



George Bonner Elementary School

March Newsletter

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DISTRICT CLOSURE AND SPRING VACATION

A reminder, Friday, March 12th, is the last day of school for students until Monday, March 29th.
Have a fantastic break everyone!

SATISFACTION SURVEY

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) is participating in the 2021 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Satisfaction Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Every year, the Ministry of Education asks all parents of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 students to complete the survey based on your opinions of the programs and activities at their school. If you have a child attending George Bonner Elementary who is in grade 4 or 7 you will receive an e-mail on Friday, March 5 with instructions on how to complete the survey. Simply go to the link below and then access the survey through the Parent Direct Access by selecting your child's district, school's name, and language of preference. The survey is available in English, French or 16 other languages. The results of this province-wide survey will be used to help schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education develop goals and priorities for next year. Thank you in advance for your support.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 24th was "Pink Shirt Day" at George Bonner. Students and staff wore pink in order to help raise awareness of bullying and the impacts it has on children. Remember the best way to stop a bully is to tell someone! Thank you to all who participated.

CUSTODIAN RETIREMENT

Friday, March 12th will be the last day of work for one of our amazing custodians, Mrs. Linda Nicol. Linda has been at Bonner for many years and has always gone above and beyond ensuring upper atrium classes and common areas were spotless. At the end of the day on Friday we have planned a "ticker tape" parade for Mrs. Nicol. Linda will walk through the lower atrium while students from the upper atrium drop small slips of paper with congratulation messages on them and give her a round of applause. Linda will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. Take care Linda. We will miss you!

GEORGE BONNER BEARS TC 10K TEAM – Ms. Cadorette

The TC10K team has had regular runs on Wednesday's at lunch. Thank you to Ms. Cadorette, Mrs. Baxendale, Mrs. Merrett, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Joyce for helping out.

It is great to see so many students interested in participating in the TC10K virtual run this year. If you would like to virtually participate in this year's run click on the link below. All participants will receive a special T-Shirt and medal.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2021/31270/2021-virtual-tc10k-powered-by-runsport>

If you have any other questions, please contact Ms. Cadorette at ecadorette@sd79.bc.ca

SPORTS AND CLUBS

The following clubs and activities are active with safety protocols in place:

Grade 6 and Grade 7 Volleyball with Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. Burgess Tuesdays at lunch (until Spring Break)

Grade 7 Rock Band with Mr. D. McDonald Thursdays at lunch

Rainbow Club with Mr. Fox-Povey and Ms. Sorenson Fridays at lunch

FAMILY CAPACITY PROGRAM

The Family Capacity Program is a free service available for parents dealing with a wide variety of challenges with their children such as frequent outbursts of anger, defiant behaviors, poor social skills, mood swings and excessive anxiety. Our program assists parents by providing support and education to gain the skills and knowledge needed to raise their children in a healthy family environment. This is a free community service and does not require a referral. Simply call Kirsten Mueller or Karin Stotzer at 250-746-5521 to sign up for this program. The Family Capacity Program is offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Children with anxiety often have a difficult transition back to school after Spring Break. To prepare your child for the return to school you can:

- Create a routine of getting up on time, getting ready for the day, and then working on an academic task, such as reading a few days before school commences.
- Open communication with your child to have them share their concerns and then set a goal for their final term.
- Remember to have fun and play outside during this break time! Fresh air is one of the best therapies.

COVID REMINDERS

Please do not send your child to school with any contagious illness including cold and flu.

The Ministry of Education's K-12 Health Check app resource can be used to support daily health checks for students:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>



Not sure if you or your child should get tested for COVID?

Here are a couple of tools you can use to help you make your decision.....

When to get tested for COVID-19		
Symptoms		What to Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Chills • Cough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of sense of taste or smell • Difficulty breathing 	1 or more of these symptoms get tested and stay home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore Throat • Loss of appetite • Headache • Body ache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme fatigue or tiredness • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea 	<p>If you have 1 symptom: stay home until you feel better</p> <p>2 or more symptoms: Stay home 24 hours, if no improvement get tested</p>
<p>If you are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above: Stay Home</p>		
<p><i>If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider or call 8-1-1.</i></p>		

GRADE 7 GRAD FUNDRAISER

Grade 7 Grad is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Easter!

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, here is the link to join our campaign: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1311444-82766>

Orders must be in by Mar 22 and pick up will be Tues Mar 30th and Wed Mar 31st in front of the school at drop off and pick up times. Tables will remain out after/before students are inside in case it's a secret. Local delivery can also be arranged with Kathy Lowry. Please feel free to contact her at any time with questions.

Thank you to all who have placed orders already! We truly appreciate your support!

After you've signed in you can buy amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Flyers went home with students, if you need another please let Kathy Lowry (sesape@me.com text 250-858-8412) or the office know. Thank you!

George Bonner Elementary Monthly Calendar

March 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2 Assembly @ 9:00	3	4	5 Newsletter Home	6	7
8	9	10 Staff Meeting	11	12 Last day of school	13	14
15 Spring Break 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Spring Break 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 School reopens	30 Purdy's Order Pick up 	31 Purdy's Order Pick up 				