



THE BEGBIE BUZZ

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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



Wednesday, March 7	PAC meeting. Babysitting provided 7-8:30pm
Thursday, March 8	BAKE SALE ! at Lunch
Friday, March 10	Last day of school before spring break
Monday, Mar 13-24	<u>SPRING BREAK! NO SCHOOL!</u>
Monday, March 27	School Resumes
Wednesday, March 29	Reading Club in Library at 8:30am
Monday, April 3	Marimba Muzuva Performance at 9:30 am
Monday, April 3	Report Cards go home.
Thursday/Friday, April 5/6	Early Dismissal at 2:00pm for Parent/Teacher Conference
Tuesday, April 11	PAC meeting. Babysitting provided
Wednesday, April 19	Ready Set Learn at 9:30 am in the Library- Preschoolers are Welcome

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

Dear Families:

Despite the weather, it is almost spring. We have had a busy few months with a fabulous BEGBIE Spirit Week organized by Student Council. Pink Day was a great success and a reminder of how to support others- every day of the year.

Recently grades 4 and 7 students received their results from the provincial Foundation Skills Assessment. The booklet was sent home for parents to look at their child's work and their overall results. Please feel free to contact me or the classroom teacher with any questions about this.

Soon after spring break it will be time for Report Cards. It is important to make contact with your child's teacher. Should the times given to you do not work, please make suggestion to the classroom teacher in order to meet. Our teachers are enthusiastic and caring professionals who want to share their knowledge about your child's success this term.

Wishing everyone a safe, fun and restorative break!

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.

Always: Let the office know of any email changes, of any telephone/cell phone or address changes.

2017/2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Vancouver School Board has approved the Calendar for the 2017-18 school year. To help families stay apprised of the significant school closures and Major Holidays in the upcoming school year please feel free to view the final approved district 2017-18 Calendar at this link link:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VBSchoolCalendar2017-2018d.pdf>

Please note that the dates for Winter Break next year are: last day of school before the break- Friday December 22; return to school - Monday January 8th.

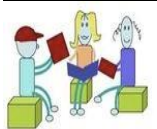
The school calendar approval process will now get underway, please stay tuned for more information to come in a future email and Newsletter.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks one hour ahead on Sunday March 12th at 2:00 am.

BEGBIE FAMILY READING CLUB



8:30am – 8:55am, Wednesday March 29th, 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!**

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.

H.R. MacMILLAN SPACE CENTER



On January the 20, 2017, Division 13 & 14 went on a field trip to the H.R. MacMillan Space Center. We watched a fascinating show in the star theatre. While we were watching it, we learned many facts about outer space. For example, light from the Sun takes about 7 minutes to travel to the Earth. After the show we went to the Cosmic Gallery where we got to hold a meteorite feel what an astronaut feels inside a spaceship and several other cool space like things. We had a great time there!

By: Jeff and Jeffery, Division 14

MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER



On Friday January 20, 2017 Division 13 & 14 went to the Museum of Vancouver. We did a workshop about archeology and learned about a few ancient nations around the world such as China, Greece and Rome. Our class also had a viewing of a real life mummy in the museum, his name was Panachates. We were told a real story about him and how he was bought by a man named Dr. Kidd while he was on a trip in Egypt. We also learned that Panachates was in Dr. Kidd's closet for seven whole years! During the time we were there, we got a small tour through the Museum of Vancouver allowing us to learn more about Vancouver and its creation. It was a captivating experience and we hope to visit the Museum of Vancouver again.

By: Connor and Ryan from Division 14

VAN TECH ORCHESTRA



On Thursday, January, 19, 2017 the Van Tech orchestra came to Begbie to perform their amazing music skills. They used all kinds of instruments from woodwinds, to percussions, to brass, to strings. They played some classical pieces, they played some jazz pieces, and they ended by playing a piece by John Williams, Star Wars. They played amazing together and inspired us to join a music program when we get to high school.

By: Clifton Tan and Alex Tran

ANTI BULLYING PINK T-SHIRT DAY FEB 22nd



Kindness starts here :) **Bullying** is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. Each year, on **Pink T-Shirt Day**, I encourage all of you to wear something **pink on Feb 22**, to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate **bullying** anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long.

STUDENT COUNCIL



Hey Begbie! This month student council organized Spirit Week - it ran February 6 - 10, 2017. Monday was pajama and stuffy day, Tuesday was summer, rainbow, costume day, Wednesday was crazy hair or crazy hat day, Thursday was jersey day and on Friday 97% of our school participated in our final event, Begbie Day! Good job Begbie!

Also we should thank the PAC for supplying money for some of the prizes!

We hope to see as much of you participating in future events! Like Pink Day - Wednesday, February 22, 2017, and the annual Begbie Talent Shows...which will be in June.

By: Mira per Begbie Student Council



HAIKU & TANKA POEMS By Div. 12

Night by night, you stare
Into the moon all alone
On a bridge waiting

Ever so really sweet
Beautiful like a sunset
Beauty is your name

I'm all by myself
Under the beautiful moon
needing company

The wind is blowing
Leaves are falling off the tree
To find you my dear

The lovely red rose
is waiting for you outside
For you to come out

In the dark blue night
A girl standing in the light
with blue little eyes

A letter is put
On your door from a stranger
You wonder, "who's that?"
Could it be your grand true love
As you think, the letter await.

By Ocean Angus

The sun will go down
And it will be very dark
But the moon will shine
The moon is our sun at night
They will work beside each other

By Ervil Quintos

Under the moonlight
I will be with you my dear
you won't be lonely
I will be there by your side
Forever and ever

By Alpha Jiang

The leaves have found me
They have sent me a message
Saying I miss you
Then I sent a message back
Saying I wish you were here

By Ana Maric

I saw the red rose
Outside my large green garden
Look at your window
There is a letter outside
The letter says I am here

By Kelvin Chen

A man beside her
A knight in shining armor
In love with her
thinking about her all night
waiting for her to be his

By Gabriel Murata

