



## **BX Elementary School** *Home of the Bears*



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### **Parent and Guardian Newsletter**

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### **We are up and running! Students are back and settling in nicely.**

Teachers are working on routines and getting to know students. They are providing opportunities for students to get to know one another and build new friendships. We believe students should develop the skills to meet and get along with new students. BX has a fantastic staff and our students flourish under their guidance and teaching.

This is also a reminder that this is not normal times **"We are in a worldwide Pandemic"**.

#### **Important information about Class Building at BX:**

Some parents may not know about the BX classes and the complexity of this issue. There are many factors involved in putting classes together at the beginning of the year. The district allocates staffing and the principal has to fit all the students into that formula. There are **class size and composition limits** for each class. In order to fit all the students into the staffing formula we **need to have split grades**. Split grades are different than when I went to school, our teachers challenge each child whether they are the older or younger of the split class. Teachers have students work at their level even though it could be the same topic as the rest of the class. There are classes with **multiple ranges include, working at 3 grades above and 2 grades below grade level**, even though they are in the same class. Changing classes for students is a difficult endeavor for multiple reasons.

#### **Hotmail 'email' Accounts Problem**

Our demographic program (MyEd) has been experiencing problems sending out emails to parents with a Hotmail account. This problem stems across the district and is out of the control of the BX staff. If you have another email address we recommend you change it with the school. Please contact [rkadach@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:rkadach@sd22.bc.ca) to change it on the (MyEd) system.

#### **Arrival and Departure**

PAC volunteers are helping with the drop off process to **keep it moving**. Parents are getting better but there is still room for improvement. Students are doing well waiting to be greeted by their teacher in the morning to go into the school. *See video for more info.*

At the end of the day, bus lines are organized and parents are meeting children at the end of the playground. This is successfully reducing the congestion at the front gates. Please do not park in the parking lot, use the parking near the **BX Fire Station**. If you are able to pick up a little later it helps reduce the parking lot congestion.

### Safe Arrival:

We will continue to have safe arrival parents calling to ensure each child is accounted for and safe. Congratulations! We had one perfect day this year and hoping for more. *If your child will be away or late please call and leave a message on the Safe Arrival Line 250.503.0210.*

### Parents will not be permitted on the playground ... However:

We are limiting adult contacts and asking parents to **not come onto the playground**. Parents can book an appointment to meet with a teacher or staff member. These meetings, if able, are best done outside of instruction hours (8:30 - 2:30). If you **book an appointment** please enter through the front door, sanitize your hands, sign the sign-in book and wear a mask. Go directly to where you are meeting, if you need directions, check at the office.

### Buses

Bus Passes are slowly being handed out and will soon be needed to ride the bus. Parents need to have their child registered and have the fee paid. When riding the bus it is expected students in Gr. 6 & 7 wear masks and it is strongly recommended for K - 5.

### School Supplies; Fees for Fall 2020

The SD#22 is working towards an on—line option for paying school supplies. We are hoping to have it up and running next week. We will start the collection in a week or so.

Kindergarten and Grade 1	\$ 52 included the agenda book
Grade 2/3	\$ 57 includes the agenda book
Grade 4-7	\$ 62 includes the agenda book

### Library

We are still in search of some overdue library books from the last school year. If you know of or see any BX Library books around your house please send them to school with your child(ren) to be returned to our library.

### Pizza Day Thursdays

Our PAC parents will help offer pizza for students on Thursdays this year. We will be following the food guidelines of the pandemic plan. A notice will go out about how to pay on-line to receive pizza. You can also find that information on our website or the **BX PAC Facebook Page**.

### BX PAC Facebook Page - An Excellent Resource

If you use facebook please join our BX PAC Facebook page - give a notice to join and our PAC president will accept you onto the site. It helps keep parents informed.

### Lunch Moms Returns

Look for the monthly order form from Lunch Moms (coming soon). This is an optional food service they provide on Mondays. The school receives a donation from the lunches ordered even though it is a service for profit in our school. Not all students/parents use this service.

### Butcher Boys Receipts

We are still collecting receipts and turning them into the school. We get cash back as well as store credit that goes to the school to support students.

### BX PAC Meeting

Please RSVP if you are attending our first open BX PAC meeting of the year. **Wed. Sept. 23 at 5:30 in the BX Gym ....** Social distancing and masks will be in effect.