



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



Thursday, June 1	Kindergarten Assessment Day
Wednesday, June 7	Spring Concert at 6:00pm students arrive at 5:45pm
Tuesday, June 13	PAC meeting at 7:00 pm. Babysitting provided
Tuesday, June 13	Div. 1 Bowling
Tuesday, June 20	Div. 2 & 3 to Queens Park
Wednesday, June 21	Talent Show Part 1, and Div. 1&2 to Grouse
Thursday, June 22	Talent Show Part 2
Monday, June 26	Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremonies at 11:00 am
Tuesday, June 27	Gr. 7 Boat Cruise
Wednesday, June 28	Last Begbie Family Reading Club until Sept. 8:30-8:50 am
Wednesday, June 28	Div 7&11 Spanish Banks, Div 1&2 Hastings Park, Div. 6&9 Rupert Park
Thursday, June 29	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!
Tuesday, September 5	First Day BACK TO SCHOOL 9:00am to 10:00am

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

SPECIAL EVENT!



The Lieutenant Governor of BC, Her Honor Judith Guichon is coming to visit Sir Matthew Begbie on June 8th at 10:50am. Please attend if you are available. Her Honor will be doing a short presentation on the role of the Lieutenant Governor. Hope to see you there.

Dear Families:

The final month of our school year is here. It is with some sadness that I am to leave Begbie at the end of June. It has been a wonderful 3 years! Dedicated teachers, hardworking staff, supportive parents and super awesome students have made my stay here delightful.

The new Principal will be John Cortens. He is currently the administrator at Carleton Elementary. I spoke to him yesterday and he is excited to come to Begbie. Mr. Cortens will be at the PAC meeting on Tuesday, June 13th so feel free to come to meet him.

There are numerous performances and events this month. I hope to see many of you at our school in the future.

Dorothy Watkins – Principal





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Announcements

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 calendar on the web or here. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca>. Bell schedules will remain the same. Our school calendar is on our website and extra copies will be available in the office.

BEGBIE FAMILY READING CLUB



8:30am – 8:55am, Wednesday June 28th, 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!

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN



If your family will be returning late in September, please ask Ms. Betteridge in the office for a Late Return Form. As always we have new families moving into the neighborhood, so we wouldn't want to fill your spot if you are returning late.

Please note: If, by 12:00PM on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, the school cannot verify that your child will be in attendance by Friday, September 29, 2017, your child's space will be given to another student on

the school's waitlist.

BADMINTON AT BEGBIE



Hey Begbie - great work on this year's badminton team! We would like to thank all the students and staff who helped make this season happen. We were glad to see so many people from grades 1 – 7 come out to the morning practices. We would also like to thank all the grade 6's and 7's for representing Begbie in the after school games. As well, Begbie's team spirit during the tournament was amazing. Congratulations to the grade 7's who participated in this year's grade 7 tournament at Tupper. GO BEGBIE!

By: Matthew and Jordan

SAVE ON FOODS



On Monday, May 15th, Div.13 and 14 went on a field trip to Save on Foods. We had a tour of Save on Foods with a dietitian. We stopped at certain sections of the store and the dietitian talked to us about the different food groups. We learned that vegetables and fruits contains nutritious minerals and vitamins such as fiber. We often lose fiber when we drink fruit juice instead of eating the fruit. We learned that choosing breads and grains with high fiber rather than low fiber is a better choice because fiber helps digest foods. Dairy products such as milk is important for healthy bones especially for kids that are growing up since their bones are still developing. Dairy products contain calcium which is crucial for healthy bones. We learned that meat and alternatives contains protein which helps build muscle. Overall, we had a very informative afternoon at Save on Foods.

By: Jeffery and Tiffany

TRACK & FIELD



Going to track every lunch on Tuesday and Thursday in May was extremely fun. Grades 4-7 who, participate in track have a practice for 20 minutes twice a week during lunch. In track and field practice, we do relays and we practice how to hand the batons to each member during a relay and we RUN! Every Thursday there was a mini meet at Britannia after school until 4:30pm. During the meet, students ran different relays like: the medley relay, 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, and the 4x400 relay. Also, we had field events: the long jump, high jump, and the shock put. Going to track everyday gave us exercise and it was a good way to have fun...generally in the sun!

By: Sally, Cindy & Connor

SPLASH & DASH



On Wednesday 17, 2017, Division 14, Division 5 and Division 6 went to Templeton Pool and track for the 2017 Splash & Dash. This year 750 students participated in the event - that made it the largest multisport event for kids in BC. At the Splash & Dash we first went swimming in the Templeton pool. Next we ran to the transition zone, got changed before we started running around the track course. When we decided we were done running we went to the finish line and received our medal for participating as well as a snack. After we finished we cheered on all the runners still running. Participating in the Splash & Dash was fun and made us feel very fit because we did exercise - swimming and running.

By: Sally, Cindy & Connor

SPORTS DAY



Sports Day is an annual day teachers host each year at Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School. During Sports Day, each Division participates in different relays and activities. Each Division was divided into four different colors; blue, green, yellow and red. At the end of Sports Day, there was a Tug-A-Peace for each Grade. This year we had a 'Canada 150+' theme so all of our stations were based on Canadianisms. Sports Day is very fun and we are glad that it is hosted annually every year at Begbie. Thank you to the teachers who organize it, the parents who prep the tasty lunch, the teacher candidates who lead our warm up and the tug-of-peace and the high school students who volunteered their time to help out too!

By: Sally, Cindy & Connor

GYM SENSE



Gym sense was a program that lasted for 4 weeks. This program taught us skills like cartwheels, handstands, pullover, and flexibility. When we first started the program, the gym teacher greeted us by showing us the different stations. There were four stations green, purple, yellow and red. On the green station there were a beam, cartwheels, a hula-hoops, motorcycle landing, juggling, wooden ladder and the balancing ball. At the purple station there were bars, vault, hurdle jumps, genie hold and the balance board. In the yellow station there were parallel bars, handstand, cheese mat, hoping monkey, left-handed ice cream scoops, octagon roll and skip ropes. For the last station, red, there were rope climbing, rings, rope ladder, sideways step, pencil jumps, right-handed ice cream scoops and die toss. Each time we went to the gym for another session the teacher added things to our stations, so that over the time we went we got stronger, more agile and more skilled. Thanks – we really enjoyed our time doing gymnastics!

By: Connor, Sally and Keanna

DIVISION 13 AND 14'S TRIP ARTS UMBRELLA AT GRANVILLE ISLAND



On May 24th Division 14 and 13 went on a trip to Grandville Island. Their trip was to Carousel Theatre to see a play at Arts Umbrella! We saw all of Shakespeare's plays compressed and combined into an hour. The performance was put on by the senior troop of the Arts Umbrella After School Program. Some of the plays we saw were classics like Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream. The actors did a wonderful job of making Shakespeare relatable, hilarious and entertaining - bravo! After the play, the two classes got the chance to buy lunch at Grandville Island and walk around the natural beauty of the island. If students had leftover money from lunch, they could buy crystals at the Crystal Palace! Division 13 and 14's trip to the Arts Umbrella at Grandville Island was spectacular and amazing.

By: Mira & Jaden

DIVISION 14 FILED TRIP TO MICROSOFT AND VANCOUVER ART GALLERY



On May 30th, 2017, Division 14 had a workshop at the Microsoft store and went to the Vancouver Art Gallery. In the morning at the Microsoft store, students learned about coding using Minecraft. The level of difficulty went up as we progressed to the next levels. In this workshop, students also were assigned to build a Canadian structure. Some of the structures that were built were Canadian flags, Science World, Niagara Falls and Ice-Hockey rinks. After lunch, we went to the Vancouver Art Gallery to see *Into the Forest* by Emily Carr. We saw many abstract oil paintings of the deep forest. We discussed about what made paintings unique and abstract. We focused on the different brushstrokes that Emily Carr used in her paintings. Towards the end of our tour, we had a workshop and got to recreate one of Emily Carr's landscape paintings with pastels and blending sticks. We really enjoyed all of our trips to the gallery this year :)

By Sulola and Tiffany

Artist in Residence

Have you ever imagined animals on the wall? There are animals from small reptiles to giant Killer Whales! But how did they come to be?

Well, division 10 was entered into an art draw where we got to choose our topic. We chose papier mache and we actually won. For a few days we got to research animals and find pictures on them. About three days later, an artist named Maggie came in and introduced us to what she does, why she's here, and some of her own artwork pieces she has created over the years. The class was in awe. It looked very realistic, as if it would jump out of her hands any moment. And that's when the fun began.

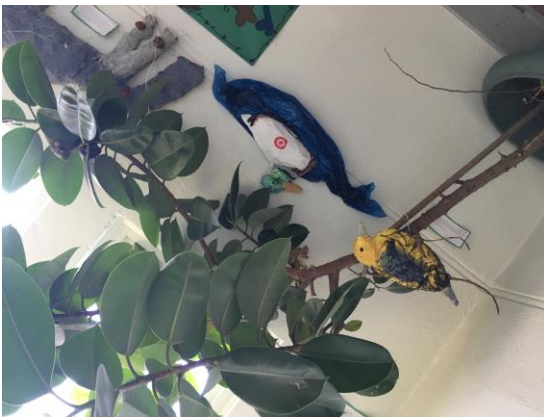
We already have selected our animals and pictures so the first thing we had to do was make a cardboard cutout. *Then* things got tricky. We had to tape done newspaper on our cutout. Seems easy, right? Well the hard part was forming the details, for example the cheeks and the tail. You had to form them by scrunching up little wads and squishing them into place. It was hard work.

Okay, this part was very, very messy. We had to dip strips of paper into WARM mache and stick it on our cutouts. Because the mache was mostly liquid we had to wait a few days for it to dry.

When we were 100% sure the mache was dry, we took them up to the Reggio Emilia room to paint them. We managed to capture all the animals' core details with different shades that had to be perfect.

And then we were finally on the last step. We had to somehow communicate our message to the students. Some of them are caught in nets, some of them are shiny with pollution, and some of them communicate their message in a different way, but the most rewarding part of the project was that we achieved our goal. We wanted to show that animals in our area are suffering. They need our help. At least now the students of Begbie Elementary know.

By Elaha Amani♥





**Sir Matthew Begbie Vancouver Elementary School
2017 – 2018**

DESIGNATION	DETAIL
SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	874
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 29)
Important Dates	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 13, 2017 (in lieu of Saturday, November 11)
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 25, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 19 – Thursday, March 29, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
School not in session	Friday, May 18, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 29, 2018
Non Instructional Days (school not in session)	Professional Development Focus
Monday, September 25, 2017 *	Setting School Goals
Friday, October 20, 2017	District wide non-instructional day
Friday, November 10, 2017	Curriculum Implementation Day
Friday, December 1, 2017	Self-Directed
Monday, January 29, 2018	Curriculum Implementation Day
Monday, February 19, 2018	Self-Directed
Monday, April 30, 2018 *	School Goal Review & Planning
Parent Teacher Conference Dates:	Early dismissal times:
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
Thursday, December 14, 2017	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences
Thursday, April 12, 2018	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Conferences

SCHOOL SCHEDULE
8:55 Warning Bell
9:00 Instruction Begins
10:30-10:50 Recess Break
12:10-12:55 Lunch Break
12:55 Warning Bell
12:57 Instruction Begins
3:00 Students Dismissed