



George Bonner Elementary School June Newsletter



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

What a busy year it has been. On behalf of the George Bonner staff, we extend our gratitude and appreciation to all the students and parents during this challenging year and the many changes to people's lives that it caused. Your flexibility and patience have been greatly appreciated.

As a final note, I wish to express my appreciation to the George Bonner staff for their resilience and perseverance throughout the year. I am grateful for their commitment and dedication to their students. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

We have attached a copy of next year's school calendar to this newsletter. Please note that the first day of school next year will be Tuesday, September 7th. This **will not** be a 2-hour early dismissal day as it has been in previous years. Students will be dismissed at our regular dismissal time of 2:18 pm.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- Thursday, June 24

Please note that the last day of school this year is Thursday, June 24th. Dismissal will be 2:13pm or 2:18pm depending on which cohort your child is in. Please remind your child to bring home all items on or before this day. Lost and found items will be available to claim until the end of June. Report cards will go home on the last day of school.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day is annually held on June 21 to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the nation's Indigenous peoples. There are three Indigenous groups in Canada – the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. After last week's horrific discovery in Kamloops, this year's events will be especially poignant. As an initial gesture, we held a moment of silence at this week's assembly. In addition, the school flag was lowered to half-mast all week. Many teachers are also completing various projects with their students around this topic. Please contact your child's teacher regarding specific activities that they might be offering.

GRADE 7 SHAWNIGAN CREEK CLEANUP

Today all three grade 7 classes walked to Shawnigan Creek to participate in a “creek cleanup”. Thanks to Tim Hortons for sponsoring this year ‘s Shawnigan event. Tim Hortons supplied donuts for each and every member of our cleaning team; 60 in all! Their contribution and support is much appreciated. Thanks also to Mr. Burgess, Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Merrett for organizing this event, and to the students for their hard work.



PAC THANK YOU

Thank you so much to our hard-working PAC members. These volunteers worked hard all year behind the scenes to help try and make this year as “ normal” as possible.

Because of this hard work PAC was able to help support:

- ✓ field trips
- ✓ special projects
- ✓ fundraising
- ✓ school wide events and activities



All parent support is a crucial part of what makes George Bonner the great school that it is. Your work is greatly appreciated by all staff and it is fantastic for children to see their parents taking an interest in their education.

Thank you all so much!

SCHOOL GARDEN

Our school garden is looking fantastic! Staff and students have been busy harvesting their crops and cleaning up the beds in preparation for summer. Thank you to Mrs. Swift and her helpers for maintaining the garden and making sure things are properly watered every day.

LIBRARY NEWS



June means inventory for the Bonner Library. ***All books need to be returned before June 18th.*** Please do all that you can to find any late or missing books. Requesting a child to pay for a lost book is the last resort, but books are expensive and the library budget is limited. If a child pays for a lost book in June and finds the book in the fall, their money is returned to them. I hope you find time to get your child involved in the Vancouver Island Public Library's summer reading program. Enjoy your summer, and we hope to see your children coming to the library in September.

SUMMER READING CLUB

Vancouver Island Regional Library is once again offering the popular Summer Reading Club program to encourage students to keep reading over the summer. We invite students at Bonner to embark on a reading adventure at the library by participating in this year's BC Summer Reading Club: **Crack the Case!**

Summer Reading Club officially starts on **June 29**. Parents and/or guardians can register their children at bcsrc.ca starting on **June 14**. Once registered, kids can track their reading online and earn digital badges! Please find the poster with details attached.

STUDENT REGISTRATION



As we start the process of looking at next year's staffing and what our class configurations might look like we need to know approximately how many students will be attending Bonner next year. Should you or someone you know plan on registering new students at George Bonner next year, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us prepare for next year.

STAFFING

A number of staff will not be returning to George Bonner next year and I would like to take this time to thank them for their hard work and wish them the best of luck next year. We will miss you all!

Mrs. Bridge -Vice-Principal/Teacher, moving to Bench
Ms. Dunlop - Grade 1/2 teacher, moving to TBA
Mrs. Merrett - Grade 7 teacher, moving to TBA
Mr. Hildebrand - Speech Language Pathologist, moving to TBA
Mrs. Lazaruk – Counsellor, moving to Bench
Ms. Paras-Charlton- Strong Start teacher, moving to TBA
Mrs. Windecker-Frano- Grade 5 teacher, moving to TBA
Mrs. Carlson- Head secretary, moving to Discovery/Bench
Mrs. Norris- Resource teacher, moving to TBA



In addition, I would like to thank all of our Education Assistants for all of their hard work and support this year. Your flexibility and willingness to help whenever and wherever you were needed has been amazing. Thanks to:

Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Finlay, Ms. Hutchins, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Quist, Mrs. Scott, Ms. Stone, Ms. Symons, Mrs. Wainman, Ms. Walter and Mrs. Young. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Kapuscinski and Ms. Paton for helping to supervise our students every day during the lunch hour break.

Good luck at the re-assignment meeting later this month and we hope to see you back here next year!

KILOMETRE CHALLENGE Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Thomas

Once again, the annual Bonner Kilometre Challenge was a great success. It motivated our young students to build their stamina for distance running. Students that persevered to meet or beat their personal bests have proudly displayed their achievement on the Kilometre Challenge bulletin board in the main hall. Each student runner is encouraged to keep their chain in a safe place over the summer and into the next school year so they can pick a special charm next Spring when the Kilometre Challenge starts up again.






Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Should you have questions during the summer, please note that the Bonner office will be open the week of June 28th to July 2nd with the exception of Canada Day. The office will reopen the week August 30th to September 3rd, 2021.



George Bonner Elementary Monthly Calendar June 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Assembly @ 9:00 Div. 5 & 8 Walking Trips Div. 11 & 12 to Kerry Park	2 Div. 3 & 4 to Bamberton	3	4 Newsletter Shawnigan Creek Div. 1/2/3 Div. 8 & 10 Bamberton Div. 7 Nature Park	5	6
7	8	9 Div. 9 to Kerry Park	10 Bottle Drive in front of school all day 	11 Grade 7 to Camp Imadene	12	13
14 Div.11/12/13 to Transfer Beach	15 Div. 15 to Bright Angel	16	17 Div.3 & 4 to Transfer Beach	18	19	20 Fathers Day
21	22 Div. 5 & 6 to Bamberton Div. 18 & 19 to Kerry Park	23	24 Last day of school Report cards home 	25 Administrative Day	26	27
28 Office open	29 Office open	30 Office open	1 Canada Day 	2 Office open		