



School District 60 - Peace River North

## **Baldonnel Elementary School**

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September 5, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!! We are looking forward to an exciting school year. Our enrollment is up so we are waiting on our final numbers to determine grade configurations. For the next few days, student will go back to the classes they were in last year.

To help keep our school clean, please make sure your child has indoor and outdoor shoes.

Our core values for Baldonnel School are for all our school community to be respectful, responsible, safe, and kind. Together we are better!!

Canteen won't be available until October. Please make sure they are dressed for the weather.

### **STAFFING**

Principal	Christine Todd
Acting Principal	Pat Lang                      until September 30
Secretary	Tasha McDermott
Teachers	Jodi Miller, Shannon Gallagher, Tanya Merrill, Lauren Emes, Janell Olsen
Prep/L.A.	Jan Pope, Christine Todd
Library	Jan Pope
Educational Assistants	Jessica Ennis, Trista Brinkhorn
Custodian	Darlene Taylor

## **COVID -19 PROTOCOLS**

We will continue to work hard to provide a safe and caring environment for students and staff. All staff and visitors to the school need to wear a mask and sign in. We will be welcoming back volunteers. Also, we will be able to have sports teams and volunteer coaches. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Please remember, if your child is sick or coughing, they cannot be at school.

**Here are some of the positive developments for this school year:**

- \* No more cohorts/learning groups. Students will be scheduled and can socialize as per normal.
- \* No longer a 2-metre distance requirement. We will continue to respect others' space and be strategic about maximizing the use of space and spreading out when possible.
- \* Visitors are welcome. You will need to sign in and wear a mask when visiting.
- \* Extracurricular sports and inter-school activities can take place. Spectators can attend as per visitor guidelines.
- \* 3rd party groups can use the school gym as in the past - please check with your school principal for the booking and cleaning process.
- \* All canteen services return to normal

**Good preventative measures are still in place:**

- \* Washing hands and sneezing/coughing into your elbow
- \* Do your own [health check](#) each morning. There is also an [app](#) for this.
- \* **If a student, staff or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school.**
- \* Northern Health is in charge of all contact tracing procedures, and this is done between their medical staff and families.
- \* SD60 [Communicable Disease Plan](#) can be found on our district website

## PAC

The Parent Advisory Council has an important role to play in the success and community development for our school. The role of the council is to advise the principal on matters pertaining to the operations of the school and to provide additional support to enrich the activities we can plan for our students. We would really like to see more parents become involved. Our first meeting will be September 27 at 7pm in the school gym. If you would like to be involved, please phone the school. All volunteers need to have a criminal record check.

## PAYMENTS

For School Supplies parents can use the MyEducation BC Family Portal. School District 60 is pleased to announce that starting in September 2021 there is the availability to make payments online via MyEducation BC Family Portal. This is a secure platform to pay for your child's school fees. Payments can be made using Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Visa Debit and Mastercard Debit.

The parent/guardian user guide is available for download from the school website or at this link: [MyEducationBC Online Payment Parent Guide \(https://myedbc.prn.bc.ca/family-portal/\)](https://myedbc.prn.bc.ca/family-portal/).

Hot lunch program will be still e-transfers or through the hot lunch program website or cash to the school.

## SCHOOL FEES:

Grade	Supplies	Agenda	Cultural	Bussing	Field Trips	CWT	Total
Kindergarten	50	0	15	15		0	80
Grades 1-5	45	8	15	15	10	0	83
Grade 6	45	8	15	15	10	30	113

Families have options of picking up their own supplies if they do not want to purchase them through the school. We will start collecting money Wednesday, September 15.

### *Bell Schedule 2021-22*

8:50am	Warning Bell
8:55am	Classes Commence
10:30am	Recess
10:45am	Classes resume

12:00	Lunch begins
12:40pm	Warning Bell – Lunch ends
12:45pm	Classes resume
2:58pm	Dismissal
3:10pm	After school supervision ends

### **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY**

September 24<sup>th</sup> is the first non-instructional day. It is the school planning day.

### **NATIONAL HOLIDAY -TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY**

BC Schools will not be in session that day.

### **BC TRANSIT - FREE BUS FOR ALL CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER**

The Free Transit for Children 12 and Under Program will officially launch on September 1, 2021 allowing all children 12 and under to ride for free on any BC Transit bus without a fare product or presentation of identification. Children aged 5 and under must be accompanied by someone 12 years or older to ride the bus, and must board and depart at the same stop as their guardian. For more information visit: [bctransit.com/kidsridefree](https://bctransit.com/kidsridefree).

Yours sincerely,

Pat Lang,  
Acting Principal