

Bbeats® Mid Month Update

Ms. Leah Christensen, Principal

January 21, 2022

Bothwell Elementary ...

Staying Open and Staying Safe

You have likely noticed that many of our classes have been smaller in number the last two weeks, and that we have had many teachers off during this time. Everyone is doing their part to help keep our children and community safe and healthy during an unsettling time – staying home when not well, isolating to monitor symptoms, wearing a mask, frequent hand hygiene, and staying apart as much as possible. These things have become all too familiar to hear, but they are not always easy to do.

Your collective efforts and your trust in our system and people to do our best means a lot. We are deeply grateful for all you do in helping keep Bothwell healthy and open so kids continue to learn and grow. Thank you!

There remains a chance we may need to close for a short period should we become too short-staffed to stay open. However, I am hopeful we will not need to do this. As always, we will communicate any updates swiftly through email.

In the meantime, let us celebrate a successful re-opening and all the best to you and your family throughout 2022!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

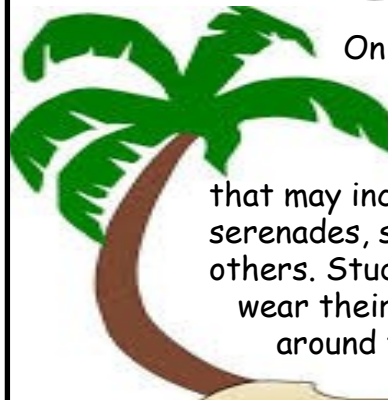
LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan. 27th – PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)
- Jan. 28th – 1.35 pm Early Dismissal
- Jan. 28th – Spirit Team Day: **Winter Luau!**
- Jan. 31st – **Hold and Secure Drill #1**
- Jan. 31st – 1st day of Primary Jumpstart (gym after school)
- Feb. 4th – Primary and Intermediate Virtual Bothwell GROWS Assemblies (9 am intermediate / 10.45 primary)
- Feb. 21st – BC Family Day (School is closed)
- Feb. 24th – **Pink Shirt Day Lift Each Other Up**
- Feb. 25th – Non-Instructional Day (No school)
- Mar. 2nd – Fraser Health K and grade 1 Dental Screening (rescheduled)
- Mar. 3rd – Ready, Set, Learn Event at Bothwell
- Mar. 4th – Primary and Intermediate Bothwell GROWS Assemblies (9a m primary / 10.45 intermediate)
- Mar. 10th – Term II Reports home
- Mar. 11th – Last Day before Spring Break

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes: <http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

Bothwell Leadership Students Present...

A Winter Luau!



On Friday, January 28th, we bring the sunshine to us and plan for some safe and fun Hawaiian-inspired activities that may include learning to Hula, Ukulele serenades, scavenger hunts, and many others. Students and staff are invited to wear their summer gear and slip a lei around their necks. Aloha!

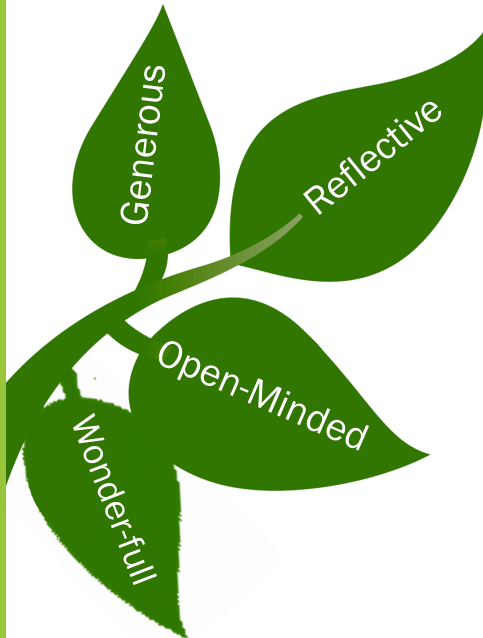
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Bothwell **GROWs** Assemblies

Due to many teacher absences in January, we have postponed our virtual assembly and plan to gather virtually on Friday, February 4th.

At these assemblies we take time to share and celebrate stories of students' growth and success. It is joyful to celebrate the ways students GROW kinder, brighter, gentler, more peaceful, adventurous, creative, caring, compassionate and wise by being...



Generous

I gave more than what was expected – in time, help or kindness towards others.

Reflective

I thought about my actions, behaviours and learning, and where I need to improve.

Open ~ Minded

I was open to new ideas, information and opinions that were different from mine.

Wonder – full

I was filled with curiosity and showed a keen desire to learn more.

PAC

Many thanks to Tina Cohen and Liz Lien for successfully organising and delivering two January PAC hot lunches. Orders are now placed online through Munch A Lunch. If you are not receiving the emails with how to set up an account, please email:

bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com

Despite many challenges, our PAC has raised significant funds this year that come back to the school to support all children through initiatives such as OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). So far this year (through Chipotle, Hot Lunch, and Purdys), **PAC has raised \$3,760.74!**

Thank you for your generous support, time and patronage!

Your PAC Executive

Blair Davies, President

Tina Cohen, Vice President

Liz Lien, Secretary

Harsh Thakkar, Treasurer



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.



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 register**, we need to ensure our staffing for September can accommodate our number of students.

You can register online at:

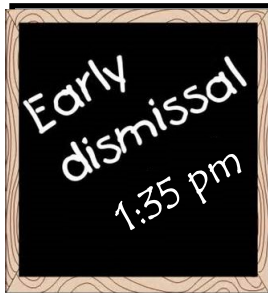
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>

Should you need assistance with the process please do not hesitate to email or call the School.



Giving Back to the Community!

In addition to the generous PAC fundraising success, our community raised \$2378 for Cancer Research in the fall, and donated nearly 1000 items for the food bank and \$300. Thank you!



Friday, January 28th is Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm

A reminder that this early dismissal is set in the calendar to allow teachers time to plan and assess student learning. We appreciate you making arrangements to pick up your child at this time. Thank you



This annual event for children ages 3-4 years and their families will continue to happen later in the spring...it will just look a little different during a pandemic! We will have all sorts of information to share, and an outdoor opportunity to come by the school and collect a wonderful bag of items to support learning and play at home. More information to follow!