

# JANUARY

## 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



Thursday January 19th	Van Tech Band Performance
Friday January 20th	Family Movie Night movie starts at 6:45 pm
Thursday January 26th	Begbie's Lunar New Year Celebration from 6-7:15pm
Monday January 30th	PRO D Day! <u>No School for students</u>
Monday January 30th	St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course in Library 9-4
Thursday February 2nd	Kinnie Star Performance at 1:30pm Parents Welcome!
Monday February 13th	FAMILY DAY – <u>No School</u>
Tuesday February 14th	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Babysitting provided
Friday February 24th	PRO D Day ! <u>No School</u>

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

#### Dear Families:

I hope everyone had a restful and restorative winter break. A big thank you to the Begbie community for being so generous with donations to the Food Bank.

The snow and ice has been quite challenging for our school and, in fact, our district. These unprecedented weather brought great fun at the beginning but when the ice came we worry about safety. Now that we are back to dark and rainy, I believe the fields will be reopened as soon as the ice melts. Students need to get outdoor exercise but they will get wet. Remember to provide an extra change of clothes for your child to have at school. Even older students can benefit from an extra pair of socks in their bag. I have mine!

As many of you know, Mr. Brad Toews, our librarian, has become a Vice Principal at Laura Secord Elementary. We wish him the best of luck in his new career path. Begbie is very lucky that Mr. Gerald Goldie has taken the librarian position. He will continue to run the Reading Club and offer before and after school exchange times for our students. Parents are also welcome to visit the library during these periods.

Taking over the grade 2 classroom is Ms. Lisa Tran. She will be having an open house in her classroom in order to meet parents on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>- just before our Lunar New Year Celebration! I am looking forward to this event and I hope to see many of you there. In other staff news, Ms. Kate Henderson is replacing Ms. Neufeld for this term. Although there are lots of staff changes, it has been a very smooth transition.

PAC Family Movie night is this Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at the door. Students MUST be with an adult throughout the movie. Pizza has been pre-ordered but there will be a few extras to purchase on the night. There will also be treats on sale. Please come out to support this fundraiser for our school. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Committee who work tirelessly on behalf of ALL of our students.

There are several extra-curricular activities being offered at Begbie this term. The Community School Team have two new after school programs starting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available in the office. On Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> it is our Professional Day but St. John Ambulance staff will be running a Babysitting Basics course all day in the library. Registration forms are available from the office and students must be 11 years of age or older to take the program. If students pass, they receive a certificate that notes their qualifications as a babysitter. When we offer babysitting at the PAC meeting, the babysitters have all taken this important course.

I know that there are several expensive field trips coming up – especially in the intermediate grades. We never want a child to be denied an opportunity due to financial difficulties. Please see me if you need any help in this area.

Hope to see you soon at one of our many Begbie events!  
**Dorothy Watkins - Principal**



## 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.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



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 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at 4 pm on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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](#) (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 January 25th, 2017 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!

## WINTER CLOTHING



**A reminder:** Please make sure your child is coming to school with clothes appropriate for the weather. This time of year, the weather can be unpredictable and conditions can change throughout the day. Although the sky may be clear in the morning, it may reach freezing conditions or change to rain or snow during the school day. Warm, waterproof jackets, boots, hoods and mittens are necessary for this time of year. Students both prefer and need to play outside during the recess break, but we need to ensure they are warm and dry. We do have Rainy Day options for inside at lunch when

it is very wet. On wet days students may play outside or play, read or chat quietly in the basement. Thank you for helping to keep our children warm, dry, happy and healthy. **As always please label clothing!**

## HAND WASHING



Wash your hands often to keep yourself and others healthy. Hand washing is the most important thing you can do to help stop the spread of germs that cause illnesses such as colds, the flu, diarrhea, or vomiting. Why is hand washing so important? Washing your hands and your child's hands is the best way to stop the spread of germs. Viruses can live on hard surfaces for up to 2 days and on hands for up to 5 minutes. When you wash your hands, you help clean them and remove the germs that cause illness. We pick up germs on our hands from touching people or things around us. You cannot avoid contacting germs, but you can reduce the chance of infecting yourself and others by knowing when to wash your hands.

## COLD AND FLU SEASON

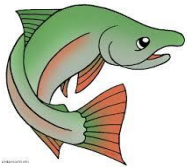


At this time of year, colds and flu are very common. Most people with colds and flu get better quite easily but some do not. Sometimes pneumonia or other serious complications may develop, especially in people who already have a health condition, such as asthma. Colds and flu spread in the following ways:

- coughing or sneezing openly into the air. Cough onto the back of your hand or into your arm.
- touching the nose and face, which transfers germs or viruses onto the hands. Wash your hands frequently.
- touching “infected” objects. Cold germs can live for hours on objects, such as pencils, books, toys or tables. When children with colds touch their runny noses or mouths and handle objects, they can spread these germs to others.

Colds and flu seem to spread more easily when they first start, such as when children first feel feverish, notice a sore throat, ear ache or runny nose, or begin coughing and sneezing. After a few days of these symptoms, colds are usually less contagious. **Please keep your child at home during the early stage of his or her illness to prevent the spread of colds and flu to others.** One of the most effective preventive measures is to wash your hands with soap as frequently as possible to get rid of any germs you may have picked up.

### SALMON EGGS



Our Coho Salmon eggs will be arriving this Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in the library. They will eventually be released at Beaver Creek in Stanley Park in the Spring.  
Ms. S. Marino

### BEGBIE AFTERSCHOOL WINTER PROGRAMS



Happy New Year! The Van Tech Community Team (CST) is once again offering programs for the **Winter Term**. Please fill out ALL required Registration and Consent Forms. Registration started on: **Mon, Jan 16**. All programs are first come first serve. Any information regarding programs will be found in our guides. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan MacDougall at [jmacdougall@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jmacdougall@vsb.bc.ca) or call 778-835-6073.

Thank you and we hope to see your children in our programs!

### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BABYSITTING COURSE



St. John Ambulance

We are excited to be offering the St. John Ambulance Babysitting course to students ages 11 and older. It is an all-day program that covers basic first aid training. A certificate will be provided upon completion of the class. The class will be taught by St. John Ambulance staff. It will be held on our professional day January 30<sup>th</sup> at the school library. The cost for the one day session is \$60. Forms are in the office and are due back by January 20<sup>th</sup>. If there is an overwhelming response we will hold a second session in the future.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Friday January 20th



Come and enjoy a fun, family friendly movie in the Begbie “Theatre”. The movie we will be showing is “The Secret Life of Pets”. Doors open at 6:15 pm and movie starts at 6:45 pm. A reminder that all children need to be accompanied by an adult. \$3.00 per person at the door. Please remember this is a fundraising event for the school so everyone pays entrance please. Treats will be available for purchase. Hope to see you there!

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



Come celebrate the Year of the Rooster at Begbie School’s Lunar New Year Evening Event on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. There will be crafts, games and a potluck. We encourage families participating to bring a dessert such as egg tarts, pastries, sesame balls, mini cupcakes, cookies fruit, etc. to share. We hope you can join us in this fun filled family event. A reminder all children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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	Ms. Lisa Tran	111
7	3	Ms. Sandra Marino	105
8	3/4	Ms. Kate Henderson (Temp)/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
<b>Resource</b>		Ms. Jessica Gilmore (Wed/Thurs)	102
<b>Resource</b>		Ms. Corinne Chan (Tues-Fri)	102
<b>Resource</b>		Ms. Alice Lee (Mon-Thurs)	102
<b>Resource</b>		Mr. Calvin Ravening ( Tues-Fri)	102
<b>Librarian</b>		Mr. Gerald Goldie	
<b>Music</b>		Ms. Joellen Housego (Tues-Thurs)	
<b>Counsellor</b>		Ms. Carol Zrymiak (Tues. pm/Thurs)	
<b>Speech</b>			
<b>Paththologist</b>		Ms. Sarah MacCallum	
<b>Secretary</b>		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 Gutierre