

October
2019

School-Wide Dates to
Remember:

- Oct 7—PAC Meeting
- Oct 11 - No School
Pro-D Day
- Oct 14—No School,
Thanksgiving
- Oct 17—PAC Movie
Night
- Oct 21-24—Early
Dismissal at 1:22
- Oct 21-24—Parent
Teacher Conferences
- Oct 25—No School,
Pro-D Day
- Oct 29—X Country
Meet
- Oct 31—Halloween
Parade & Activities

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R.O.C.K.S.

Recognition

Our Student Leader
who did an amazing
job recognizing all
nations during Orange
Shirt Day!



The Bayview Bulletin

Principal: Mr. Kevin Brand
Vice Principal: Ms. Stephanie Stephens
Secretary: Mrs. Jody Lennox



Principal's Message

This has been a very special school year for a number of reasons—but mostly because of our amazing students and community. We are truly blessed to work with your children each and every school day. Huy ceep qa.

I wanted to take a moment to clarify my role for the year, and to introduce Ms. Stephen's additional responsibilities. To support staff, student and community interactions, **while I am off-site, Stephanie Stephens is Principal Designate.** This means that she carries the authority and decision making power of a Principal. Final responsibility rests with Mr. Brand, but the admin team is in constant communication. I want Bayview to be clear that it is never wrong to approach Stephanie with concerns – if the interaction requires additional support, I am right there with her!

The success of Bayview's school leadership has never been due to one or two people; it is our collective work that makes Bayview thrive. Such collective work is never as important as it is throughout change. We have been asked to support the startup of our sister school, Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh, expanding our reach from 200 student to 280 students. I have full confidence that we can do this, and if there are any questions or challenges that arise, we will respond appropriately with transparency, love, generosity, kindness and gratitude.

Never hesitate to reach out to me in person or via email if you ever have questions or concerns.

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

EARLY DISMISSAL Oct. 21-24

**To accommodate Parent
Conferences,**

Bayview will dismiss at 1:22pm

for 4 days:

Monday October 21-

Thursday October 24

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Please ensure that we receive back these important forms that were sent home this Fall. 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.

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.

SCHOOL NOTICES & UPDATES

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. We regularly email updates.

You can also stay informed by checking out our school website

<https://bv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

The PAC Facebook page at

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

Parent Conferences—Coming Up—Oct. 21-24

Be sure to check your child's backpack for a letter with your interview time. If the time provided doesn't work, please ensure you respond ASAP to arrange for a better time

GAMES AND ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL



We are asking that parents ensure that students keep any of their electronic devices 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. 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 PAC meetings are the first Monday of each month at 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>.

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



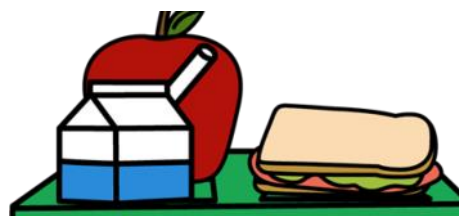
Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruit and vegetables to students during classroom time. Every two weeks, produce from this program is given to students during morning snack time. If you do not wish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

LUNCH PROGRAM—PAYMENTS

We want to thank all families that access our Lunch program. We give a HUGE Thank You to Mern Pinneo, our amazing cook.

Please ensure you are up-to-date on your payments. You have the option to make Monthly, Term or Annual payments. If you cannot make a full payment monthly, please ensure you pay the minimum amount.

We need to ensure that families make regular contributions to ensure that the program remains viable moving forward.



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.

ABSENTEE INFORMATION

If your child is going to be away, please call the school before school begins (250)754-3231. If the answering machine is on, please leave a message stating your child's full name, grade and teacher's name and the reason for the absence.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

Morning supervision does not start until 8:25am. Please do not send your child to school before 8:25am unless they are attending a school sponsored activity or the morning Breakfast Program. This year we will have morning supervision at the front of the school as well as the back. There is very brief after school supervision. Students are asked to leave the school grounds right after school unless they are supervised by an adult picking them up.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME REMINDERS

We plan to have a Halloween parade in the gym after long recess (around 12:30 ish) on October 31st.

If you decide to send your child to school in a costume, please be mindful students do need to go the washroom and this needs to be independent, so ensure your child is able to do that (it is the younger ones that have more trouble with this).

Costumes should not have masks or any imitation weapons (ie swords, guns, etc...). We need to be able to see your child's face at school.

Costumes should not have excessive gore or blood... please be mindful some of our students are as young as 4 years old

This is one of those things that we ask for parents and students to use good judgment and to pick costumes that respect the viewer and the wearer.



Fire Safety at Home

Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location".

The **key message** of 2015's Fire Prevention Week campaign was to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

Lockdown and Hold & Secure Drills

All schools in SD68 have Lockdown and Hold & Secure procedures in place. These important practices aim to ensure the safety of staff and students.

When we would Lockdown...

There is a major threatening incident or threat of school violence within the school, or in relation to the school. Students and staff are out-of-sight and secured in the school.

When we would Hold & Secure...

There is an ongoing situation outside and not necessarily related to the school. The school continues to function normally, with the exterior doors being locked.

How you can help...

It is natural for children to feel some anxiety about emergency procedures and drills; calm adults are the best support we can offer. The aim of practice drills is to make emergency procedures calm, routine and effective. Parents can discuss the drills with their child and reassure them that they are safe.

