

BVE DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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DEAR BVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,



December is just around the corner! It's not just the snow on the ground, but the size of the lost and found that gives it away 😊 Please ask your child to come take a good look. A huge thank you to Kim Cuthbert (Iva and Alex's Mom) who has been organizing and posting photos of the items.

This time of year is also remarkable for the wonderful progress and growth that can be observed in children's learning. Teachers are just finishing assessments and progress profiles, and students are reflecting on their own growth and goals. Along with other ways of communicating student learning, the first term progress profiles provide families with a window into your child's progress to date. Look for a written report to

come home around December 8th.

With so much going on in the world and in our province, it can be a stressful time. Please look after yourselves, knowing that in your calm and strength, your children will also find peace. We will continue to do our very best here at BVE each day to learn, share joy, and minimize risks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ariel McDowell'.

Ariel McDowell
Principal, BVE



IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, December 6th
Wednesday, Dec 8th
Friday, Dec 10th
Tuesday, Dec 14th
Thursday, Dec 16th
Friday, Dec 17th
Tuesday, Jan. 4th
Monday, Jan. 10 –

PAC meeting 6:30, BVE Gym
First Term Progress Profiles home
Christmas Sweater Day (Spirit Day)
BVE Christmas Concert in Queen Elizabeth Park (detail below 😊)
PAC Green Christmas (also more detail below)
Last day before Winter Break; Spirit Day: PJ Day
School resumes after Winter Break
PAC Meeting 6:30 pm

BVE School Plan

At BVE, based on our scan of school staff and student data, we are focusing on academic achievement, balanced with enhancing the wellness of our students, socially, emotionally and physically, particularly as we emerge from the pandemic. As indicated in November's newsletter, we have three goal areas:

1) Teaching and Learning that builds student competence and confidence in Comprehension, Writing and Numeracy



2) Purposeful learning and student agency – Ensure students have a clear idea of what they are learning and why it is important. For staff, there are specific opportunities for professional learning and mentorship in alignment with our School Plan.

3) Re-build the connections between students of all ages within our school, with parents, and with the broader community to increase school-wide and community connectedness. Use intergenerational learning opportunities, buddy classes, family groups, student leadership, school-wide fun days and school spirit-building.

You'll notice many of these goals reflected in the activities we have going on and planned 😊

Spirit Squad

The amazing BVE Spirit Squad organized a very successful Crazy Hair Day recently. Thank you to everyone who dressed up (and to everyone who dressed someone up) to make the day such fun! Ms. Floyd and Mrs. Tomm volunteer their time to plan these events with students. They have also planned two more dress-up days (see the "Important Dates", above)



Green Team

The Green Team has been busy already this year, with a very successful Clothing Swap held on November 24th. Thank you for any donations you contributed, and we hope your child also found something to bring home.

Library News....

The annual Battle of the Books will be coming out at the start of December! This is a voluntary reading program for students in grades 3-7. Between December and March, participants at each grade level will read the 10 titles below and prepare to battle with Columbia Park and Arrow Heights to see



2021-2022 FINAL Battle of Books list		
GRADE 3/4	GRADE 4/5	GRADE 6/7
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker	Everest book 1: The Contest By Gordon Korman	Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier
Battle Bugs: The lizard war by Jack Patton	Front Desk by Kelly Yang	Bridge Home by Padma Venkatarama
Wicked Nix by Lena Coak	Be Prepared - Vera Brosgol	Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Stella Diaz Has Something to Say - Angela Dominguez	Don't Stand So Close to Me - Eric Walters	Holes - Louis Sachar
Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth - Judd Winnick	Woof - Spencer Quinn	Ground Zero - Alan Gratz
Chocolate Touch - Patrick Catling	The Case of Windy Lake - Michael Hutchinson	Alexandria of Africa - Eric Walters
Jo Jo Makoons - Dawn Quigley	11 Birthdays - Wendy Mas	Words of Fire - Jennifer Nielsen
I Survived the California Wildfires - Lauren Tarshis	Loki's Wolves - K.L. Armstrong & M.A. Marr	Barren Grounds - David Robertson
Katie Kazoo Switcheroo #1 Anyone But Me - Nancy Krulik	Ebb & Flow - Heather Smith	Posted - John David Anderson
Dragons in Bag - Zetta Elliott	The Lemonade War - Jacqueline Davies	New Kid - Jerry Kraft

who knows the books the best. There will be some lunchtime activities to help us get ready. The Library will be sharing more details of how to get involved over the coming week. If you have questions – please see Mrs. Wilson ewilson@sd19.bc.ca

A hearty thank you to all the families who were able to support the Library's Book Fair. We hope everyone enjoys the great books! The earnings from the Fair will help the Library to buy new books for the school. The online fair ends on Monday, November 29th so we don't have a final tally yet. We will post it on the school website.



Staffing Changes at BVE

We had some very surprising news recently: Mrs. Lavelle and Mrs. Astra will be retiring at Christmas time! Students and colleagues here will miss them both very much, and wish them many wonderful adventures in retirement! Mrs. Fransoo will also be heading off in January, as she is due with her second baby ☺ As well, Ms. Ashford will be heading off for the birth of her child, with Mrs. Theberge returning to take over the Kindergarten class.

[Christmas Food and Sock/Mitt/Glove Drive](#)

The Revelstoke Food Bank is experiencing very high need for their services again this year, not surprisingly. Here at the school we are collecting **non-perishable food items** in each classroom to be taken to the Food Bank before Winter Break. Canned meat (tuna, salmon, ham, etc) , fruit, and vegetables are always a need, as are seasonal treats like boxes of crackers and cookies. Donations of gift cards are also welcome. **To fill out Christmas hampers, the Food Bank has asked BVE for donations of new gloves, mitts, and socks.**



[Christmas Caroling in the Park](#)

The BVE Christmas Concert this year will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30. We will be doing our Concert in-person, but outside and in smaller groups in order to comply with gathering limits. Four separate areas around BVE and Queen Elizabeth Park will serve as the backdrop. Families will stay in one spot, and classes will rotate through the venues, singing at designated spots.

There will be a filmed version of our dress rehearsal also available for you and your family to enjoy and share. More detail to follow very soon ☺

[BVE Drop Off and Pick Up](#)

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.

[PAC Thank you!](#)

Thank you to the PAC who organized, delivered, and cleaned up after a **Free Soup Lunch** in November! A special thank you to Austin Luciw who made soup and crackers for the ENTIRE student population! Students were delighted to be able to enjoy a special lunch, and realized what a lot of planning it took to organize it



Green Christmas

Thursday, Dec 16th is Green Christmas! Families are asked to donate handmade crafts or items that can make nice little gifts, and our students get to “shop” for Christmas. Each class comes through the fair, and students can purchase gifts at a *very reasonable* price and have them gift wrapped for free. All items will cost between 25c 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 are kitchen utensils, dish towels, jewelry,

magazines, mugs, sunglasses, books, 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 13th, into the **Strong Start** room (next to Ms. Evans’ class). 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 the 16th 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. Merry Green Christmas, Everyone!



District Grade-Specific Sports Exploration Activities:

Each year the School District supports a variety of activities within the community for each grade to participate in. This year we continue, with extra COVID-19 precautions in place. Already, Kindergartens have been getting to participate in **Gymnastics** with Jill Cameron at the Acrobats Gym. **Grade 3** and **6** students will head to Revelstoke Mountain Resort for **Alpine skiing/snowboarding** instruction with the RMR ski school. The Grade 4's will be heading to Mt. MacPherson for **Nordic ski** lessons with the Revelstoke Nordic club coaches. Please watch for notices sent home



for these events which will be occurring early in January. As the year progresses, it is our hope that each grade will again be offered a different sports exploration opportunity in the community. The school district provides financial support for the programs and therefore there is no fee for students for any of these activities. We are very grateful for the cooperation with local organizations to offer these opportunities to all SD 19 children.

[Indigenous Learning and Equity in SD19: December is Storytelling month.](#)

The First Peoples Principles of Learning highlights the importance and significance that learning is embedded in memory, history, and story. As we settle in and get cozy for winter, our Indigenous learning theme for December will be to share time and stories with our friends and family. In our schools many classes across the district will have the opportunity to join our Indigenous Education support workers at the Revelstoke Museum for storytelling. What better place than a museum to share memories, history and a story!



Classes will begin the trip at Grizzly Plaza and tour through the first half of the Art Alleries, stopping at the newest installation, "Coming Home" by Sinixt artist Ric Gendron, Lisa Moore will discuss who is represented in the paintings and why Ric choose to feature them in his art. Students will then walk down to the Revelstoke Museum where they will get cozy in the upstairs learning space with hot chocolate, a snack, and a lively story with Marlene Krug. Our team is

looking forward to sharing their stories and hope they make their way into your home.



Photo caption: Sinixt artist Ric Gendron speaks to his artwork 'Coming Home' during the Luna Festival in September.

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