



BEGBIE NEWS

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Our School Plan – At Begbie school our goals as set by the SPC and staff are to improve writing skills in non fiction genres with an extension to oral literacy and to increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

IMPORTANT DATES.....Mark your Calendars



Monday November 21st	ISKWEW Performance at 9:15 am. Parents are Welcome
Monday – Thursday Nov 21 – 24th	BOOK FAIR
Wednesday November 30th	Reading Club 8:30 am in the Library
Wednesday November 30th	Kindergarten and Gr. 6 Immunization at 9:00 am
Thursday December 1st	Begbie Annual Food Bank Drive - Please donate a non - perishable
Friday December 2nd	Report Cards go home
Monday December 5th	Professional Development Day – <u>NO School for Students</u>
Tuesday December 6th	PAC Meeting 7 pm – 8:30 pm. Babysitting provided
Wednesday December 7th	Parent/Teacher Conferences – <u>Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm</u>
Thursday December 8th	Parent/Teacher Conferences – <u>Students Dismissed at 2:00 pm</u>
Friday December 9th	Christmas Breakfast 8:00 am in lunchroom
Thursday December 15th	Winter Concert “ Starry Night” at 1:15pm in the Gym
December 19 – January 2, 2017	<u>WINTER BREAK – School Closed</u>
Tuesday January 3rd	First Day back to school after winter break

Note: Parents are invited and welcome to all assemblies and performances.

Dear Families:

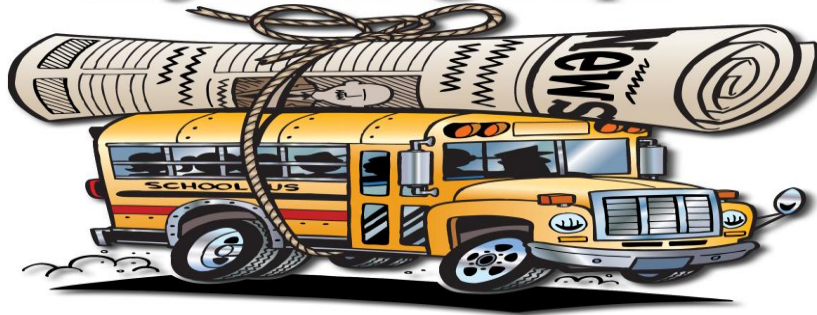
Another month as flown by! There are many projects, activities, extra-curricular events to keep Begbie students and staff very busy. Please drop by the school to see the amazing things our students are doing. Terry Fox, UNICEF , and the Poppy Drive are some of the many ways our children work hard to help the community. Soon it will be time to begin our Annual Food Bank Drive. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the main hallway to help those who need a little help this season. If you or someone you know in our community could use some assistance, please contact me and we will try to assist.

Report Cards will go home on Monday, December 7th. Teachers will offer time slots available to meet to discuss your child’s progress. This is a very important meeting and we hope you will be able to attend. If those dates do not work, please let the teacher know and they will create another, mutually agreeable appointment. Also, we do have translators available should one be needed but these do have to be arranged in advance.

Thank you to parents and staff for the cards and flowers I received when I was ill. The thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Watkins - Principal

School news at your fingertips



SCHOOL WEBSITE



Dear Parents,

We want to keep you up-to-date on important learning and administrative events and information related to your child's school. To do this, we are committed to regularly and consistently publishing current and important information on your child's school website. Please do check back to the school website regularly (daily) to stay fully informed.

<http://begbie.vsb.bc.ca> Thank you.

Supervision



Parents please remember that there is no one on duty at school to look after your child until 8:45 am. For those parents needing to drop off their child before school starts in order to go to work, please drop off your child as close to 8:45 am as possible. After school supervision goes to 3:15 pm.

Parking/Traffic Safety



We have a great deal of traffic around the school in the morning and at 3:00 pm.

- Please consider walking to school! It's good for your child's health, good for your health, good for the environment, and helps reduce the risks of heavy traffic around the school for everyone.
- If you drive, observe the restricted area directly in front of the school. This is a drop-off area, but NO PARKING, as you may be ticketed.
- Do not leave your car adjacent to the school grounds. If you must park to take your child inside, please park in a designated area.
- The streets next to the school grounds are marked: "No parking 8:00 – 5:00 on school days."

Lunchroom



Just a reminder to parents that lunches can be brought to school with children in lunch bags using recyclable containers and thermoses. If you are delivering lunch, you may bring your child's lunch to the lunch table labeled with your child's name and division. Please make sure to include forks and spoon if required as the school will not be providing these. Parents are reminded to stay out of the lunchroom as children have their lunch. Supervisory aides and peer helpers will be available to help children needing assistance opening containers. If you plan to wait outside the lunchroom and see your child during the lunch hour, kindly introduce yourself to our supervision aides as they will want to become familiar with parent belonging to our school. If they are unsure, they will be asking you to identify yourself.

INSIDE / OUTSIDE / CHOICE DAYS



A reminder: As the weather becomes cooler, children will be expected to bring their coats and appropriate clothing for outside weather and temperatures. If your child is too sick to go outside on outside days, he/she should stay at home to recuperate until they are ready to come to school. This will limit the spreading of colds and the flu. On dry days students will be expected to be outside at recess and after eating their lunches. On wet days students may play outside or play, read or chat quietly in the basement. If they are running and/or acting in an unsafe manner they will be sent outside. We thank you for your consideration.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Do you have a child born in 2012?

Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement. The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Tuesday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on**

Tuesday January 31st. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants. If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the [VSB District Reception and Placement Centre](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/drpc) (DRPC) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there. In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records

If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2017, but only after you have registered at your catchment school. **For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:**

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

BEGBIE FAMILY READING CLUB



8:30am – 8:55am, Wednesday November 30th , 2016 in the library.

Hello Begbie Parents and Families, You are cordially invited to a morning of reading, fun, coffee and treats at the **Begbie Reading Club**. It is a morning of reading where parents and families join with their children to support literacy and the joy of reading. There will be books in dual-languages to give all learners the opportunity to participate. You could also bring your own books! Hope to see you all out!

Division 14's Field trip to the Hermes Exhibit



On September 22, 2016 division 14 went to the Hermes exhibit in Vancouver Downtown Waterfront. The exhibit was amazing as it was fascinating and also a great learning experience. The Hermes exhibit showed us artisans actually working on their art, how they painted, sewed, silk screened and how they transferred the designs from picture to material. Hermes makes all sorts of fashionable pieces. At first, Hermes started making saddles for horses and now they make scarves, watches, belts and porcelain pieces as well as saddles. What I found interesting was how they make watches and how the watches don't need a battery to work! That trip was amazing.

By Chris and Jaden

Division 13 & 14's Field Trip to the Vancouver Aquarium



The Vancouver Aquarium is located in Stanley Park in Vancouver B.C. Canada. Lots of tourists come to take pictures and look at all the animals. 35 million people have visited the Vancouver Aquarium since their opening in 1956. When Division 13 & 14 went to the Aquarium we had lots of fun! We dissected some fish and we even had a chance to touch stingrays. We had a little break so we all went outside and enjoyed our lunch in the sunshine. After our classes ate our lunches, we went back into the Aquarium and had a tour of the different sea life. We had a chance to see beluga whales, penguins, sting rays, lots of jellyfish, sea otters, lot's of rock fish, seals, bats, monkeys, tropical birds, and tropical turtles! Over all, we can say that everyone in both of our classes had so much fun, and I'm sure we all learned lots! -Makayla and Zachary

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up Field Trip



At the end of September, Division 13 and 14 participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up where schools across Canada go to various shorelines to pick up garbage. We went to Renfrew Ravine Part. We picked up a lot of garbage which we organized into waste and recyclables. We also recorded how many of each of the items we found. This year, we picked up 277 cigarette butts! We weighed all the bags and found that we picked up about 75kg of garbage. Finally, we put our data together and sent it to the Vancouver Aquarium so that they can put all of Canada's data together. It was a fun field trip all while helping the environment!

WE DAY



Several members of Division 14 went to Rogers Arena to participate in this year's WE Day. There were many interesting and motivational speakers that reminded us how important each and every one of us is in making change in the world. The students of Division 14 as a whole take on the challenge of doing WE Day work each year. This year we hope to help and host many events that will help the world be a kinder, gentler place for everyone. We thank you for your support in our endeavours and hope that our work brings you as much joy as it does us. mj & Division 14

UNICEF



Congratulations Begbie on another successful UNICEF campaign. Together we raised almost \$1,700 - for a total of almost \$16,000 over 10 years. The students of Division 14 are proud and happy to be the organizers for this fundraiser, they learn a lot about how to speak publicly in other classrooms, organize and collect money/forms along with being able to help share the message of the good that comes from the work that UNICEF does around the world for children in need. mj and Division 14

VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Division 13 & 14 made the trip downtown to the Orpheum Theater to see the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Intermediate Concert for 2016 - Wall to Wall Percussion. The students learned ahead of time about the composers and the pieces that were going to be performed and were excited to hear the pieces live. Singing to the 1812 Overture and drumming to the theme from Mission Impossible were two of the highlights for many of the students, but hearing the March from Star Wars played by an orchestra was definitely the piece that brought out most smiles and nods. An annual trip that is always a pleasure. mj :)

Begbie BOOK FAIR!



Begbie Book Fair will run November 21-24, 2016. Monday and Tuesday November 21 & 22 will be the preview days. Wednesday and Thursday November 23 & 24 will be the purchasing days. The Book Fair will be open during school hours only, so if you'd like to purchase items please come during the day (not at recess or lunch). Everyone always looks forward to seeing what books and supplies will be available this year!! Proceeds from the Book Fair go to the Library, and to students at Begbie School to help pay for field trips. Payment can be made with cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to Begbie Elementary). Thank you to Division 14 for advertising, setting up and running the Book Fair. mj :)

Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunization

The immunization clinic will be held on **Wednesday, November 30**. In preparation for the clinic, consent forms are given. All students who received a consent form should return it. The reminder forms are just reminders for parents/students that we will be immunizing them at the school clinic on Nov 30. Please read the immunization material carefully. If parents have questions, please contact Coastal Health, 604.736.2033. To learn more about this clinic please click on the link below.

<http://www.vch.ca/your-health/school-health/vancouver---school-health-manual/immunization-in-schools/immunization-in-schools>

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST



This year's PAC Christmas Breakfast is on Friday December 9th at 8:00 am in the lunchroom. Children may only attend with an adult family member.



Begbie Staff 2016 – 2017



Div	Grade	Name	Room
1	K	Ms. Neva Kwok	7
2	K	Ms. Renata Caverzan	8
3	1	Ms. Aileen Chan/ Ms. Jessica Gilmore (Mon)	108
4	1/2	Ms. Rosa Oudt	0A
5	1/2	Ms. Tonya Holmes	0A
6	2	Mr. Gerald Goldie	111
7	3	Ms. Sandra Marino	105
8	3/4	Ms. Noula Neufeld/Ms. Jessica Gilmore(Tues)	0A
9	4	Ms. Lily Leung/Mr. Calvin Ravening(Mon)	107
10	5	Mr. Trevor Wright	204
11	5/6	Ms. Linda Bondi/Ms. Alice Lee (Fri)	206
12	6	Mr. Ray Ng	109
13	6/7	Ms. Lisa Paone	201
14	6/7	Ms. M. J. Moran	203

Resource	Ms. Jessica Gilmore (Wed)
Resource	Ms. Corinne Chan (Tues-Fri)
Resource	Ms. Alice Lee (Mon-Thurs)
Resource	Mr. Calvin Ravening (Tues-Fri)
Resource	Ms. Erika Wilson
Librarian	Mr. Brad Toews
Music	Ms. Joellen Housego (Tues-Thurs)

Counsellor	Ms. Carol Zrymiak (Tues. pm/Thurs)
Speech Paththologist	Ms. Gosia Juskiewicz
Secretary	Ms. Cheryl Betteridge

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Code of Conduct



Our school code of conduct is posted in all classrooms and around the school. The basic premises of our code are "Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Fair"

District Parent Representatives:

Chair: Lele Chan
Secretary: Lisa Ono
Treasurer: Elisa Gutierrez