

# *Bears Newsletter*

February 15, 2024

Burton Elementary School

Volume 6

Dear Bears,

As we enter February, I am filled with immense joy and gratitude for the wonderful community we have here at Burton Elementary School. As spring approaches and we push towards summer, our commitment to nurturing minds and fostering growth is as strong as ever.

At the Bear's Den, February is not just about Valentine's Day; it's about celebrating the love of learning and the personal growth that comes with it. In our classrooms, hallways, and playground, you can witness daily the love and dedication our students have for exploring new ideas, solving problems, and supporting one another. It is the great special character we have flowing through Burton Elementary School.

This month, we will continue to focus on leadership and the importance of understanding and appreciating our differences, knowing that diversity enriches our learning environment and prepares us to thrive in an interconnected world.

Sadly, it appears that our ski season will be cancelled this year. We appreciate what Summit Lake Ski Resort provided for our students and hope we can return to the slopes next year. In Lieu of this, we will be heading to Nakusp for a chance to skate. I appreciate what our staff does in order to give our kids such great opportunities.

Parents and guardians, your partnership in your child's education is invaluable. I encourage you to continue to engage with us, ask questions, and support your child's learning journey. Together, we can empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

As we embrace the spirit of February, let us remember that every day is an opportunity to learn something new, be challenged and grow into the best versions of ourselves.

With warm regards,

Brent



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Please  
remember to  
notify the office  
when your  
child(ren) will be  
absent from  
school



## **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**



**Feb 19th: Family Day– No school**

**Feb 22nd: Assembly/Open House @ 2:45pm  
\*\*Parents Welcome\*\***

**Feb 23rd: Switch week– classes in-session**

**Feb 26th: Metis Presentation @ 1:30pm- Families Welcome**

**Feb 28th: Pink Shirt Day**

**Feb 29th: Leap Day!**



Date	Tuesdays- Hot Lunch	Wednesdays- Hot Breakfast	Thursdays- Hot Lunch
<b>Week of: Feb 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Grilled Chz & Tators	French Toast Casserole	Chili
<b>Week of: Feb 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Chicken & Broc Pasta bake	Baked Oatmeal	Shepards Pie
<b>Week of: Feb 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Lasagna	Sausage & Eggs	Potato Bacon Soup
<b>Week of: Mar 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Chicken nuggets & fries	Pancakes & smoothies	Spaghetti

# Seamless Day After School Care

Upcoming March activities—  
sign up today!





# Seamless Day After School Care

Come have fun with Ms. Lora Mae during our after-school care program at BES. It runs Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Registration is now open to all BES students from K-7. Full-time and part-time spots are available. \$15/day.

Please contact the office or Lora Mae directly to register.



# The Pink Shirt Day Story

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27th to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and now the last Wednesday each February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

Many countries now recognize specific days for raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. In Canada, many students have heard the Pink Shirt Day message from kindergarten through to their high school graduation. The movement continues to grow.



# Indigenous Education

Musical performance at BES by Metis singer, songwriter and storyteller Patrick Alexandre on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm - 3:15 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Below is a write-up about Patrick and his performance.

RedBoine by Patrick Alexandre Song by song, story by captivating story, Patrick Alexandre takes audiences through the tumultuous years of the Red River Resistance as seen through the eyes of his ancestors. His heartfelt songs offer an original and intimate perspective of Metis life resisting, fighting and dying in the days of Canada's Confederation.

Métis roots powerhouse singer Patrick Alexandre re-emerges from the recent hiatus with a soon to be released bilingual concept album exploring the various roles his ancestors played throughout the Red River Resistances of 1869. The Juno nominated producer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist blends stories and songs, taking you on an emotional journey through Canadian history. The experiences of his ancestors provide a very human and personal perspective to a complex issue.

Using his unique blend of Folk, Blues, and Country music, Alexandre gets down into the gritty truths of the turmoil faced by his relatives and the people around them in a difficult and ever changing time, demonstrating the resilience and *Joi de vivre* the Métis People are known for.

This month our K-7's are focusing on the Grandfather Teaching of Love that is represented by the Eagle. Metis artist Phyllis Poitras-Jarrett describes eagle spirit and love as the following:

## Eagle Spirit

I am the eagle spirit. I love all beings unconditionally and will embrace you with open wings. I will support you at your weakest and most joyful moments. My love knows no boundaries. I will protect you and guide you like I do my offspring. Love yourself and a peaceful flow will spread from your heart to those who cross your path. Soon gratitude and love will be mirrored back to you. Your vision will become clear knowing that love, kindness and peace is being spread across Mother Earth.



# Community News



## Burton Spring 2024 Program

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Young Explorers for Kindergarten – Grade 3		Friday Stories for Kindergarten – Grade 3		Wild Fridays for Grades 4-7		Pro D Day Bushcraft Camps for ages 8 and up
Tuesdays after school  3:30pm-5:30pm (2 hours)		On school-free Fridays (not including ProD Days & March Break) 9am – 12pm (3 hours)		On school-free Fridays (not including ProD Days & March Break) 1pm-4pm (3 hours)		Introduction to Knife Skills and Fire Starting February 16, 10am – 2pm (4 hours) \$60 per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
Content*: - Stories & songs - Unstructured themed play - Cooperative games - Nature Art - Bushcraft skills - Science learning - Nature walks - Reflections & circle time <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Content*: - Stories & songs - Unstructured themed play - Cooperative games - Nature Art - Bushcraft skills - Science learning - Nature walks - Reflections & circle time <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Content*: - Themed exploration - Strategy games - Nature art - Wilderness skills - Scientific inquiry - Nature walk - Reflections & circle time <i>*topics will depend on students' interests</i>		Introduction to Compass Use and Map Reading April 19, 10am – 4pm (6 hours) \$90 (per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
1st Session: April 2 April 9 April 16 April 23 April 30 May 7 May 14	2nd Session: May 21 May 28 June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	1st Session: March 1 March 8 March 15 April 12 April 26 May 3	2nd Session: May 10 May 31 June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	1st Session: March 1 March 8 March 15 April 12 April 26 May 3	2nd Session: May 10 May 31 June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28	Introduction to Shelter Building and First Aid May 17, 10am – 4pm (6 hours) \$90 per student (incl. tool use) Max. 10 students
\$205 per student	\$175 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	\$245 per student	<i>*While each session builds on skills learned in the previous one, children can sign up for each session independently.</i>
Max. 20 students per session						
<b>March Break Camp</b> Ages 6-12		Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 21 10am – 2pm (4 hours per day) \$215 per student <i>Theme to be determined based on enrollment</i> Max. 20 students				





## School District 10 (Arrow Lakes)

World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

### 2023-2024 School Calendar

4 Day Week

Weekends	
Statutory Holidays	
School Vacation Periods	
School NI/Pro-D Days	
Administration Day	

September 5, 2023	School Opens
September 22, 2023	School Based Pro D Day
September 30, 2023	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Stat on Oct 2, 2023)
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Stat
October 20, 2023	BCTF Provincial Pro D Day
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day (Stat on Nov 13, 2023)
December 25, 2023	Winter Vacation
January 5, 2024	
January 1, 2024	New Years Day
January 8, 2024	School Opens
January 26, 2024	District - ALTA Shared Pro D Day
February 16, 2024	Regional Pro-D Day
February 19, 2024	Family Day Stat
March 18, 2024	Spring Vacation
March 28, 2024	
March 29, 2024	Good Friday Stat
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday Stat
April 19, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 17, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Stat
June 28, 2024	Administrative Day - No School



Days of Instruction	156
Non-Instructional Days	6
Administrative Day	1
<b>Total Days in Session</b>	<b>163</b>

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