



# Bothwell Elementary School

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# NEWSLETTER

## A Word from Your Principal

Welcome to November! When we reflect on the last two months, we have accomplished many great things.

Students have settled into new classroom communities and routines, and are taking full advantage of the excellent learning environments provided by our staff. We have continued to enjoy Bothwell's natural outdoor beauty in our forest groves and gardens, and have decorated our hallways with creative art. Our grade 6/7 leaders have demonstrated incredible maturity and generosity giving up lunch time with peers to help our younger classes, and buddy classes have resumed, which is magical to watch our older students patiently extend support to their younger counterparts. Volleyball is underway, hot lunches are happening, and the general feeling in the hallways is that students and staff are happy to be part of this community. It's fantastic to be a Bobcat!

Thank you for all you do to support your child's learning at home, and to ensure they arrive each morning, on time, ready to learn. This is not always a straight-forward feat! We deeply appreciate all that you do.

We are deep into the heart of learning, and have many updates to share below. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. We're here for you!

Ms. L. Christensen

## LOOKING AHEAD

- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Assemblies
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – FSAs completed for grades 4 and 7
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – **Lockdown Drill #1**
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Online Purdy's order deadline
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 7 Fundraiser Pizza Lunch
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – PAC Chipotle Fundraiser
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.35pm Early Dismissal for the purpose of Communicating Student Learning
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch ordering deadline on MunchaLunch
- November 26<sup>th</sup> – **Hold and Secure #1**
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Primary and Intermediate Bothwell GROWs Assemblies
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – CSL Reports go home
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day before Winter Break
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Happy 2022! Welcome back!

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

## Indigenous Cultural Facilitators Visit Bothwell this Week

We are grateful to have Lee Provost and Kyana Boily join our classes this week. These two cultural facilitators are hired by the district to share with students and teachers various aspects of indigenous culture. Sessions will include opportunities to learn basic Halq'meylem, understand the power of storytelling in Indigenous cultures, learn the significance of carving and explore animals important to the survival of indigenous cultures in BC.

## Outdoor Gear Drive – Huge Success!

Many thanks for the incredible gear you donated during our Outdoor Gear drive. We now have some extra boots, coats, and rain pants for students who forget their outdoor gear. Much appreciated!

## **COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING: INTERIM COMMUNICATION WEEK NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup>**

There are three possible means of communicating your child's learning this year. Your child's teacher will have communicated with you which method they are using. Each one is designed to provide you with snapshots of your child's learning and progress to date:

- The reporting template (This is sent home three times each year, with the 1<sup>st</sup> report home on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Each report focusses on specific learning goals and your child's progress to date);
- Freshgrade digital portfolios (Files are regularly uploaded by your child's teacher to show progress in relation to our curricular goals);
- Spaces digital portfolio District PILOT (Ms. Gardiner and Ms. Brennan are part of this district pilot which also houses files that show progress in relation to curricular goals).

Prior to digital portfolios, every parent would also receive an interim communication twice a year from their child's teacher. This communication was to give you an additional snapshot of some aspect of your child's learning to date, as well as feedback on their effort and work habits.

This blend of different ways to communicate student learning may be confusing when you have more than one child, and have different reporting methods to understand. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions at any point in the year.

This week, to ensure you are receiving adequate feedback about your child's learning, you can expect some form of direct communication from your child's teacher. This may be an email asking you to check certain posts on Freshgrade, it may be a written form with both teacher feedback and student self-reflection in relation to learning goals, it may be a phone call to discuss your child's learning in more depth.

Whatever it looks like, this interim communication is intended to provide you with a snapshot of your child's learning in specific areas that the teacher has focussed on for the last several weeks. As always, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

### **Bothwell GROWs Assemblies**

We are proud of each student at Bothwell. Every child will grow in different ways throughout the year, and we will celebrate this growth and achievement at our monthly "Bothwell GROWs" celebration assemblies. At some point in the year, every child will have an opportunity to be recognised for their growth in one or more of the following areas:

**G = Generous...**this includes with one's time, or assistance and leadership around the school; generosity results in one giving more than what is expected or required, and often goes hand in hand with kindness and understanding. When we have a generous heart, we slow down, spend time with one another, and offer our help, all of which makes Bothwell a great place to be.

**R = Reflective...**one of the most significant things that helps support a child's learning and emotional growth is to be reflective. This is central to students' Core Competency development, as well as a necessary skill in learning how to learn. As a child learns to be more reflective about their learning, they grow in independence, which is one of our goals in education.

**O = Open-minded...** our curriculum is centred around critical and creative thinking across all subject areas. In order to be a critical and creative thinker, one must be open-minded, ready to embrace new ideas, information and perspectives.

**W = Wonder-full...**asking questions and demonstrating curiosity make for some of the most engaged learning experiences. Children's questions and sense of wonder inspire all of us. The world is full of new things to learn and discover, and we encourage children to venture forth and explore their natural sense of wonder...in the classroom, in nature, in books, in art, science, history...everywhere!

Your child's teacher will contact you to inform you of this recognition. At this time, we are not permitted to have parents attend assemblies. However, your child will bring home a certificate and another symbolic gift to celebrate and honour their learning and growth at Bothwell.

## Bobcats' Volleyball Underway

Many thanks to our coaches, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Brennan and Ms. Cudmore (student teacher) for getting our first team sport up and safely running in well over a year. The teams are looking great, practicing hard, and showing fantastic sportsmanship. Games happen Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Parents are not yet permitted to be spectators. Similarly, we are not yet carpooling given continued Covid19 transmission. However, despite some limitations, it is wonderful to be on the court again!



## SCHOOL GOALS AND DEEP DIVES

Last year, teachers identified Numeracy as an area of focus in our school plan. This year, we are exploring different ways to support students attain competency-based goals in numeracy. Many teachers are volunteering to be part of a professional book club using SFU professor, Peter Liljedahl's book, *Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics*. With the leadership of Ms. Sabell, we are building a "Dive Deeper into Numeracy" week later this month. We also hope to have an opportunity this year to connect with you to share different ways you can support learning at home. Stay tuned!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES

This important, solemn assembly will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will repeat the assembly twice: once for primary grades, and again for intermediate grades. Many thanks to Ms. Rizzardo for arranging for a live trumpet soloist to play *The Last Post*.

Any students who are part of Cubs, Brownies, or Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

11 NOVEMBER  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Lest we forget*



## *Donations to the Canadian Poppy Fund*

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, every child will receive a poppy. The Royal Canadian Legion organises to have every child receive a poppy, and leaves a donation jar at the school. All donations received go the Canadian Poppy Fund. These funds support Veterans with basic needs such a food, lodging, healthcare and transportation. Small amounts of change all add up. Thank you for your support.

## **PICK UP and DROP OFF – Please make it safe for our children and park down the block**

We have 100 more students in the school building than we did last year. The parking areas cannot accommodate so many cars. We appreciate you doing things to help alleviate congestion such as parking down the block. Please do not park your car illegally. This causes frustration for others as thru ways are blocked.

We only have 12 legal parking spaces in the lot and 6-8 legal spaces in front. If more people parked down the block and walked to pick up their child, we would have a less chaotic and safer beginning and ending to the school day.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

## Parenting Corner

You may find the following article of interest. Written by Deb Macnamara, director of Kids' Best Bet Family Counselling Centre and faculty at the Neufeld Institute, Dr. Macnamara shares some insight into power struggles and how to retake the lead in our relationships with children.

<https://macnamara.ca/portfolio/whos-in-charge-here-anyway-why-dominant-children-need-parents-to-lead/>

Many thanks to Ms. Rizzardo for sharing this link!



### CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **BOTHWELL PAC**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD | 5-9PM**  
10355 152 ST UNIT 1005, SURREY, BC, V3R 7C1

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **F432VE3**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

## *PAC Updates*

As a parent/guardian, you are automatically part of PAC. And it's a wonderful group to be part of! Our executive is working hard to organise several fundraisers. Our Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser is going great! We've already met our goal, and we've only just started. As long as you are able to pick up orders for friends and family, feel free to share the link below and spread the word:

### **Purdy's Holiday Chocolate Fundraiser for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1373776-87217>

Online order deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

PAC volunteers will sort orders and have them ready to send home by Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chipotle Fundraiser –Bring your friends and family as 33% of sales comes back to Bothwell PAC.**

All sales on November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 5-9 at the Guildford Chipotle come straight back to our school.

Ordering online? Just use the code F432VE3.

*Thank you for your support!*

## **PAC Hot lunch Made Easy with Online Munchalunch:**

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/bothwell/>

Please read the email that went home earlier with all the details for ordering and payment. Orders for the next four hot lunches are due by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help with any of the fundraisers, please email Liz at [bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com)

Thank you!



## **Hummingbird Montessori Child Care Availability**

Spaces available for before and after school care:

Morning – 7:30 AM

Afternoon: 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM

We also provide morning pick up services directly from home to school and drop off services after school from school back to home. To register, please call (778) 680-6400.

