



George Bonner Elementary School
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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to George Bonner Elementary! It is so great to see students smiling faces and have them back in class. If you include the Kindergarten students, we have almost 100 new students as well as 7 new staff members this year. We understand that the COVID pandemic has been extremely stressful for families and there may be apprehension regarding the start of school. We are committed to working alongside families and students to make this experience as positive and rewarding as possible. As always, we look forward to having students back at school learning, growing and having some fun along the way.

The newsletter will be sent home by e-mail on the first Friday of every month. Please look for it and save the calendar dates for reference. I look forward to a great year for all! Take care, be kind and be safe!

Chris Clark, Principal

SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE 2018/2019		
Morning Supervision		8:15 - 8:30 a.m.
Morning Classes	Odd # Cohort	8:25 - 11:00 a.m.
	Even # Cohort	8:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Lunch Time	Odd # cohort	11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
	Even # cohort	11:45 - 12:30 p.m.
School Dismissal	Odd/Even	2:13/2:18 p.m.
Bus Supervision		2:13 p.m. until last bus goes

Cohort List

Please see the list below regarding your child's cohort group and number

Bonner cohorts/learning groups

1. Chomyn/Thomas
2. O'Neill/Leva
3. Ludwig/Dunlop
4. Cowan/Appleton
5. Fox-Povey/Swift
6. Carter
7. Trotter/T. McDonald
8. Cadorette/Griffiths
9. Bridge, Windecker-Frano/Neligan
10. Newburg/Hallet
11. Thomson, Merrett/Young
12. D. McDonald/Burgess

PAC MEETING

The first PAC meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. PAC meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. This is your chance to discuss school activities and programs that will be happening at George Bonner Elementary this year. All parents are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

You PAC executive for this year will be;

Aurelia Macinnis	Chairperson and DPAC rep
Colleen Neville	Secretary
Barbara Green	Treasurer
Christine Lydiatt	Fundraising Coordinator

TERRY FOX RUN

In order to ensure staff and student safety, we are unable to have our traditional Terry Fox assembly, group warm up and whole school run this year. However, on Friday, September 25th, students at George Bonner will be participating in a class or cohort Terry Fox Run. Teachers will be taking students outside to participate in short runs at various times throughout the day.

We will not be sending home pledge forms for this event, but will be asking students to bring in a different denomination of coins each day. Tuesday - "silver" change: nickels, dimes, quarters, Wednesday-loonies, Thursday-twoonies. In addition, Bonner is registered online and anyone can donate through the Terry Fox website by clicking on the link below

<http://www.terryfox.ca/GeorgeBonnerElementary>

Please contact your child's teacher for more details about their plans.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Picture Day is **tentatively** booked for Friday, October 16th. Photo order forms will be sent home once we receive them from Lifetouch. To order pictures, please return the order form and payment to the school with your child on Picture Day. All students will be photographed for school service products. Be ready to bring your smiles on picture day! For tips on preparing for photo day visit **lifetouch.ca**. Questions? Please call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca. Retakes are tentatively scheduled for Nov. 19th

ROAD WORK

Starting on Monday, September 21st, Duncan Paving will begin the upgrade of Cobble Hill Road from the highway all the way to Cobble Hill Village. On Tuesday, they will start with the grading of the shoulders on the sides of the road followed by the pulverizing and repaving of the roadway. Depending on the weather, this work is expected to last until at least mid-November.

Please note that there may be some disruption to available parking spots near the school and school bus service may also be delayed by a few minutes.

BOTTLE DRIVES

This year George Bonner will be hosting bottle drives once per month. If you would like to participate, simply drop off your recyclables at the truck located in front of the school. Upcoming dates are October 8th, November 12th and December 10th (2nd Thursday of the month). Thank you in advance for your support!

LIBRARY - Mr. J. Boan-Mitchell

The library is currently undergoing a switch to a new software system, with the goal of being totally functioning before the end of September. The new software will allow children, grades 3 and up, to search the catalogue, request and put a hold on any title in the library. We are very excited about the new software.

The library experience will be different from previous years due to the fact it is a common area available to entire school population. Therefore, making it a safe environment will take time and careful planning. Even though the space may not be utilized right now, once the software is functional, book exchanges will begin. Covid-19 protocol for laminated surfaces will be followed to ensure the safety of the students.

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

Please note that personal electronic devices are **NOT** permitted during school hours unless supervised by a teacher. If your child does bring an electronic device to school, it **MUST** be kept in their bag or with the teacher during school hours. Please remember that we cannot guarantee the security of these items. If an item is confiscated by an adult during school hours or is turned in at the office for any reason, it will generally be held until the end of the day and sometimes will only be returned to an adult (depending on the circumstances).



SAFETY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Supervision is available from 8:15 - 8:30 a.m., at lunch, and from 2:13 - 2:32 p.m. (bus students are supervised until the buses leave). It is our expectation that students will arrive at an appropriate time and go home immediately after school. Students have been briefed on playground expectations and safety issues. Please be aware of and reinforce the following points:

- Please remember that pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Please model safe and respectful crossing, parking and driving behaviour for our students.

MESSAGE FROM LOCAL RCMP

We continue to work closely with our local RCMP detachment to monitor safety in front of the school. There are a number of issues on the roads and in the parking areas around the school we would like to bring to your attention. Specifically, the RCMP has provided us with the following reminders and violation information:

- Please do not speed in the school zone... the hours of enforcement are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fine is \$196.00.
- Please do not stop on the travel portion of the roadway and interfere with the flow of traffic to either drop off or pick up your child. The fine is \$81.00.
- Please do not block our neighbour's driveways during while dropping off or picking up children

SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be aware that Bill 10: Tobacco Sales Amendment Act, which came into effect on September 2, 2007, prohibits smoking or vaping on school grounds at any time.

DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATES

Please remember to notify the office if you have any changes to your address, emergency contacts or phone numbers. This information is vital to student safety in the event of an emergency.

FACEBOOK PAGE

George Bonner maintains a Facebook page. We will be updating it regularly to help keep you up to date on important dates and events at Bonner.

STAFF WELCOME

We have 7 new staff members at George Bonner this year. Their names and assignments are shown below. Welcome to George Bonner everyone! In addition, Mrs. Merrett has moved from teaching grade 1 to teaching one of our grade 7 classes.

Mr. Neligan	-Grade 5	Ms. Armstrong	-Education Assistant
Elliot Fox-Povey	- Grade 2/3	Mrs. Finlay	-Education Assistant
Mr. Low	-Physical Education	Mrs. Littau	-Education Assistant
Mrs. Hiles	-Resource Teacher		

ALLERGIES

Please note that some students at George Bonner Elementary have allergic reactions to the following foods:

- peanuts
- dairy products
- fish
- eggs
- citrus

Your child's teacher will have more specific information should a student with one of these allergies be in your child's class.

George Bonner Elementary Monthly Calendar

September 2020

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Labour Day	8 Staff health and safety orientation No students	9 No students	10 A-K students attend	11 L-Z students attend	12	12
14 All students attend	15 PAC meeting @ 6:30 via zoom	16	17 Bottle Drive in front of school all day	18 Newsletter home	19	20
21 Non Instructional Day	22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Run	26	27
28	29	30 Cops for Cancer ride by @ 9:30 Orange Shirt Day				