



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



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### **Parent and Guardian Newsletter**

Dec. 11, 2020

### **Almost at Christmas, Winter Break.**

#### **Reporting on Student Progress**

Teachers will have made some contact about your child's progress in some subject areas. All teachers will be expected to report on Literacy, Numeracy, Student Engagement, and the Core Competencies before the end of January. There will be a notice coming out later about when you can access the written points of progress.

These reports must include the following information:

1. Proficiency level
2. Strength-based feedback
3. Reference to evidence of learning - (examples, assignment, quizzes, projects)

The points of progress will be available to Parents by through the MYED system. Parents can email or call their child's teacher throughout the year to enquire and request information about the progress of their child.

#### **Student Achievement and Well Being**

Teachers are noticing the negative impact of students being out of school for 7 months. You may notice on some of the reporting indicators that students are not where they were last year. The Proficiency Scale is reflected with the following words **Emerging; Developing; Proficient; Extending**. We have standards and progress linked to times of the year so if we take half a year off of school, students may drop on the proficiency Scale.

Our staff are working to ensure students are successful and progressing at an acceptable rate. We all want our students to close any gaps in their achievement levels.

#### **Safe Arrival:**

We will continue to have safe arrival parents calling to ensure each child is accounted for and safe. *If your child will be **away or late** please call and leave a message on the Safe Arrival Line 250.503.0210.*

#### **COVID 19 Management**

We continue to follow the Pandemic Plan that stays fluid and changes as we learn more and conditions fluctuate. Heading into the holiday season we need to follow the Provincial Health Plan so we are able to return to school safely after the break. At school, we continue to wash and sanitize our hands, wear our masks, follow distancing protocol for adults, and most importantly stay home when we are not feeling well. Together we can keep Covid out of our school and community.

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

### **Parking Lot and Drop/Pick-up Zone (see attached)**

Parents are getting better but there is still room for improvement. 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 (2:45) it helps reduce the parking lot congestion.

Students are doing well waiting to be greeted by their teacher in the morning to go into the school. It is important that students dress properly to be outside for part of the day including morning before school, recess, and lunch time.

### **BX PAC Facebook Page - An Excellent Resource**

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

### **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.

### **Principal's Message**

It is with mixed emotions, I write my last newsletter. This December I reflected that I will be sad about the missing daily interactions, especially with the younger students who all have to say hello when they see me. There were also some issues I help to problem solve, that won't be missed. I will cherish my many memories of the BX School life. Overall it has been rewarding and an honour, serving this community.

I arrived at BX School in October 2013, so I've had a long time to work with and get to know the BX School Community. I live in the Foothills and my ties are strong to this community.

I would like to take some time and reflect back over my years as principal of BX. The first year we worked together to install a new playground, it's the one closest to the bus lineups, which included a rework of the parking lot, even though it currently is not enough for all staff and parents. We installed a terrific garden and class space to support outdoor learning. The technology our students have access to, is one of the best across the district. Finally, unfinished but moving forward is the 14 room expansion to the school and then removal of the "temporary 20 yr portables". These are the physical lasting changes that enhance our student experience.

There are many areas of strengths in the school for which I am proud. There is a sense of calm and a great feel in the school. We are welcoming to people who enter our school for various reasons. Students greet others positively when passing in the halls. Our staff members generously offer to help others when they see an opportunity. BX has high expectations for behavior, work and play. Our students are good role models for others and include new students to join in. High expectations for academic achievement is routine for students, from both parents and teachers. I've enjoyed a strong working relationship with our PAC representatives and presidents. But by far, the most important, was students wanting and looking forward to coming to school, to learn, get along and have fun.

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