

Beaverlodge Elementary News

A Special Place for You and Me!

October 2008

Message from the Principal

Well I did it!! I survived my first month teaching in grade two. Now please, don't get me wrong. I love working in grade two. It is just that as a Junior and Senior High Math and Science trained teacher, the prospect of having to teach grade 2 Social, Health and PE was, well - a bit daunting. Having said all this, I thoroughly enjoy working with my class. They are very enthusiastic about everything, they work extremely hard and they are so much fun to spend time with.

Having this new teaching assignment this year has certainly given me a stronger appreciation of how hard working elementary teachers are. They have so much more to deal with than just teaching curriculum. Differences in student abilities are so acute at this young age and teachers must work extra hard to meet the educational and emotional needs of all their students.

My hat is off to elementary teachers, especially the ones working at Beaverlodge Elementary School.

Paul Cincurak

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School Fees

School Fees for Beaverlodge Elementary School will be \$80.00 for ECS to grade 6. **Please call Mr. Cincurak at the school if you are unable to pay your fees. We have several payment options that we would be more than willing to discuss with you.**

Picture Days

Oct. 6 & 7th are Picture Days at our school. On Oct. 6th, M/W ECS class and the grade 5's and 6's will have their pictures taken. On Oct. 7th, the remaining students and staff will have their pictures taken. Each student will receive two proofs from which to choose from. Parents DO NOT need to send money on Picture Day. You can pay for your child's pictures when you choose the proof you want. **Paquin's will be taking our photos this year.**

Learn Alberta Website

The Learn Alberta Web site is an interactive web site for students, parents and staff. It covers all areas of the curriculum for grades K-6 and provides many activities and lessons for students to work on to supplement their regular school work. The login information for this year is Login: LA410
PW: 5892
The website is www.learnalberta.ca. Check it Out!

Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club Registration. For more information please contact Jamie Schoorlemmer @ 780 765-2199.

Rural Reading Network. If you are an adult who would like to improve your literacy skills, please call Barb at the Rural Reading Network @ 780-354-265.6

Congratulations to the students and staff at BES for once again raising over \$9,800.00 dollars last spring during our "Jump Rope for Heart" sponsored by the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation. Way to go BES!!!

Just a reminder . . .

- Please call the school if your child will be absent from school. The number is 354-2446.
- We ask that all visitors to the school please check into the office when you come into the school. It is very important for our children's safety that we know who is in our school at any given time. This would include parents picking up their children during the school day.
- **Remember that no parking is allowed in front of the school along 5th Avenue.**

We thank you for your continued cooperation!

Important Dates

Oct. 3 – Hotdog Sale
Oct. 6 – Staff Meeting, ATCO Presentation @ 10:15 am for Gr. 4-6
Oct. 6th (am) and 7th (am & pm) – Picture Day
Oct. 8 – Fire Prevention Week presentation @ 2:45 pm for K-3
Oct. 9 – Pizza Sale (**Money must be in by Oct. 7th @ 9:00 am**)
Oct. 10, 24th – CSW
Oct. 14 - SC AGM @ 4:00 pm
Oct. 16 – Derrick Starlight Presentation @ 2:30 pm (Tentative)
Oct. 21 & 29 – Oral Reports @ 4:00 pm
Oct. 23 – Sub Sale (**Money must be in by Oct. 21 @ 9:00 am**)
Oct. 28 – Bring a Friend to Lunch
Oct. 29 – Omarla Cook Traditional Native Dance Presentation @ 2:30 pm
Oct. 31 – Assembly at 2:30 pm (**Costume Day**), Hotdog Sale

Oral Report Card Interviews

On the evenings of **Tuesday, Oct. 21st (4:00-7:00 pm) and Wednesday Oct. 29th (4:00-6:30 pm)**, we will be holding Oral Report Card Interviews. These conferences provide a vital link between home and school and are held well in advance of the first Report Card to give parents' important feedback about their child's progress before the report card. **Please contact the office, or send a note with your child, by Oct. 6th to book your appointment.**

Otherwise, an appointment time will be booked for you. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Getting the most from your Parent Teacher Interviews

Here are some things to consider as you prepare for Parent Teacher Interviews on October 21 & 29.

1. Talk to your child about school. Learn about their "likes" and "dislikes".
2. Write down specific questions or concerns that you may have.
3. Discuss your child's special interests with their teacher. The more we know about your child, the better we can connect with them.
4. Expect the teacher to have some questions as we attempt to gain better insight into your child.
5. Discuss the interview with your child afterwards.

Parent Teacher Interviews – What a great way to connect!

**BES School Council
AGM
Oct. 14th @ 4:00 pm**

If you are looking for an excellent opportunity to have more input into your child's educational experiences at BES, School Council is for you. Our School Council is a collection of dedicated parents and teachers who come together to discuss, to support and to advise the Principal on educational matters at the school. For more information on our School Council, please contact Marilyn Snell – School Council Chair at 354 – 2566.

**Be Informed . . . Be Involved!
It's your Choice!**

Rooney and Punyi Make Reading Come to Life at BES

As a start to our year, Ms. Pritchard organized a Reading and Literacy presentation for our students and staff. Maureen & Paul (a.k.a. Rooney and Puny) brought books to life for our staff and students. Reading well known children's classics and creating plays involving students and staff was the order of the day. A highlight of the presentation was certainly Mr. Mechanuck and Mrs. Shields as a two headed giant in their version of Jack and the Beanstalk. As part of their workshop, grade 5 & 6 students also had the opportunity to sit in on an interview with such famous people as Samuel de Champlain and Leonardo DaVinci (played fabulously by Paul).



Samuel de Champlain being interviewed by Mrs. Schoepp



Tanner Beets and the two headed giant!!!

Point, Pause & Proceed – Getting Kids Safely Across the Street

With the arrival of school, comes another year of work for the BES School Safety Patrol. In keeping with a long standing tradition at BES, almost 20 years now, the Safety Patrol assists our students crossing the street after school. Patrollers are trained to follow a very carefully scripted routine.

When students approach the cross walk – (a) the patroller holds out his/her sign to make sure the children stop, 9b) the patroller looks both ways and holds out his left arm and yells “**Point**” to his/her partner across the street. Their partner yells “**Point**” back. After carefully checking for cars, the patroller with the kids asks “**Ready to proceed?**” The partner also looks carefully both ways and when it is safe replies “**Proceed**”. Signs are then held in the outstretched right hand, cars are stopped and the students can safely cross the street.

Please complete this Milk Form for the month of October and return it to the school ASAP if you are purchasing milk monthly. October milk cost is \$14.25.

Child's Name _____	Class _____	Amount _____
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To encourage students to deliver the newsletter to their parents, we will be drawing for a large two topping pizza from Anna's Pizza. Please have your child return this slip to his/her teacher.

Student's Name - _____ Parent's Signature - _____