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Newsletter | September 2015

Upcoming Important Dates

September

- 2 School Council Meeting-6:00pm
- 3 1:10 dismissal - Meet the Teacher (7:00pm)
- 4 Non-instructional Day (No School for Students)
- 7 Labour Day (No School for students)
- 24 Terry Fox Run
- 25 Non-instructional Day (No School for Students)

October

- 1 School Council Meeting-6:00pm
- 9 Interim Report Card/Last Day of Classes
- 19 Classes Resume
- 29 Parent-Teacher-Interviews-(1:10pm Dismissal)
3:00- 4:30 pm & 5:00-8:00 pm
- 30 Parent-Teacher-Interviews (8:30am-noon)

November

- 3 Photo Retakes
- 5 School Council Meeting-6:00pm
- 11 Remembrance Day (No School for Students)
- 19 Friday bell schedule (1:10pm dismissal)
- 20 Non-instructional Day (No School for students)

December

- 3 Friday bell schedule (1:10pm dismissal)
- 3 Winter Festival (evening performances)
- 4 Non-instructional Day (No School for students)
- 10 School Council Meeting-6:00pm
- 18 Last day of classes –1:10pm Dismissal

January

- 14 Classes Resume
- 13 School Council Meeting-6:00pm
- 28 French Immersion Open House
- 29 Report Card #1



Principal's Message

This year marked the first year of our school opening with Grade 6 students in our building. Our opening days and weeks went smoothly and I would like to thank the staff of Bob Edwards School for all of their efforts during the school opening.

I would like to welcome all returning students and all new students and families to our school. I am hoping that everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Please join us for our Meet the Teacher evening on September 3rd (6:30 for French Immersion and 7:00 pm for English Program).

Parents, please ensure that all forms brought home by parents are completed as soon as possible and returned to the school.

Please check every month for a new newsletter. This is your way of receiving important school information in a convenient electronic format. For those of you who wish hard copies of the newsletter – please contact the main office.

Band News

We are very excited to start another year in our band classes. New school year brings new music pieces that we are so anxious to learn. Junior band class includes students in Grades 6 and 7 who seem to be thrilled about learning their new instruments. Our Senior Band includes students in Grades 8 and 9 who will be continuing to master their playing skills. Our program will include Disney selections, popular movie hits and Jazz pieces.

This year we have a few music activities planned. These activities include:

- In-school clinic for Junior Band students
- Field trip(s) to Mount Royal for both Senior and Junior Band students
- Winterfest (Winter Concert) for both Senior and Junior Band students
- Bob Edwards Open House performance (Senior Band)
- Field Trips to Marlborough and Mayland Heights Schools (Senior Band)
- Spring Concert for both Senior and Junior band students

For the dates/times please follow school website and/or paperwork sent home with your son/daughter.

If you have any questions please call Mr. Kolesnikov @ (403) 777-7770

Athletics

Athletics at Bob Edwards is well underway for the new school year. Soccer teams for boys and girls have been picked and games have already started. Thanks to everyone who tried out. There was great interest from many students and that made for some very difficult decisions when teams were set. Good luck to both soccer teams.

Volleyball tryouts have just started this past week. Interest is very high for volleyball also. Thanks to all who are trying out. More information to follow on games when the schedule is set.

Cross country running is also just starting up. All interested runners please stay tuned for practice times. Anyone who enjoys running please join us.

W. Betke

C. Fisher

School Safety Program

During the year we will be holding 6 Fire drills and 2 evacuation/ practice lock downs in order to ensure that students are familiar with each important process. We will endeavor to avoid doing these practices in inclement weather in order to provide a better learning experience for the students.

School Finance Report

The school finance report for last school year (2014-15), will be available later this month. Please check the website for this report and other important information.

Student Agendas

Each student will receive an agenda and a school information package outlining rules and policies of the school. This information package is also posted on the website for parents to view and familiarize themselves with school policy. Every student has received an agenda and a magnetic year calendar to take home.

Meet the Teacher Night – Sept. 3rd

We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet many grade 6 and 7 parents and students and to showcase our school and each of our teaching areas. We also will take the opportunity to promote participation for those interested in joining our School Council.

Sincerely,



Ronald S. Norrish
Principal

Student Drop Off/PickUp

Please drop off/pick-up your child away from the designated bus zone areas at the front and the side of the school. We have 7 buses and it can be very congested when they arrive. If pulling up in front of the school, please pull forward toward the tennis courts. To avoid any traffic violation tickets, do not park in cross walk areas or on the corners of the streets beside the school. Avoid doing any u-turns around the school and please refrain from using the staff parking lot to pick-up or drop off students. If waiting for your child for more than a few moments please do not idle your car for extended periods of time.

Walking Students

When walking to and from school, there are a few safety tips to abide by:

- look both ways before crossing the street and make sure the vehicle's driver sees you and then comes to a stop.
- when crossing the street use the crosswalk...not the middle of the street (always walk across the street, don't run).
- if you ride a bike to school, wear a helmet (it is the law).
- when crossing the street, get off your bike and walk it across (don't ride it in a crosswalk).



Bob Edwards School Council

- We certainly recognize the crucial role that school council's have in contributing to a positive community environment and in enhancing student opportunities.
- School Council meetings are an excellent opportunity for parents to see the impact they can make in their school community.
- School Council's contribute to a schools improvement plan, fundraising, sports, library, technology, special events, presentations, and school policies.

Please consider taking on a School Council position or just joining our School Council meetings for the 2015-16 school year. No experience is necessary and we encourage you to bring another parent along with you.
Have your child drop off this sheet in September to the office or fax it to 777-7778.

Tear and return to the office

I am interested in an executive position on the School Council:

Name _____ Contact number _____

School Council position I am interested in _____

Or

I am interested in attending School Council Meetings only:

Name _____ Contact number _____

Email Address _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Understanding Issues Teens Face Today

Free Education Sessions for Parents/Caregivers and those who work with teens

<p><u>Anxiety and Teens</u></p> <p>Patricia Spady, Eastside Family Centre</p> <p>Tuesday October 6, 2015 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>East Calgary Health Centre, Room 2350 4715 8th Avenue SE</p>	<p><u>Introduction to Self Injury in Teens</u></p> <p>Carolyn Zelt, Child & Adolescent Mental Health, Alberta Health Services</p> <p>Tuesday October 13, 2015 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>East Calgary Health Centre, Room 2285, 4715 8th Ave SE</p>	<p><u>Substance Abusing Teens - What Parents Can do Differently</u></p> <p>Alison Penney, Youth Addiction Services, AHS</p> <p>Tuesday October 20, 2015 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>East Calgary Health Centre, Room 2350 4715 8th Ave SE</p>	<p><u>Cyberbullying and Social Media</u></p> <p>Constable Carter Duschene, Cybercrime Education, Calgary Police Service</p> <p>Tuesday October 27, 2015 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>East Calgary Health Centre, Room 2285, 4715 8th Ave SE</p>
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To register online:
http://forcalbertahealthservices.ca/course_registration/public_course_list.php
 If you require more information please contact:
 Community Relations Services @ 403.243.1131

These sessions are presented by The Community Education Service of the Clinic and Adolescent Adolescents and Mental Health Fortis (CAMHAF) of Alberta Health Services in partnership with East Calgary Health Centre, AHS Women's Health Resources Outreach and Fernie Loan Library

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learning | **as unique** | as every student

connect | welcome to a new school year

September brings new faces to our schools, all eager to start the year. Our hallways are once again full of excitement with friends seeing each other after summer break. Our teachers are brimming with new ideas and fun opportunities for learning. The beginning of a school year brings endless opportunities for parents and students alike. While students are joining clubs, activities and sports, families also have the chance to connect with schools and your child's learning.

You are a vital partner in your child's learning. And whether you have a little time to contribute to this or a lot, we appreciate it all.

There are so many ways to be engaged in your child's learning. Take some time each night to go over the day's lessons. Be in touch with your child's teacher when needed. Talk to your child about what's going on at their school. Your support makes a world of difference in your child's education.

Our schools also appreciate the time you take to volunteer in the classroom, on off-site trips, or from home. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to your child's teacher. You will be assisted through the volunteer registration process, which includes a police clearance.

Some of you may choose to be involved in your school councils. This is one of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

School councils help connect students, schools and your community while supporting and enhancing learning environments in many ways that benefit students. They also contribute to the effective communication that builds relationships and a shared understanding of needs, expectations and values within a school community.

School councils also have the opportunity to be involved in the CBE's Council of School Councils (COSC).

Through COSC, each CBE school has a voice to speak to the system, not just to their schools and principals.

Here, CBE leaders and parents work together, share information, discuss concerns and plan for the future.

If you'd like to become involved with your school council, please speak to your school's principal.

Looking ahead

We are pleased with our new government's commitment to education, and look forward to working with them this year. Their support this past spring has made it possible to continue to provide the best quality education for our growing population.

Our school population continues to grow, and we expect to welcome approximately 2,500 new students this year, bringing our total to about 117,000 students.

There will be a lot of new faces to say hello to this month, along with those you've missed over the summer. We welcome each of you into the CBE, and wish your child a great year of learning and growing.

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