



# **BES “Principal Update”**

**March 3, 2026**

Dear BES Families,

Whoa! We made it to March already and the beautiful weather seems to have arrived!! I’ve been living in the Oceanside Area for 6 years now and feel so blessed to live in such a wonderful part of the island 😊.

**Student & Staff Illness** - we continue to have increased absences among our staff and students this week. Yesterday and today we’ve had between 60-65 (30%) students away and 8-11 (25-30%) staff members away due to illness...so thank you for keeping your kids home when they are sick!

As always, thank you for your ongoing trust and support of sending your kids to school when healthy, and 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) **Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027** is NOW OPEN - Please help spread the word and be sure to register as soon as possible to assist us with class organization and staffing for the upcoming year, and contact Denine in the office if you have any questions or Click [HERE](#) for more info.
  
- 1) **Lockdown Drill #2 - Thursday Mar 5th @ 1:30pm** - this is a regularly scheduled Lockdown drill (we do 3 per year) to ***“practice what we would do***

*in the event that an intruder were to enter the school*”, but we are aware that some kids & families may be extra sensitive due to the Tumbler Ridge tragedy a couple weeks ago. As always, we always try to lead these drills in the most supportive manner possible, so please speak to your children about this drill and don’t hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

- 2) **Term 3 Learning Updates (Report Cards)** - are coming home on Monday March 9th. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher for any questions.
  
- 3) **Picking Up Your Child Early??** - No problem...just a friendly reminder about our school protocol for picking up your child early during the school day:
  1. Please check in at the office when you arrive. For safety reasons, it is essential that our staff know who is in the building at all times.
  2. Denine will call your child down to the office. Please wait for them in the main foyer.
  3. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to go down hallways and/or into the classroom without checking in at the office.

Teachers also greatly appreciate receiving an email ahead of time if your child will be picked up early. This helps them ensure your child is prepared and ready to go when called.

- 4) **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>
  
- 5) **“Kids TRY Tennis” Program @ BES** - Thank you to those families who filled out the survey to express interest in this program. We are still working out logistics and I will send a separate email to interested families with more

information later this week.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**Thurs Mar 5** – Lockdown Drill #2 @ 1:30pm

**Fri Mar 6** – Chess Tournament @ SES (all day) & Gr. 7 KSS meeting @ 1:15pm

**Mon Mar 9** – Learning Updates (Report Cards) Go Home

**Fri Mar 13** – Leadership PJ Day, Fire Drill @ 10:15am, PAC Pizza Day \$2.00

**Mon Mar 16 - Fri Mar 27 - Spring Break**

**Mon Mar 30** - Back to School

**Fri Apr 3** - Good Friday (no school)

**Fri Apr 6** - Easter Monday (no school)

### **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/1FAIpQLSfQeyLmR9rpAzwAC65uEtris3YfL8DNw0II5DGOYhMRKQaYg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=111429063195484367943> or email your name to [bowserpac@gmail.com](mailto:bowserpac@gmail.com) to connect.

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.*