



Bothwell Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

The end of the school year is fast approaching, and our success as a community is largely because of your positive and enduring support. Your positive encouragement and reassurance both to staff and to your children has allowed us to flourish, and we are grateful. We hope to see many of you at our Parent Appreciation on Sports Day.

We plan to have snacks and artwork for you to check out in the gym between recess and lunch. It is our small way in saying thank you to all of you for your continuous support. We appreciate all that you do – from driving students on field trips, helping with PAC hot lunches, having supportive conversations with your child’s teacher, and aking nutritious lunches... everything you do has an impact on your child’s success at school. Thank you for being partners in a most extraordinary journey.

There are many events happening in the next month here at Bothwell from field trips to sports day, to leaving assemblies. The year has really flown by, it seems like only yesterday that I arrived in this wonderfully accepting and kind community. I feel fortunate to have been placed here at Bothwell and I am grateful for the acceptance from the school community. I am extremely excited about next year, and we have already started planning the next school year!

Ms. K. Epele

LOOKING AHEAD

- June 5th – Final Grow Assembly
- June 6th – CKNW Playland Field trip
- June 6th – Summer Reading Assembly
- June 7th – Hold & Secure Drill
- June 9th – Sports Day and Parent Appreciation
- June 14th – Grade 7 Field Trip to Playland
- June 19th to 23rd – First Peoples in Residence
- June 20th – PAC AGM 7:00 pm via Zoom
- June 27th – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 1:00—2:00 pm
- June 28th – Final Reports go home
- June 29th – 1:30 pm dismissal and last day of school
- Year End Assembly (for students)
- Sept. 5 – Welcome Back!
First day of school:
10 – 11 am All students grades 1-7 attend
10 – 10:30 am Kindergarten students attend
- Sept. 19 – Individual Photo Day
- Sept. 25 – Non-instructional day (school is closed)


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

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

Moving? No longer attending Bothwell in September?

Please inform the office as soon as possible if you are moving and/or transferring schools. This is an enormous help in preparing for September. We will miss you and wish you the very best in your new homes and schools. Take care.





Sports Day Fun—Rain or Shine!

We are excited to plan a fun day for students on **Friday, June 9th**. Please dress your child the weather that day. We do not have an alternate date, so we will go ahead and shorten the day if necessary. .

Teachers and student leaders have been busy planning 10 different stations for all students Kindergarten to Grade 6, with grade 7 leaders. We're ready for a fantastic day!

The day is planned as follows:

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| 8.50 – 10:15 am | All students K-6 head outside for games and return to their class at 10:15 am for snacks and washroom breaks. |
| 10.45 – 11.45 am | Grade 7 Student Challenges (K-6 students with their classroom teacher may choose to watch and cheer or remain in their classroom) |
| 11:45 – 12:45 pm | Hot Lunch...the final one of the year!
Special Ice Cream Treat to follow...Many thanks to PAC for generously providing ice cream treats for all staff and students. What a great idea! |
| 1:00 – 2.15 pm | All students head outside to continue rotating through the stations with grade 7 leaders. |

If you would like to join and be part of the fun outdoors. We're excited to share this day together with you!



Parent Appreciation

Please join us on Friday June 9th, during Sports Day! The teachers and students are creating a small art walk with some beverages and snacks, to thank all of you for all your support and encouragement throughout our school year!

The gym will be open for parents to come in for some snacks at 10:30 to 11:30. We hope to see you there!

Track and Field Meet

Our Bobcats shone at the recent District Track meet held, at North Surrey Secondary School on May 31st and our Inclusive District Track meet held, at South Surrey Track on May 16th. Thank you to Ms. Mortimore, Mr. Paulicelli, Mrs. MacAulay & Ms. Brennan who coached and organised for the North Surrey meet. Thank you to Ms. Warnock and many of our EA's for their organization for the South Surrey meet.

Thank you also to the many parent drivers and volunteers who cheered our athletes who ranged from grades 3-7. They excelled in sprints, relays, long jump and shot put events. It was wonderful to join with other schools in healthy competition.

Our Bobcats took home many first place ribbons, and everyone was an outstanding representative of our school. Well done, Bobcats!



(Lost and) Found

Your stuff misses YOU too.

Please remember to check the Lost and Found Rack located near the office. The last day to check will be Thursday, June 29th. All unclaimed items will be donate.



Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

Tuesday, June 27th from 1 -2:00 pm

12:45 pm Doors open

1 - 2:00 pm Ceremony in the gymnasium
(maximum of 4 guests per child)

2 - 2:30 pm Reception in the front gym
for families, friends and staff

Invitations with an RSVP were sent home last week. Please sure to return them by June 12th.



★ Year End Assemblies ★

It is wonderful to be able to come together as a school community for our year end assemblies. Given there is limited space once all students and staff have gathered in the gym, we are not extending an invitation for parents to join our assembly on June 29th. This is a time to come together to celebrate an outstanding year, say goodbye to staff who will be leaving, and share in photo memories through a slide show.



Supply lists will be emailed home and will be posted on our school website before the end of the June. Please note that some additional items may be requested by your child's teacher in September following class placements. Thank you for your assistance in purchasing requested items.



Staffing Updates

Each year brings about change and we are sad to say goodbye to several staff this year and wish them the very best in the future:

- Ms. Brennan who filled a term position on our early primary team
- Ms. Ouyang who filled a term position on our grade $\frac{3}{4}$ team
- Mr. Wright who filled a term position on our intermediate team
- Ms. Johnston who will be increasing her time at Dogwood Elementary
- Ms. Ewen who was our one-day integrated support teacher
- Mrs. Sharma who filled a term EA position
- Mrs. Farwaha who filled a term EA position



We welcome the following teachers to Bothwell for the 2023-202 school year:

- Ms. McNair who currently teaches at Clayton Secondary and joins our intermediate team
- Mr. Gee who currently teaches at Cindrich Elementary and joins our intermediate team



New staff have yet to be hired and placed in various positions before year end, as well as in early September as our student registrations are confirmed. Stay tuned for further updates.

PAC Corner

Thank you to our executive and members who keep plans rolling week after week. Your support makes a tremendous difference for ALL of our students!

**The PAC AGM will take place on:
June 20th from 7– 8 pm via Zoom**

We need you at this meeting. Without quorum we are unable to review and vote the budget for the 2023-2024 school year and vote in new Executive Members whose terms are up. This must be done at this meeting.

In order for us to continue support our Bothwell Community we require more volunteers to be a part of our wonderful PAC. Please join us on June 20th via Zoom to hear about all the great opportunities. The link for the PAC AGM will come in a separate email with the meeting agenda in the next week.



Class Placement for 2023-2024

At this time, Bothwell is expected to have 14 divisions. Should additional students register over the summer and the first week of September, it is possible we will receive an additional division.

In September, it is standard practice for students to rotate through different groupings with different teachers the first 6-7 days of school. We appreciate this rotation can be upsetting for students as they are eager to know their teacher and who is in their class. However, ensuring we have balanced classes, positive peer connections (and not distractions), and take time to consider complex emotional, social and intellectual strengths and needs of children is worth the first several days of the school year.

For children who may experience anxious feelings during this time, we appreciate your support in helping your child understand what this time is for, and that they will soon be in their regular classroom.

Parent/guardian requests for a particular teacher or student pairing will not be part of the criteria used in balancing classes. However, please feel free to provide the school with information that can assist in the placement of your child. This information is not about a specific request; rather, it can be about your child's educational needs that will assist us in helping your child have a successful year of learning and growth.



If parents/guardians wish to provide us with any information, please email Ms. Epple or leave a note at the office before the end of the year. Thank you.

National Indigenous Peoples Day JUNE 21



Our final “deep dive” into learning will take place the last two weeks of June to coincide with National Indigenous Peoples’ Day. From June 19th – 23rd, students and staff will explore more fully some of the First People’s Principles of Learning that every teacher and educator is called upon to develop with students. As part of our deep dive, we are excited to welcome two Indigenous cultural workers who will lead various cultural workshops in classrooms. We will launch this time with an opening assembly, introducing our Indigenous workers and the plan for the week. Our closing assembly on June 23rd will involve some performances by our music classes, as well as students sharing their learning from the week.