First Learning Update home (report card ☺)
Tuesday, December 15th	BVE Christmas Concert 6:30 pm (daytime dress rehearsal time TBD)
December 17th	PAC Green Christmas (tentative date)
December 21-Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 4th	School resumes for 2027!







Volunteer Opportunities

There's always lots going on, and many ways to contribute your gifts to BVE! Here are a few ways we are looking for help in the weeks ahead. Please phone the office at 250-837-3085 if you can lend a hand.



- Lost and Found – weekly organizing, posting of pictures of items on the PAC FB page
- Breakfast program - prepare and deliver plates of yummy food to each classroom. Commitment: approx. 1 hour, once a week (7:30-8:30am)
- Grade 6/7 Explorations – a series of seven Friday afternoons, 12:50-2:15. Teach small groups of students to do a variety of skills. Past topics have included: sewing, small woodwork projects, art, cooking… pretty much any skill you have would be welcome!

BVE Winter Wear & Clothing Swap Nov. 20th

BVE will be hosting a clothing swap, on November 20th. For this event, we are asking families to donate items that no longer fit, but that still have lots of wear left in them. Things like:

- Winter boots
- snow pants
- winter coats
- clothes in great shape
- mitts or gloves

Students can choose items to take home on Nov. 20th. Students do not have to bring in clothes to participate; we want all students to feel welcome to take something that they like. This clothing swap is being organized to encourage donating clothes and sourcing second hand clothing instead of buying new, as well as to reduce costs for families. If your child has any clothes or winter wear to donate, please drop them off in the BVE foyer by the end of the school day Thursday, Nov. 19th.

Please wash clothes thoroughly before donating and please no underclothes, bathing suits, or hats. After the event, all unclaimed clothes will be donated to our local thrift stores.

Thank you for reducing, reusing, recycling – and for helping other families with affordable Winter wear!

Art Fundraiser for BVE



Our young artists have been busy creating artwork for our annual school fundraiser. Your child's artwork can be made into greeting cards, blankets, stickers, lunch kits, calendars, and more! For every purchase, 30% of the value goes back to the school.



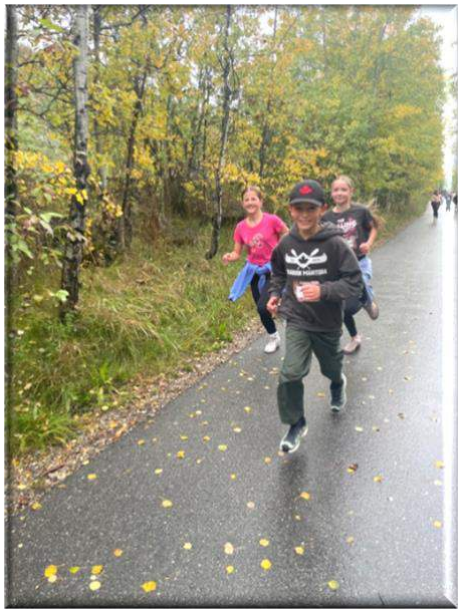
Library News

Ms. Wilson will again be offering Battle of the Books this year! This reading program will be rolling out at the end of the month and is open to students in grades 3-7. Students will have 10 books to read by late February, 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 AHE. There will be information meetings in the library during recess in the last week of November. Also in the Library, Ms. Wilson has set up some Challenges to recognize avid readers. Check out the Legend, Master, and Pro leaderboards! And finally, a big shout out to everyone who supported the Library by visiting the annual Fable Book Fair. Funds raised go to expanding and updating the Library collections. We are grateful to our community partners, Fable Book Parlour for making the book fair possible, and giving us a local option for fundraising!

Extracurricular Sports

Cross Country Running was a big success this season! Students gave it their all, despite some variable weather conditions. Thank you to coaches Weddell and Larter for getting our students out on the trails, and helping students build their skills and determination!

Mr. Larter and Mr. Leung have started to offer Gr. 6/7 badminton practices, with District tournaments beginning later this week. Additionally, Mr. Uremovich and Ms. Langlois will be offering a series of basketball skill and scrimmage sessions for Grades 4 & 5, and Grades 6 & 7.



Kindergartens and K/1s have had a chance to visit the Gymnastics centre for three sessions with Coach Cameron already this year. We are so grateful for the opportunity! As you may know, each grade in School District 19 gets a chance to explore different sports throughout the years. The District funds these Sports Explorations, and we are very fortunate. Here they are by grade: Kindergarten – Gymnastics, Grade One – skating, Grade 2 and 5 – swimming, Grade 3 and 6 – skiing or snowboarding, Grade 4 – Nordic skiing, Grade 7 curling and golfing. Classes rely on many community volunteers and coaches to make these programs possible, so a huge shout out to all of the folks involved!



Student Vote

Recently, Intermediate students have been learning about the Municipal and Provincial election process. Students researched each of the major party platforms and shared these policy ideas with their classmates. Then we hosted an All-Candidates forum, with candidates for local elections answering questions from BVE students. We are very grateful for the time that so many candidates took to come to the All Candidates presentation! Finally, students participated in mock elections, with scrutineers from Ms. Floyd's class.

Who got elected – By Chloe, Harlo, Violet and Saoirse

For our mayor we have Taha Attiah with 1,338 votes.
The councils that got elected were Robyn Goldsmith with 2,196 votes.
Brenda De mone with 1,876 votes.
Sarah Erikson with 1,625 votes.
Lee Devlin with 1,557 votes.
Austin Luciow with 1,512 votes.
Aaron Orlando with 1,454 votes.
The school trustees that got elected were Jodie Allen with 1,494 votes.
Allen Chell with 1,631 votes.
Joanne Gawler with 1,698 votes
Lisa Moore with 1,679 votes.
Wendy Rota with 1976 votes.



Fall Drop Off and Pick Up

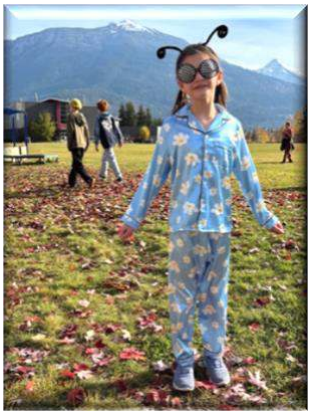
The snow is on the way, so a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued cooperation to drop off and pick up on Ninth Street. **Only families with children in Cornerstones childcare, Kindergarten or Grade One may enter the BVE cul-de-sac by car for drop of AND pick up.**



Indigenous Education



Indigenous Support Worker, Lisa Moore is now one of our School Board Trustees, so we are excited to announce that our new Indigenous Support Worker will be Dylan Murray! Dylan has already been at BVE a lot this year, so most students have met him. Some classes have been setting out for an Art Alleries tour to enjoy the work of Ric Gendron and the important Sinixt ancestors that are featured in his painting 'Coming Home', as well as the Jingle Dress art by Delrée Dumont near Spilt Milk coffee shop. Others have visited the Revelstoke Museum & Archives for a guided tour of the Sinixt focussed exhibit, 'Sinixt: People of the Place of the Bull Trout' with curator Cathy English. Cathy will be retiring at the end of the year, and we are so grateful to her for many, many years of bringing history to life for Revelstoke students!



Please take a look at the Indigenous Education pages on our website. We hope you'll explore the pages and let us know what you think!

School Supply Fee Reminder

If you have not yet paid for your child's school supplies, please do so as soon as possible. The cost is $37 plus $8 for agendas. Families with 3 or more children are asked to pay a discounted total of $80. Thank you!

PAC NEWS



The November PAC meeting is Monday, November 9th at 6:30pm in the BVE Library. Childcare is available for FREE, provided by two Grade 6 or 7 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.

The Purdy's fundraiser will be happening again this year! Please watch for order forms coming home soon.



Remembrance Day

Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on November 10th. Thank you to Grade 6s and 7s for hosting the ceremony, and to Ms. Uremovich's class for reciting the poem *In Flander's Fields*. Please send a small donation if you can, to support the Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign. Each child will receive a poppy on November 10th. Here is some information from the Legion about how funds

raised from the Poppy Campaign support the work of the Legion. Two students, William Curran and Piper Baron, will place the wreath on behalf of BVE at the community Remembrance Day on November 11th. Additionally, many students from our school have submitted poetry, artwork or essays to the Legion's annual contest of remembrance.

Fire Prevention Week



We are grateful to the Revelstoke Fire Department who has had many BVE classes through the Fire Station for lots of learning and a great tour. We learned about the importance of smoke alarms, and how to keep them working.

Congratulations to Maisy Carroll who was selected to be the Fire Chief for a Day on Thursday, November 5th!

RESPs and Saving for your child's education

Your child may be able to receive a $1,200 training and education savings grant. Children are eligible if you and your child, are BC residents. Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a $1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university. You don't actually have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the $1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number or call 1-800-622-6232 to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the SINs for you and your child. Learn more: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca

BVE Holiday Concert & Food Bank Donations

Our annual BVE Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30. Admission will be by donation to the Revelstoke Food Bank (food items, or a small cash donation) at the door. The Grade 6/7 band will start the evening, and our concert usually runs for about one hour. There will be a dress rehearsal during the daytime, which you are welcome to attend. Time for the dress rehearsal will be confirmed in a few weeks.

Seasonal Food Bank Drive

The Revelstoke Food Bank is again experiencing very high need for their services. Here at the school we plan on collecting non-perishable food items in each classroom and in the foyer, to be taken to the Food Bank before Winter Break. Canned fruit and vegetables, high protein items like almond and peanut butter are always a need, as are seasonal items like boxes of crackers and preserves, soup bases and dried ingredients. Cash donations or gift cards are also appreciated.

Get ready for PAC Green Christmas December 17th

On December the 17th we will have our annual Green Christmas Craft Fair. Families donate crafts or items, and our students get to "shop" for Christmas. Each class comes through, and students can purchase gifts and have them gift wrapped. All items will cost between 25cents, up to a few dollars. Please start thinking about what items your family would like to donate. These items can be **homemade crafts or recycled items** that you would like to receive yourself. Ideas include: premixed seasonal hot chocolate, kitchen utensils, dish towels, jewelry, magazines, mugs, sunglasses, books, homemade table centre pieces, candles, etc! The possibilities are endless! We ask that each family donate about 10 items per child if possible. You are also welcome to donate more than that! We kindly ask that donated items are not too large, as children will be transporting them home. **Donations of wrapping paper or gift bags are also appreciated.**





You can start dropping off items on Monday, Dec 14th. We will also be looking for volunteers to help sell the items and wrap them - sign up on the PAC board or on the BVE Parents Facebook page.

Please send a small amount of money with your children the morning of Dec.17th so they may go Christmas shopping! Items are tailored to your child's budget. Also please send along a bag so that your child can take home their gifts.

STAY CONNECTED! Please visit our website **begbieview.sd19.bc.ca**