



Bowser Elementary School

"Building Educational Success Together"

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Mission Statement

Bowser Elementary School is committed to providing a nurturing environment wherein children participate in learning experiences, which enable and empower them to develop their individual potential and become lifelong learners.

School Goals

Literacy

Goal: To improve student achievement in the area of literacy by focusing on increasing reading comprehension levels.

Objective: To develop and implement a cross-curricular learning framework (based on Reading Power and Smart Learning) to increase literacy competency in all subject areas.

A reminder that there will be no school for children: Wednesday, November 11TH — Remembrance Day.

Message from the Principal

The Torch Run was a great community building event! We saw many students and parents enjoying this rare opportunity, taking photos and being part of Olympic history.

On November 2nd, we unveiled our Olympic Community Art project. Each student painted symbols or scenes, on pieces of wood, about the Winter Olympics. Their art is permanently displayed on the fence by the pickup/drop-off area. The art has been used to form symbols of the Olympics. Please come and take a look, it is very impressive. On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the Olympic Community Art project:

- Deanne Kelsberg
- Christine Laking
- Anne Smith
- Sally Izakson
- Sandra Deroeven
- Nancy Bolch

Special thanks is extended to Elissa Anthony, the artist that worked with the students; Terri Bowen, a community member who co-facilitated this project; and Gonda Lekx, a parent in our school who co-facilitated and organized this event.

We ask that parents, in support of our school's philosophy of living a balanced healthy lifestyle, moderate the amount of candy that their children bring to school.

On November 9th, during the morning, we have our photo retakes.

Inclement Weather

A reminder to parents about procedures during the Fall/Winter months: Please have students dress appropriately for the winter weather. During the winter months, children will be expected to be playing outside when the weather is dry, to get some fresh air and enjoy the PE equipment and playground. If you have any spare gently used clothes to donate to the school, please bring them to the office.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held **November 10th at 10:30 am**. Parents and community members are invited to attend. The choir and many of our classes will be presenting at the assembly.

Coats for Kids 2009

Once again this year, Ballenas Senior Secondary and the Parksville AM Rotary Club will be collecting coats for kids. There is always a particular need for children's coats. If you have a contribution, we will have a drop off box at BES. The coats will be picked up **Nov. 9th**. Thank you.

Department of National Defense

Personnel from Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt will be conducting communications exercises on our school grounds over the weekend from November 13th to November 15th, 2009. Please do not be alarmed if you see them camped to the east side of our gym at Bowser Elementary School, this is only an exercise.

H1N1

Preventative measures

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that can cause respiratory illnesses like the H1N1 flu virus:

- Teach your children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into the inside of their elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay at least two meters (six feet) away from people who are sick.
- Children who are sick should stay home from school and daycare and stay away from other people until they are feeling better and able to fully participate in normal activities.

Hand washing verses hand sanitizers.

Health authority's note that hand washing with plain soap and water is the preferred method of hand hygiene in schools and child care centers as the mechanical action is effective at removing visible soil as well as microbes. In instances where hand washing sinks are not available, supervised use of alcohol based hand rubs may be considered. If hands are visibly soiled, alcohol based hand rubs may not be effective at eliminating the influenza virus.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Bowser Elementary School Library. It will be open Thursday, November 26th 3:00-8:00 pm and Monday, November 30th 1:00-3:00 pm. Set up will be happening on Wednesday, November 25th noon-3pm. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this event helps us obtain new resources for our library and school. If you would like to assist with the book fair, please contact Mrs. Pahl at the school.

Donation of QF Points

We have an account at Quality Food. If you would like to donate any QF Points to Bowser Elementary, please mention it to cashiers. Points are exchanged for items that are used by students and staff at our school.

PAC NEWS

We made **\$228.00** on the Tupperware Fundraiser, so thank you to everyone who supported this.

Magazine Subscriptions - Make sure you get your subscriptions renewed now or order some great magazines for family and friends for gifts. The forms and books went home 2 weeks ago and we have extended this until Friday November 6th. You can also order these online as well just follow the info sheet. There are extra forms in the office for you if you need some as well as gift cards.

SPC Meeting - Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 6:00pm in the library just before the PAC Meeting

PAC Meeting - Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 6:30pm in the library. Babysitting will be provided.

Upcoming Events:

Poinsettia Fundraiser - This annual Fundraiser will start on November 5th and will run until November 20. You will be receiving the paperwork on Thursday.

Winter Themed Baskets - This annual Fundraiser will be starting as well in November - We will be asking for donations to put towards the baskets. The details will be coming home next week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call.. **Marnie 757-2317 or Gonda 752-3943**

Dates to Remember

Every Monday	Chess Club - lunch recess in the library
Every Monday	WOW Bus - open 9:30-11:30 am
Every Tuesday	Mother Goose - 10:30 - 11 am in the library
Every Friday	Quilting Club in the library
November 9	Photo retakes
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 am
November 11	Remembrance Day - School closed
November 17	PAC mtg. @ 6:30 pm (Babysitting provided)
November 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:00-8:00 pm
November 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 9:00 am-noon (No school for students)
November 27	Book Fair - 3:00-8:00 pm
November 30	Book Fair - 1:00-3:00 pm
December 4	Enrichment Day
December 17	Christmas Concert @ 6:30 pm
December 18	Last Day of Classes prior to Winter vacation
January 4	School re-opens after Winter vacation

Entry Form: Please complete this form and return it to the school by Monday, November 9th, 2009. I remembered to give this newsletter to my parents.

Name of student

Parent/Guardian signature

