



George Bonner Elementary School

May Newsletter



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PROFESSIONAL DAY

A reminder that Friday, May 7th, is a district wide teacher professional day so there will be no school for students. Have a great weekend!

STUDENT REGISTRATION

As the end of the school year draws near, we are starting the process of looking at next year's staffing and what our class configurations might look like. Both of these things are entirely dependent on student enrolment in the school. Should you or someone you know plan on registering new students at George Bonner next year, please do so as soon as possible. A reminder that priority is given to students who live within the George Bonner catchment area. Out of catchment area students must register at their home school then complete an out of area request form. Out of area requests are reviewed on a case by case basis in September. Thank you for helping us to prepare for next year.

VICE PRINCIPAL CHANGE

Each spring the district consults with principal and vice principals regarding possible moves to other schools. As part of this process Mrs. Bridge has been transferred to Bench Elementary effective August 1st. Mrs. Bridge has been at George Bonner for the past 5 years. During this time she has done a great job of teaching her classes and has also been very involved with supporting students, teacher learning, track meets, Jump Rope for Heart, outdoor playground and many other projects and activities. Thank you for all of your hard work Mrs. Bridge and good luck at Bench. We will miss you!



Coming to Bonner next year is Ms. Del Morgan. Ms. Morgan comes to us from Lake Cowichan School where she has been for the past four years. Prior to that Ms. Morgan worked at the Ministry of Education and in the Saanich School District. Ms. Morgan lives in Shawnigan Lake, attended Bonner as a child and her father was a once a teacher at Bonner so she is very excited to join the Bonner team. Welcome to George Bonner Ms. Morgan!

FRONT GARDEN

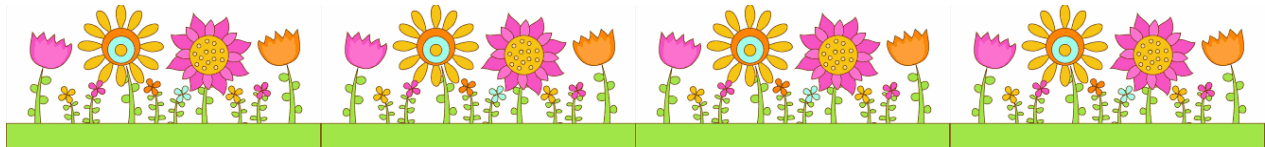
Division 1 students have been working hard weeding and planting flowers in the concrete bunker at the front of the school. Signs have been posted asking students to stay out of this bunker so the flowers have a chance to grow. Thank you to Division 1 for brightening up the entrance to the school.

INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Mrs. Swift and her team of dedicated helpers have been busy planning and gathering materials for our new indigenous garden. This garden will have a split rail fence, a rock river and will be full of plants and shrubs indigenous to Vancouver Island. Students will be involved in all phases of the project and we hope to have it completed by the end of June this year.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Spring has finally arrived, and many classes are busy getting things planted in their garden boxes! Students will soon be able to reap the benefits of their hard work with berry and vegetable samples as well as beautiful flowers.



SPORTS AND CLUBS

On Tuesdays at lunch, Mr. Low and Mr. Burgess are running grade 6 and 7 badminton. In order to ensure safety, all students are arranged by cohorts and wear their masks at all times. Students have been learning the basic skills of this great game in preparation for a mini tournament at the start of June. Thank you to Mr. Burgess and Mr. Low for coaching.

KILOMETER CHALLENGE

Each spring at Bonner we offer students the opportunity to participate in a Kilometer Challenge. Students earn charms for the number of kilometers they run or walk around our school track. This year's Kilometer Challenge is off to an impressive start. The top runners have already run over 40 kilometers! Keep up the great work everyone!

CLASS PHOTOS

On Tuesday, May 18th, Lifetouch photography will be here to take class photos with students. Safety protocols will be followed at all times. All photos will be taken outside so that students do not have to wear masks and their faces are visible in the photo. If your child would like to wear a mask they are welcome to do so. Each student will receive one complimentary copy of their class photo. Please call the school should you have any questions. There will be no individual or whole school photos taken on this day.

BUSING REGISTRATION for 2021/2022

Registration for busing next school year can be completed online beginning May 1 – 31, 2021.

<https://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/bus-registration/>



SALMON RELEASE

Since late January, Divisions 1, 2 and 8 have been raising salmon from the egg to the fry stage. Near the end of April, the Coho fry were ready to release so students from all three classes released almost 200 baby salmon into Shawnigan Creek. Thank you to all students for helping monitor the salmon and safely release them. Earlier in April, students in Divisions 18 and 21 helped release another batch of salmon raised by Mr. Boan-Mitchell. Fingers crossed they all grow up and return as adults in 2-3 years.



EARTH DAY AND LIGHTS OUT CANADA

April 22nd was “Lights Out Canada Day” at George Bonner so staff and students shut off as many lights as possible throughout the day in order to save energy. Many students and staff also wore blue or green to show their school spirit and support for “Earth Day.” Well done, everyone!

TC 10K – GEORGE BONNER BEARS

On Sunday, April 25th, students and a number of adults competed in the Times Colonist 10 KM Virtual Run near Kinsol Trestle. Everyone had a great time and some very fast times were posted. Well done to all members of the Bonner Bears team! The race was the culmination of three months of practice where children saw huge improvements in their fitness and endurance. We had a great team this year and are looking forward to another great team next year! Congratulations to:

Ms. Baxendale

Ms. Joyce

Ms. Merrett

Ms. Cadorette

Ms. Hughson (student teacher)

Ms. Tibbell (student teacher)

Brady Dow

Jack Bosence

Malia O’Donnell

William Kozoriz

Frankie Swannell

You should all feel proud of your determination and commitment. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers, families and teachers who helped with the water stations and snacks.

REMINDER- PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

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

A reminder that students in Grades 4 - 7 are currently required to always wear masks while inside the school and on the bus. The only exceptions are when students are eating/drinking or playing a musical instrument. K - 3 students are not required to wear masks. No masks are required while outside but physical distancing is encouraged.

Thank you to everyone in the Bonner community for your help keeping children, staff and families safe.



PAC INFORMATON

Yes, the PAC does a lot of Fundraising, but we do more than that. If you would like to be involved in supporting, encouraging and improving the quality of education and the well-being and safety of the students in our school, you are invited to attend the next PAC meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm via zoom.



PAC NEWS – Call for Nominations for the PAC Executive for the 2021-2022 School Year

Hello Bonner Parents! As there are only a couple of months of school left in the 2020-2021 school year, it is time to call for nominations for the PAC Executive positions for the 2021-2022 school year. The elections will be held during the September PAC meeting. ALL parents are part of the Bonner PAC and ALL parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings and support/volunteer for PAC activities and fund raising. Please consider putting your name forward or nominating a parent for a PAC position. It is a very rewarding service and no prior experience is necessary. We have a lot of fun and more hands make for light work. PAC meetings are held once a month at 6:30 pm via zoom. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th. Everyone is welcome! Can't make the meetings but still want to get involved? There is always lots of stuff to do between meetings and the help is always appreciated. The PAC can be contacted anytime at georgebonnerpac@sd79.bc.ca

The positions up for nomination are as follows:

Chairperson

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Fundraising Coordinator

If you are interested or have any questions regarding these positions and their duties, please feel free to contact the PAC via georgebonnerpac@sd79.bc.ca

George Bonner Elementary Monthly Calendar

May 2021

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3 Assembly @ 9:00	4	5	6	7 Non Instructional Day	8	9 Mothers Day
10 Div. 1 and 2 to the HUB	11	12 Staff Meeting	13 Div. 7/9 Entrepreneur Fair	14 Div. 7/9 Entrepreneur Fair	15	16
17	18 Class  pictures	19 One hour early dismissal	20 Bottle Drive 	21	22	23
24 Victoria Day	25	26 Ready Set Go Kindergarten Event 9:30- 11:30	27	28	29	30
31 Bike to work week 						