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The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 18—Open House
- Sept. 21—Kindergarten Screening
- Sept. 27—Photo Day
- Sept. 28—Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 29—Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 6—Pro--D Day

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another amazing year of learning at Bayview!

Throughout the Summer and early days of the year, staff and students have been working towards some shared goals – getting everyone settled and focused for the year ahead; going together. As parents, the excitement of a new school year, combined with the uncertainty of class placements can be a stressful time. I appreciate the support and patience that families have given the school as we've sought to create the best possible learning environments. I also appreciate the support that the settling process requires – consistent routines, early bedtimes, ongoing communication etc.

We have many familiar faces and many new friends and colleagues at Bayview this year – currently enrollment is hovering around 190 students within a school organization of 11 divisions. This growth is exciting! At the same time, growth takes time and must be done thoughtfully. One way you can participate in the discussion is to attend our Open House and/or PAC meetings – we want open lines of communication.

The year ahead is full of potential, and with us all paddling together we will realize amazing learning and community.

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Please look for these important forms that will be sent home this week. We ask that you complete them as thoroughly as possible and return them to school as quickly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have two alternate numbers to call in case your child is sick or there is an emergency.

Please remember if your child requires any medication at school (e.g. inhalers, epipen, antibiotics) there is a form that needs to be filled out by the parents/guardians. All medication needs to be kept in the office.

SCHOOL VISITATION PROTOCOL

In keeping with our District's Health and Safety policies and good practice, we ask that all visitors check in with the office. If you are volunteering in a classroom or in any other area of our school, or are dropping off something for a student, we ask that you sign in at the office and pick up an 'Authorized Visitor' badge. This also helps us to know who is in our building in the event of an emergency.

BAYVIEW R.O.C.K.S.

PBIS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Everyone at Bayview participates in a school-wide approach to learning safe, responsible & respectful behavior to ensure a safe, caring, and orderly school environment. This is directly related to our school's Code of Conduct. We are focusing on 'doing the right thing' – even when no one is watching. All staff describe, teach and practice, acknowledge, and reteach whenever needed. We are reviewing our school matrix and 'Bayview ROCKS' (Respect, Ownership, Cooperation, Kindness, Safety) and reviewing using WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) as a problem solving strategy.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children to 'do the right thing' and for your interest and involvement in what is happening at Bayview.

Find us on Twitter!



@bayviewboxers

R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

Students came back to school with all the energy and excitement!



GAMES AND ELECTRONICS

AT SCHOOL



We are asking that parents ensure that students keep any of their electronic games, game boys, Nintendo DS, iPods, MP3 players etc...at home! These items interfere with lessons in the classroom and run the risk of being lost, damaged or stolen at school. The school is not responsible for these items and we certainly do not want them to interfere with the learning in the classroom. Students can use these devices for their walk to and from school, but they should remain in backpacks or with the teacher for safe keeping for the rest of the day. We encourage the students to be interacting with others and not on technology at the recess and lunch breaks. The school phone is available for students to call home or for parents to contact their child/ren during the day. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

BAYVIEW PAC

Our first PAC meeting is **September 19, 2017, @ 6:00pm**. Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students. Many hands make light work.

STRONG START

Our Strong Start program is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and little ones. Our Strong Start is open Monday through Friday from 8:45-11:45. In addition to the circle time, play time, and arts and crafts in the Strong Start Centre, they use the gym and library and have visits from our Aboriginal Education staff and other community members. Check out their facebook page for regular updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca>.



StrongStart BC

PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are some important safety reminders:



Slow down and take your time.

Only park in designated areas. Do not stop in the middle of the road or pull up onto the curbs or park along the side with the 'no stopping' signs.

Cross at appropriate spots

Use the sidewalks and crosswalks

Do not walk along behind where the cars are parked

If your child/ren exit out the back of the school, arrange to meet them along Princess Street behind the school as there is lots of parking available.

Thank you for taking an extra couple of minutes to follow these safety rules. We don't want anyone getting injured.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL:

Throughout the year, we often have parent volunteers helping out with a variety of events and activities. The majority of the time, the volunteering is done in the classroom or in a setting where the teacher is also with the students. However, there are times that a volunteer may

be with children without a teacher or school district employee. In those circumstances, we will now be required to have criminal record checks done for those situations, this includes parent drivers for field trips and sports teams. There is an online system that the district is using to apply for your check. Please get information on record checks from the school office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This group is an opportunity for grades 5 to 7 students to work on building their leadership skills and making a difference around their school and community. Application forms go out next week. We are planning a trip to We Day in Vancouver for some of the student leaders in October (limited number of tickets). Created by Free the Children to celebrate the power of young people to create positive change, We Day is a day-long event that ignites a year-long program for change, called We Schools in Action. In cities across Canada, the event brings inspirational speeches and performances to young leaders. Students then bring that energy home to take action on local and international issues all year long. Watch for information about our first special school wide event soon.

BC FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM



Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruit and vegetables to students during classroom time. Every two weeks, produce from this program is given to students during morning snack time. If you do not wish your child to participate in this program or if your child has any allergies, please send a note to your child's teachers.

School Notices

Most school notices will only be sent home with the youngest child in a family and with children who do not have siblings in the school. There will be some exceptions .

You can also stay informed by checking out our school website

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/Pages/default.aspx>

The PAC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac>

and the Strong Start facebook page at

[https:// www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca](https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca).

BAYVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

As the Community School Coordinator, my role is to connect the school to our community and the community to our school. Throughout the year I will be posting various opportunities for students and their families to get involved at school and out in the community. You will find this information in our monthly newsletters and the PAC Facebook page, on the morning announcements and the Community Corner board outside the office. Feel free to contact me (Michelle) by phone 250-755-6892 or email mswecera@sd68.bc.ca

After School programs will be starting up in the fall. The first to begin is Scottish Country Dancing on Mondays 1:40 -3:40pm starting September 25th. Only \$10 for 10 sessions. We are looking for beginner dancers Grade 2 to 7 to join in the dancing fun! Registration forms are available at the front office.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT & ART INITIATIVE

PacificSport & SD68 are looking for parents interested in part-time positions (paid or volunteer) as a Sport/Art Leaders with the After School Sport & Arts Initiative (ASSAI)

The mission of the After School Sport and Arts Initiative (ASSAI) is to invest in enriched after school programming that enhances participants' overall health, learning, and well-being. Funded by the Province of BC through the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development, ASSAI supports participating school districts to offer safe, accessible, high-quality, and fun programming that meets the needs of their school communities.

When: Monday to Friday immediately after school for 1.5 hours. The Fall Session is begins the week of October 23 to December 18th, 2017

Where: At any school participating in the ASSAI program

What qualifications do I need? Each leader needs to have a love of working with children; the ability to be active; able to commit to a full 8 week session once or twice per week; attend all training sessions.

For more information and to apply please contact Catharine on or before September 15, 2017:

Contact Catharine Edwards at 250-758-6094 or cedwards@pacificsport.com

CHILD YOUTH FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Welcome back! I hope that all of our Bayview families are settling back into the new school year. With so many changes, I wanted to let you all know that I am back for the entire school year to support your families. I am really looking forward to this new school year. If there are any supports, outside of school that you believe would benefit you or your family please know that I am here to guide you to accessing them. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at aileen.tuck@sd68.bc.ca or call me on my cell at 250-668-8739.

Aileen Tuck



BELL SCHEDULE

<u>TUESDAY TO FRIDAY</u>	
8:40 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Classes in session
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Short Recess
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Classes in session
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Lunch
11:45 - 12:20	Long Recess
12:20 - 2:37 p.m.	Classes in session
2:37 p.m.	Dismissal
<u>MONDAY</u>	
8:40 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Classes in session
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Short Recess
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Classes in session
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Lunch
11:45 - 12:20	Long Recess
12:20 - 1:37 p.m.	Classes in session
1:37 p.m.	Dismissal