



BX Elementary School *Home of the Bears*



Dear BX Parents:

June 18, 2020

Wow, we are getting close to wrapping up a very strange school year. Our last days of school will be **Monday, June 22** for the Monday, Tuesday group and **Tuesday, June 23** for the Thursday, Friday group. **Wednesday, June 24** is the last day for the ESW children who have been attending on Wednesdays. If you have any questions about attendance on those days please talk to your child's teacher as we will need to monitor the number of students in each class.

Fall Return to School

At this point, we are uncertain what the fall brings in regards to school. There is speculation that we may be back full-time, however, that has **not been determined**. We will wait for the health and government guidance in late August. In September, students will return to their old classes for the first few days until class placements can be assigned. Kindergarten students will have a gradual start up plan. The first day of school is scheduled to begin **Tues. Sept. 8 from 8:30 to 11:30am**. The school office will be open 8:30am - 3:00pm for the week of August 31. If you have any questions or concerns arising after the summer please contact us during that time.

Lessons Learned During the Return to School

We continue to work on social spacing routines as some students are still having contact with their peers. Hand washing and sanitizing has become a solid routine. Our system for dealing with non Covid related illnesses at school is a work in progress. Anxiety was evident at the start, but has greatly reduced after a short time in classes by both staff and students. The school had a calm, quiet and happy atmosphere during the month of June. On-line conferencing and on-line learning stretched students, parents and staff during this unusual time in education.

Report Cards

Our School district implemented a no grades reporting plan in addition to a new report card format. Report cards will be available on line through the MYED program on **Thursday, June 25**. Mrs. Kadach sent home some information on how parents connect to the **Parent Portal**. If you need a **paper copy** please let Mrs. Kadach know and we will help you out rkadach@sd22.bc.ca . Teachers are working on Thursday and available if you have any questions about your child's report card.

Butcher Boys Receipts

Our school is still collecting receipts. Please drop these off or send with your child to the school as we will get store credit to support the school.

Library Books

Please return all library books to the school so they can be logged and ready to go for the fall. You can drop them by the school or call and we'll meet you at the front door.

Class Pictures

"Mountain West" the company who does our school pictures has provided us a link to download the composite class picture or you can order one for \$10. This is in lieu of the traditional class photo we normally take in the spring. You will get an email from rkadach@sd22.bc.ca with a code and instructions to download your child's class picture.

Busing

The school district is planning to have busing for the fall and you have to register, if transportation is needed for your family. Please see the SD22 website under Programs & Services, Bus Transportation for registration and payment information.

BX School Garden

Our school garden is planted and growing. We will need some parents and students to check on it throughout the summer. It may need weeding, watering and even some harvesting of vegetables that are in season. Please contact Mrs. van Dun at svandun@sd22.bc.ca for more information or to volunteer.

Building Project

Our expansion is progressing ahead of schedule and there are hopes to have the school ready sometime during the next school year. We are close to getting the floor of the building in place, which will be followed by putting up the walls. This is exciting news, considering all the other events happening at this time.

Wishing you well for the summer

I am proud to be the principal of the BX School. Our school community pulled together and worked our way through this unusual time. I would like to wish all of you a fantastic, safe and relaxing summer. We would like to recognize some staff members who will be moving to other positions: Mr. Chretien, Mrs. Sorba, Mrs. Mason, Ms. Norris, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pynn, Mrs. Mund, and Ms. McKay.

We wish our grade 7s well and have a large number of them who have completed their 8 years at BX. To our students who are transferring or moving, we wish them well and have fond memories of their time at BX.

Have a Grrrrreat summer.



Mr. T Galenzoski
BX Principal