

# Begbie View Elementary Newsletter



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Dear BVE students and families,

I hope that you are all beginning to settle in to the routines of being back at school. It has been a joy to see everyone back – and many new faces too! These first few weeks are extremely important in setting the tone for how we come together as a learning community. Our school is a microcosm of the world, and as we are in turbulent times it is particularly important that school be a safe place for students to learn, to think critically and creatively, and to express their identities. Naturally, we need shared expectations for how we play, work and interact with each other, and this is much of the work you'll hear happening in your child's class, and in our school-wide discussions.

You may have seen – and maybe even explored - a few of the exciting additions to our school play areas: There is the beautiful new natural playground, fundraised by the PAC, designed by Isaac Becker and built by Little Big Works. It features a stage and seating areas, climbing features and fort areas. There is also a new, covered outdoor classroom shade sail installed by the School District for some added shade at our back play area. And finally, eight large planters (yet to be filled with greenery) have been placed out back, again in effort to make the asphalt area more welcoming and temperature-regulated. It has been fun to see the children exploring all the new spaces!

And finally, thank you for your patience as we got the school year up and running. If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [amcdowell@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:amcdowell@sd19.bc.ca) . The BVE website is <https://begbieview.sd19.bc.ca>

## **BVE Staff**

We have 13 divisions, and 275 children at BVE this year. Here is our fabulous 2021-2022 BVE staff working in our school:

In the Library – Ms. Astra and Ms. Wilson, Learning Support teachers are – Ms. Mair, Ms. Fransoo, Ms. Ford, and Ms. Laforest. Educational Assistants are: Ms. Mohr, Ms. Cottingham, Ms. Adam, Ms. Wolfs, Ms. Lucius, Ms. McNutt, Ms. Pendergast, and Ms. Kernaghan. Our custodians are Ms. Cunningham, Ms. Pratico and Mr. Hookway.

Classroom teachers are: Kindergarten – Ms. Rogers and Ms. Ashford, Grade 1 – Ms. Evans, Grade 1/2 – Ms. Langille (with Mr. Uremovich on Mondays), Grade 2 – Ms. Embury (with Ms. Bafaro on Mondays), Grade 2/3 – Ms. Ball, Grade 3 – Ms. Harrison (with Ms. Bafaro on Thursdays and Fridays), Grade 3/4 – Ms. Wall, Grade 4/5 – Ms. Floyd, Grade 5 – Ms. Newton,

Grade 5/6 – Ms. Lavelle (with Ms. Laforest on Fridays), Grade 6/7 – Ms. Tomm and Grade 6/7 – Mr. Evans. Teacher preparation time is provided by Mr. U and Ms. Laforest, and by Mr. Sternloff for band, and here in the Office: Secretary – Ms. Dyer, Principal – Ms. McDowell,

### Important Dates:

September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 4-7 Cross Country Running practices start, Tuesdays and Thursdays until October 19 <sup>th</sup> 2:40 pm – 3:10 pm
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PAC Subway day orders due; Subway lunch delivered on October 1 <sup>st</sup>
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox school run
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day & Picture Day (feel free to send a change of shirt if you'd like)
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	New stat holiday: Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm
October 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 12:30 for Family Conferences
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	PAC organized Harvest Festival (format TBD)
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional Development day for staff (students not at school)

### Orange Shirt Day and Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day is commemorated to acknowledge the residential school experience. Former



student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad tells the story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl. Phyllis' story is a relatable way for students to understand the impact of this history. On September 29<sup>th</sup> we invite everyone to wear an orange shirt in recognition of this history. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. Every Child Matters (even if they are an adult now!).

This past June, the Government of Canada passed a bill designating September 30<sup>th</sup> National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Schools will not be in session on this day.

### Picture Day Wednesday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> , Retakes Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

Lifetouch will be on site to take student photos. As picture day is also Orange Shirt day, please feel free to send an extra shirt, unless you're happy with your child wearing an orange shirt for picture day too 😊



## PAC Updates

Any parent at BVE is a member of the Parent Advisory Council, so you can come to any PAC meetings you like. They are normally held the first Monday of each month, at 6:30pm – either in person or on Teams (depending on the current health orders). At the September PAC meeting, a new executive was elected. Here are the brave folks who put their names forward:

President: Lisa Astra

Vice President: Cassie Brummitt

Treasurer: Cassie/Brodie

Secretary: Kristi Dorward

DPAC: Jerimiah Sappington/Austin Luciw

The PAC is still looking for helpers to do fundraising and special events, plan PAC school-wide lunches, and put together the BVE yearbook. If you are interested in supporting the many PAC initiatives, please contact [bvepac@gmail.com](mailto:bvepac@gmail.com)

## Daily Health Check

It is vitally important that children, visitors and staff do not attend school if we are not feeling well. The new Daily Health Check is very specific, and must be checked each day before coming to school:

### Daily Health Check – Staff/Visitors/Students

Daily Health Check			
<b>1. Key Symptoms of Illness</b>	<b>Do you have any of the following symptoms?</b>	<b>Circle One</b>	
	Fever higher than 38 C	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Chills	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Cough	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Difficulty Breathing	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered “YES” to one or more of the questions included under “Key Symptoms of Illness”, please remain home and contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</b>			
<b>2. Other Symptoms</b>	Sore Throat	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Loss of Appetite	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Extreme Fatigue or tiredness	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Headache	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Body Aches	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Nausea and vomiting	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Diarrhea	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered “YES” to one of the “Other Symptoms”, please remain home until you feel better.</b>			
<b>If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Other Symptoms’, please remain home for 24 hours to see if you feel better. If symptoms do not get better or get worse, get a health assessment, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</b>			

<b>3. International Travel</b>	Have you returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>IF you answered Yes to the question on International Travel you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival unless you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption.</b>			
<b>4. Confirmed Contact</b>	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answer yes to the question on Confirmed Contact, please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next.</b>			

If you have any concerns, questions about your health or the symptoms get worse, call 8-1-1 at any time.

**Breakfast Program**

Breakfast Program is back up and running! We are serving breakfast in classrooms again this year. Celes Lucius is the Program coordinator, and she is looking for a few volunteer helpers. If you are interested in helping with the Breakfast Program, please leave your contact information and availability at (250) 837-3085.



**Ambulances and Medic Alert Bracelets**

Please note that, should we need to call an ambulance for a student, and a family does not have extended health coverage, the ambulance will be at the school’s expense.

If your child has a medical condition or special need that should be communicated in an emergency, you may consider getting them a Medic Alert bracelet. Free Medic Alert bracelets are provided to children aged 4-14 by going online to [MedicAlert.ca](http://MedicAlert.ca). Should an emergency occur at school, first responders and health professionals will have immediate access to the child’s medical records.



# District Calendar



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (REVELSTOKE) SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2021/2022

Month	Statutory Holidays	Closures	Non-Instructional Dates	Total Days in Session	Days of Instruction
September	Labour Day Monday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> <b>First day of school is Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b> National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Thursday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>		School Planning Day Wednesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> Professional Development Thursday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	17
October	Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>		Professional Development (Provincial) Friday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	20	19
November	Remembrance Day Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>		Professional Development Friday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	21	20
December	Christmas Day Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Break December 18 <sup>th</sup> - January 3 <sup>rd</sup>		13	13
January	New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>First day back, Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup></b>			20	20
February	Family Day Monday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> .		Professional Development Friday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> (Regional)	19	18
March		Spring Break March 19 <sup>th</sup> – April 3 <sup>rd</sup>		14	14
April	Good Friday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> Easter Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>			18	18
May	Victoria Day Monday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Professional Development Monday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	21	20
June			Administrative Day Thursday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	22	21
<b>Total</b>				<b>187</b>	<b>180</b>

School	Start Time	Recess / Break	Lunch	Afternoon Break	Regular Dismissal	Revelstoke Secondary School Off-Time Table Instruction
Arrow Heights Elementary	8:25 am	9:55 – 10:15 am	12:00 pm – 12:50 pm		2:30 pm	Tues – Weds - Thurs 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Begbie View Elementary	8:25 am	10:10 – 10:30 am	11:50 am – 12:40 pm		2:30 pm	
Columbia Park Elementary	8:25 am	10:00 – 10:20 am	11:50 am – 12:40 pm		2:30 pm	
Revelstoke Secondary	8:45 am	10:05 – 10:15 am	11:35 am – 12:25 pm	1:45 – 1:55 pm	3:10 pm	

(August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Added)