



BES "Principal Update"

February 2, 2026

Dear BES Families,

Hooray! We finally made it to February....but we can't seem to escape this rain!

Thank you once again for your continued trust in our school and in supporting your child's learning and success each and every day. We love this little school!

We are also very proud to share that our school attendance since September has been the best it has been in the past 5 years...so thank you for sending your children to school on such a consistent basis. Our data clearly shows that when children are at school and ready to learn on a consistent basis, they build strong reading, writing, numeracy, and social skills that allow them to be successful every year.

Saying that, we are also very aware of the amount of illness going through our community recently, so thank you for keeping your kids home when they are sick 😊.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to the admin team for any office-related questions and to your child's classroom teacher for any class-related questions.

Sincerely,

BES Office Team

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Important School Updates:

- 1) **RAIN GEAR** - Another friendly reminder to **PLEASE send your child to school with proper winter and/or rain gear**, as well as a change of clothes and shoes in their bag. We try to send kids outside for recess as often as possible, but the kids need to be ready for it or they become quite miserable and we don't always have spare clothes in the office.

- 2) **BES HOT LUNCH “Reminder”** - Hot lunch is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Ordering opens from the 4th through the 22nd of each month for meals in the following month. Orders can be placed online at: <https://bes.hotlunches.net>

- 3) **“Kids TRY Tennis” Program @ BES** - Arrowview Tennis Club is offering a fun FREE program for BES students ages 7-14 once a week between March 10 and April 11 (exact dates TBD) in our school gym after school from 3:00-4:15pm.

Please fill out the form [HERE](#) if your child may be interested in joining this program.

- 4) **“Scent Free” School** - We are sending out another reminder that we are a “scent free” school as some scents can have negative health impacts on some staff and students. Please remind your children not to wear any type of scented sprays, creams, or other products.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Feb 2 – Vision Screening Lions Gr. 4 & 7 and Michael Bortolotto presentation (primary classes)

Feb 6 – District Skills day

Feb 10 – Earthquake Drill @ 11:30am and Qualicum Bay Lions “Hot Dog Day”

Feb 13 – Professional Development (school not in session)

Feb 16 – Family Day (school not in session)

Feb 18 – Kindergarten Hearing screening

Feb 26 – Wounded Warriors to visit BES @ 10am

Mar 9 - Winter Learning Updates go home (report cards)

Mar 16-27 - Spring Break

Mar 30 - First Day Back

Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027

Kindergarten Registration for September 2026 will open on Monday, January 19, 2026. Please be sure to register as soon as possible after that date to assist us with class organization and staffing for the upcoming year.

Our district will be using the MyEdBC on-line registration process for in-coming Kindergarten students only in January. (The online registration process will remain available for use after the registration deadline; however, parents are strongly encouraged to register their child within the registration window to assist with classroom/staffing planning)

Things you will need for Registration:

- valid email address
- proof of child's age and citizenship (scan or photo)
- proof of residency (scan or photo)*
- most recent progress (report) cards (if applicable)
- additional documents may be required

Complete list of acceptable documents

*We are required to request and obtain a copy of proof of residency and reserve the right to request additional documents. Applications are not considered completed until all supporting documentation has been submitted.

BES PAC Updates:

- 1) Welcome to the Bowser Elementary community! Please subscribe to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Email Newsletter for community updates, volunteer opportunities, and much more! Use this link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQeyLmR9rpAzwAC65uEtrris3YfL8DNw0II5DGOYhMRKQaYg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=111429063195484367943> or email your name to bowserpac@gmail.com to connect.

2) **BES PAC is excited to be partnering with West Coast Seeds for a fundraiser running February 1–15** 

 **Order here:**

<https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/pages/organizations/bes-pac>

 **Important:** Please ensure the top of the webpage indicates "You're sponsoring Bowser Elementary School PAC". When orders are ready, you will be contacted to arrange pick up near Horne Lake Road.

 **Why support this fundraiser?** Our school earns 40% from every seed packet sold. Canada's #1 untreated, non-GMO seeds. A great selection of vegetables, herbs & flowers

 **Order deadline: February 15**

Feel free to share with friends and family. Thank you for supporting Bowser Elementary School and helping our students grow—literally! 

Huy cep q'u (Thank you),

BES Admin Team

We acknowledge and are honoured to live, work, and play on the unceded traditional shared territory of the Qualicum and Snaw'Naw'As First Nations.