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# The Bayview Bulletin

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School-Wide Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 26—Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 27—Photo Day
- Sept. 28—Kindergarten Screening
- Sept. 28—PAC Pizza Day
- Sept. 28—Orange Shirt Day—Special Event
- Sept. 29—No School Curriculum Day
- Sept. 30—No School

## Principal's Message

It is my great pleasure to be joining the community at Bayview Elementary this school year. I acknowledge as I begin my journey here, the tremendous work of the school staff and Principal, Diane McGonigle, that has established an incredible community and foundation for learning.

I believe in constant growth, learning and improvement for all students and staff; throughout the first couple weeks of school, it has been evident that Bayview is a community that shares the commitment to reach success for every student.

Communication between families and the school is key to providing support for the unique strengths and needs of each child; as such, I welcome caregivers' active involvement and communication with the school. From the school, we will continue to build opportunities for ongoing communication with families.

I look forward to working with you to ensure learning and achievement for all students.

Mr. Kevin Brand, Principal

## STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Please look for these important forms that will be sent home this week. We ask that you complete them as thoroughly as possible and return them to school as quickly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have two alternate numbers to call in case your child is sick or there is an emergency.

Please remember if your child requires any medication at school (e.g. inhalers, epipen, antibiotics) there is a form that needs to be filled out by the parents/guardians. All medication needs to be kept in the office.

## SCHOOL VISITATION PROTOCOL

In keeping with our District's Health and Safety policies and good practice, we ask that all visitors check in with the office. If you are volunteering in a classroom or in any other area of our school, or are dropping off something for a student, we ask that you sign in at the office and pick up an 'Authorized Visitor' badge. This also helps us to know who is in our building in the event of an emergency.

## BAYVIEW R.O.C.K.S.

### PBIS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Everyone at Bayview participates in a school-wide approach to learning safe, responsible & respectful behavior to ensure a safe, caring, and orderly school environment. This is directly related to our school's Code of Conduct which can be found in the Parent Handbook sent home the first week of school. We are focusing on 'doing the right thing' – even when no one is watching. All staff describe, teach and practice, acknowledge, and reteach whenever needed. We are reviewing our school matrix and 'Bayview ROCKS' (Respect, Ownership, Cooperation, Kindness, Safety) and reviewing using WITS (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help) as a problem solving strategy.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children to 'do the right thing' and for your interest and involvement in what is happening at Bayview.

Find us on Twitter!



@bayviewboxers

## R.O.C.K.S.

### Recognition

Students came back to school with all the energy and excitement!



## Win your child Tea with Mr. B

<https://goo.gl/forms/wxee5I5bKBPr9pCT2>

Entries by the end of the month will be entered in a special draw.

## GAMES AND ELECTRONICS

### AT SCHOOL



We are asking that parents ensure that students keep any of their electronic games, game boys, Nintendo DS, iPods, MP3 players etc...at home! These items interfere with lessons in the classroom and run the risk of being lost, damaged or stolen at school. The school is not responsible for these items and we certainly do not want them to interfere with the learning in the classroom. Students can use these devices for their walk to and from school, but they should remain in backpacks or with the teacher for safe keeping for the rest of the day. We encourage the students to be interacting with others and not on technology at the recess and lunch breaks. The school phone is available for students to call home or for parents to contact their child/ren during the day. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

### BAYVIEW PAC

Watch for information to come home about PAC meetings. Pizza and babysitting are available. Come see what PAC is about. Share your ideas and make a difference for our students. Many hands make light work.

### STRONG START

Our Strong Start program is a drop-in program for parents/caregivers and little ones. Our Strong Start is open Monday through Friday from 8:45-11:45. In addition to the circle time, play time, and arts and crafts in the Strong Start Centre, they use the gym and library and have visits from our Aboriginal Education staff and other community members. Check out their facebook page for regular updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca>.



**StrongStart BC**

### PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are some important safety reminders:

Slow down and take your time.

Only park in designated areas. Do not stop in the middle of the road or pull up onto the curbs or park along the side with the 'no stopping' signs.

Cross at appropriate spots

Use the sidewalks and crosswalks

Do not walk along behind where the cars are parked

If your child/ren exit out the back of the school, arrange to meet them along Princess Street behind the school as there is lots of parking available.

Thank you for taking an extra couple of minutes to follow these safety rules. We don't want anyone getting injured.

### VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOL:

Throughout the year, we often have parent volunteers helping out with a variety of events and activities. The majority of the time, the volunteering is done in the classroom or in a setting where the teacher is also with the students. However, there are times that a volunteer may



be with children without a teacher or school district employee. In those circumstances, we will now be required to have criminal record checks done for those situations, this includes parent drivers for field trips and sports teams. There is an online system that the district is using to apply for your check. Please get information on record checks from the school office.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This group is an opportunity for grades 5 to 7 students to work on building their leadership skills and making a difference around their school and community. Application forms go out next week. We are planning a trip to We Day in Vancouver for some of the student leaders in October (limited number of tickets). Created by Free the Children to celebrate the power of young people to create positive change, We Day is a day-long event that ignites a year-long program for change, called We Schools in Action. In cities across Canada, the event brings inspirational speeches and performances to young leaders. Students then bring that energy home to take action on local and international issues all year long. Watch for information about our first special school wide event soon.

### BC FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM



Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruit and vegetables to students during classroom time. Every two weeks, produce from this program is given to students during morning snack time. If you do not wish your child to participate in this program or if your child has any allergies, please send a note to your child's teachers.

### WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, we will soon be distributing all newsletters electronically. Starting in January we will not send paper copies home. Instead we will share newsletters in 3 easy ways:

1. An email will be sent with the link to the electronic newsletter.
2. The newsletter will be posted on our school website on the first school day of every month.
3. The newsletter will be posted on the PAC Facebook site.

Please ensure that the school has your email address so we can send the newsletter link to you.

We will always have paper copies of the newsletter in the school office.

### School Notices

Most school notices will only be sent home with the youngest child in a family and with children who do not have siblings in the school. There will be some exceptions. You can also stay informed by checking out our school website

<http://schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca/bayview/Pages/default.aspx>

the PAC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewpac>

and the Strong Start facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/www.bayviewstrongstart.ca>.