

Baldonnel April 2022 Newsletter

It is nice to see everyone's smiling faces this morning as we return from Spring break. It is hard to believe there are only three months left of school. We have a number of things happening in April. Please remember to always refer to the school calendar of events found on the Baldonnel Elementary School webpage.

Important Dates:

Monday April 4th: PAC meeting at 7 pm, there is a Zoom invite if you can't make it in person. E-mail with details sent out today.

Tuesday April 12th: Will's Jams Performance: Room 1, 2 and 5 @ Anne Roberts Young

Thursday April 14th: PAC Easter Egg Hunt

Friday April 15th: Good Friday no school

Monday April 18th: Easter Monday no school

Thursday April 21st: Wacky Hair Day

Friday April 22nd: Non-Instructional Day. No school for students.

Thank-you:

On behalf of the staff we would like to say thank you to the **PAC** for providing the staff with a beautiful lunch just before Spring Break. We were very grateful for this treat.

Change of clothing:

It would be a good idea for primary students in particular to have an extra set of clothing in their backpacks while we are going through spring like weather. It is wet in the school yard and even though we do not encourage water play sometimes it does happen and students get wet.

Room 5 Swim Lessons

The lessons start tomorrow. Please make sure to send back the permission forms. Dates of lessons are included on the form.

Fundraisers:

Currently we have a few fundraisers on the go:

Shop Local Coupon books are for sale for 10 dollars. Please help us sell these booklets by sharing this information with friends and family. All proceeds will go directly to the school. Contact the office to purchase your booklets. It would be great if you could try to promote this fundraiser as we were given 100 booklets to sell. Thank you very much.

Growing Smiles Spring Plant Fundraiser:

<https://baldonnelpac.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Please make sure orders are in by April 24th. They will arrive on time for Mother's Day.

Provincial Health Mandate Update:

Masks are no longer mandated in the school environment; although certain individuals may choose to continue to wear them for personal and/or health-related reasons. If anyone has

travelled internationally, they will need to wear a mask for 14 days following their return to Canada.

Visitors are once again welcome to the building, please sign in at the office. You will see a cart with the sign-in book, just outside the office window. This was always a part of our regular procedure before COVID. It is important to have a record of who is in our building.

Parents/Guardians will be allowed to attend assemblies, participate in special events and watch sports/games/tournaments (currently 50% capacity-this may change with the next update on April 7th)

The past few years have been long and difficult. Schools have had to adjust and adapt to changing pandemic routines, expectations and restrictions. Our school community has had to deal with a lot and it is important to recognize and thank our students, parents and staff for working together through this difficult time. As we move forward, please remember that each individual/family/community member will continue to make decisions best for them. We will continue to be supportive and respectful of these decisions.

Academic Happenings in the classroom:

Each month, I thought I would include some of the academic learning going on in the classroom. Please remember this is only a small snapshot but it will give you an idea of some of the academic learning taking place.

Each classroom: On April 13th our community continues learning from the 7 Grandfather Teachings. The focus for April is Humility and the animal is the wolf. The district Indigenous teacher, Diane Barclay, will be sharing these lessons with us. This is part of our framework school goal #3.

Academic Snapshot:

Room 1: Focus is on home reading, flash cards, pre-writing activities. Mrs. Miller recommends having students print out some of their sight words as an at home activity to support what she does in class.

Room 2: Focus for April reading, writing activities, data collecting and graphing for math. Students will be starting a drama unit this month.

Room 3: Double digit subtraction, making change, 3-D shapes in geometry, Math centres.

Room 5: Learning about money, non-standard measurements, physical and chemical change, Earth day lessons.

Room 6: Gratitude journals and lapbooks, reading the novel, The One and Only Bob, Biomes and Fractions.

Room 7: Fractions, Speeches, documentary/newsletter project on an animal of choice.

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