



Bothwell Elementary School

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Ms. Leah Christensen, Principal

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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

Dear Bothwell Parents/Guardians,
Welcome back from Spring Break! It has been wonderful to see everyone again, and to hear the many stories of travels, local adventures and time with family and friends. We had a full first week back, and the month ahead holds many rich experiences for Bobcats one and all.

This week we have a special live performance of *How Raven Stole the Sun* performed by 3 Crows Productions. This will mark the first time we have been together in the gym as an entire school in over two years. We are honoured to have this theatre troupe share with us, and are grateful to our PAC for the funding that made this happen. Actor Dallas Yellowfly wrote that he is happy to immerse all people in the rich Indigenous cultures and storytelling of Turtle Island (North America). It promises to be a wonderful experience for everyone.

There is much to celebrate in our community. Thank you for being such an integral part of building success for your child. We look forward to a creative, energetic and wonder-filled final term together.

Sincerely,
Ms. Christensen

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 7th – Class Photo Day (location TBA – outdoors if weather permitting)
- April 8th – Entrepreneurial Fair (hosted by divisions 1 and 4) in the gym
- April 12 – **Earthquake Drill #2** (and evacuate to the gravel field)
- April 15th – Good Friday – School is closed
- April 18th – Easter Monday – School is closed
- April 19th–22nd – Deep Dive into Outdoor Learning, K-7
- April 20th – Outdoor Club Walking Field Study to Tynehead Park
- April 22nd – **Earth Day Celebrations!**
- May 2nd – Last day of Jumpstart
- May 3rd – Grade 6/7 2nd dose immunizations
- May 4th – 1.35 pm Early Dismissal for Communicating Student Learning (Student Led Conferences)
- May 5th – Div. 2 and 3 to Science World
- May 5th – GROWs Assemblies (9 am Primary / 10.45 am Intermediate)
- May 6th – Non-Instructional Day (School is Closed)
- May 23rd – Victoria Day Holiday
- May 24th–26th – School-wide Zumba
- May 27th – 12.35–2.15 pm Welcome to K
- June 10th – Sports Day
- June 16th – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- June 17th – Grade 7s to Cultus Lake Waterpark
- June 22nd – Final Reports go home
- June 23rd – 1.35 pm dismissal and last day of school

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

Greetings from Mr. Moxness

Please allow me to take this opportunity and introduce myself. My name is Robert Moxness, and I am very excited about joining the Bothwell team. I am currently participating with the district's Principal Internship Program, and I will be working alongside Ms. Christensen for the next five weeks. I come from Bear Creek Elementary where I've been serving as a vice-principal for the last two years.

Wow! Bothwell is a gorgeous elementary school nestled in a lovely neighbourhood. When I first walked through the front doors, I immediately felt embraced by the entire school community. There is such a positive vibe amongst staff and students, and everyone has been extremely welcoming with their wonderful smiles and kind thoughts. I look forward to building positive relationships and working collaboratively with staff in efforts to achieve student success.

This will be a tremendous learning experience and I am so proud to be a Bobcat! If possible, it would be great to meet you all in person at some point in time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. My email is moxness_r@surreyschools.ca.

 SCHOLASTIC

Virtual Book Fair

Online Scholastic Book Fair Comes to Bothwell

April 4th - 14th

- We are excited to share with you that the Virtual / Online Scholastic Book Fair hosted by our School is ON and it will remain open for the next 10 days!!!
- Get started by accessing our school's Virtual Book Fair Site link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5171194>

- The Fair will be open 24 hours a day and shipped free to the school.
- Each order will be individually packaged, with the credit card holder's name, e-mail address, and order number kept confidential.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ursu, our school Librarian, at 604-589-0369 or via e-mail at ursu_e@surreyschools.ca.





Entrepreneur Fair—April 8th

Students in Mr. Scott's and Ms. Sabell's classes have been diligently preparing their business plans and preparing for the school-wide Entrepreneur Fair. Students will have an opportunity to visit the gym during the day to purchase the amazing offerings made by their peers.

We invite the community to the gym after school. We hope to see you there!

Kindergarten in September

If you have a child born in 2017 it is time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opened on January 10th. **Please don't wait to get your child registered**, we need to ensure our staffing for September can accommodate our number of students.

You can register online at:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx#Kindergarten>

Should you need assistance with the process please do not hesitate to email or call the school at 604-589-0369.



With changing Provincial Health Orders, we are happy to welcome back visitors and parents into school. We want to respect everyone's different comfort levels and remind staff and students that masks remain optional.

Please continue to call the school if you need to pick up your child early, and sign them out at the office.

May 4th is our first opportunity to come together to share in Student Led Conferences and we look forward to opening our doors for this event. Parents/guardians will sign up for specific times to visit your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will be communicating details in the weeks to come.

We look forward to coming together later in June for Sports Day (June 10th) as well as our Grade 7 Leaving Celebrations (June 16th during the school day). We do not yet have details for these daytime events, but more information is forthcoming.

PAC Corner

Upcoming Hot Lunch dates with new options!

- April 7 - Boston Pizza
- April 21 -Pizza Hut

Save the Date:

May 31st is our 2nd PAC Chipotle Fundraiser. Ordering details to follow.



Deep Dive into Outdoor Learning



Teachers are collaborating to take learning outdoors each day the week of April 19th – 22nd. Staff have been enriching our own understanding of how to create rich learning environments outdoors over the past two years, and we are excited to put some of these strategies into practice over the week.

Our “Deep Dive” will culminate with various Earth Day celebrations and invitations to do something that will nurture life on our planet. Some examples include...

- Burn less fossil fuel and ride/walk/wheel to school;
- Save electricity and turn out the lights;
- Bring a garbage-free lunch;
- Plant something – vegetables in the garden, a tree, flowers;
- Spend time outside rain or shine and notice something new in the environment;
- Start a compost bin if you don't have one;
- Take a short shower and conserve water;



CAUTION

Thank you for making our parking lots safe for your children!

We have one of the shortest “rush hours” in Surrey! Every car that parks a few metres down the block makes it less chaotic, and ultimately safer. Thank you for your efforts. They make a tremendous difference.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Parents/Guardians who have registered their child for Kindergarten at Bothwell in September, please mark your calendars for our:

Kindergarten Orientation
Friday, May 27, 2022
12.35 – 2.15 pm.



EARTH DAY SPIRIT DAY!

Students and staff are invited to dress up on April 22nd to celebrate the diversity of life on our planet:

- ◇ Dress in **blues** and **greens**;
- ◇ Dress as a favourite animal of the forest, sea or jungle (maybe even a Bobcat!)

Earth Day Community Movie: Inspired by David Attenborough

You are invited to celebrate Earth Day with us by watching one of David Attenborough's amazing nature documentaries in the gym after school. Details are below:

When: Friday, April 22nd from 2.50 – 3.50 pm

Where: Bothwell Elementary gym

Cost: Entry by donation

Funds will support the Upper Thames River Conversation in Ontario. This small non-profit organisation works to save and protect endangered species struggling to survive in our watersheds.

You may wonder, "Why Ontario?" Ms. Austin, one of our LST teachers, personally knows Mr. Scott Gillingswater who manages this organisation and knows the amazing work they do.

Our goal is to raise funds to help protect endangered aquatic species such as snapping and spotted turtles. They require an incubator for baby turtles hatching along Thames River.

****We want to go paperless. Please watch for an email with instructions on how to electronically hold your seats for the event.**

We hope to see you there!

