



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Administrator's Message

As we move into October, I am so grateful to the BX community for the warm welcome I have received. I'm learning more names each day and truly enjoying getting to know our students and families. From our wonderful Terry Fox Run and the community presentation on Rett Syndrome, to the generous support for the Vernon Food Bank, I continue to see the strong sense of community that makes BX so special.

As the seasons change, we are reminded through Syilx teachings that learning happens through our relationships with the land, our community, and one another. Children learn by observing seasonal changes, participating in harvesting and gathering, and recognizing the signs that tell us when it is time to do things. These experiences nurture a sense of belonging, responsibility, and connection to place.

In that spirit, I would like to invite students, staff, and families to our **"Grateful for Community" gathering on October 9 from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m.** This will be an informal opportunity to come together, connect with one another, and share our gratitude for the people and community around us.

I am grateful to be learning alongside our students and families and to be becoming part of this wonderful community.



Danielle Calder

Principal, BX Elementary

Reminders

- Student safety is very important to us. Please remember that there is no student drop-off or pick-up along East Vernon Road at any time. These areas are not supervised and there are no sidewalks or crosswalks for students to use safely.
- Please keep staff parking areas available for staff. Visitor parking is available in designated spaces and in the community parking area by the fire hall.
- If your child rides a bike to school, please remind them to walk their bike while on school property.
- School fees are now overdue. Please submit payment through MyEd BC or contact the office if you need assistance.
- As the weather gets cooler and wetter, please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the weather each day.





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Grateful for Community

October 9, 8:00 – 8:45 am

We invite our BX families to join us on **Friday, October 9 from 8:00–8:45 a.m.** for a special Grateful for Community morning.

Stop by before school to enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin, connect with BX staff and other families, and take part in a community gratitude activity.

There is no formal agenda and no RSVP required, just an opportunity to spend some time together and celebrate the wonderful community we share.

We hope you can join us!



October Dates

Sept 28 – Nov 6	Grade 4 and 7 FSA Administration
Oct 1	Cross Country Practice at Lunch
Oct 2	Photo Day (individual)
Oct 6	Cross Country Practice at Lunch Div 13/14/15 Field Trip to Creekside Park
Oct 7	Cross Country Race 2: DND Grounds
Oct 9	Grateful for Community Event
Oct 12	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct 14/15	Week 1 Volleyball Games
Oct 15	Shakeout: Earthquake Drill
Oct 19	BX PAC Meeting
Oct 19/20	Week 2 Volleyball Games
Oct 21	Photo Retake Day
Oct 21/22	Fall Conferences (early dismissal at 11:30 am)
Oct 23	Professional Development Day (no school)
Oct 27	Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct 28/29	Week 3 Volleyball Games
Oct 30	Halloween Parade Lion's Vision Screening (K, 3, 6)

Save the Date!

Nov 2	Professional Development Day
Nov 4/5	Week 4 Volleyball Games
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (school closure)
Nov 10/12	Week 5 Volleyball Games
Nov 17	BX PAC Meeting
Nov 18/19	Volleyball Playoffs
Nov 25/26	Volleyball Championships



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MyEd BC Family Portal

If you have a change in address, phone number, or contact information, please contact the office. It is important that all our information is up to date and accurate.

School Fees – OVERDUE

A reminder that the \$70 school fee was due September 24. If you have not yet paid, please submit payment through MyEd BC. Fees support classroom and art supplies, student agendas, and cultural activities. Families requiring financial assistance are encouraged to contact the school office.

Lost and Found

Our school Lost and Found is already overflowing! Please have your children come and check for lost items. Any items not claimed by the end of October will be donated.

Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball

Volleyball season has kicked off for our Grade 6 and 7 students! Thank you to our team coaches and teacher sponsors for creating these opportunities for students.

4th Annual Used Book Sale

The PAC's Used Book Sale is back for another year! Visit the school library on Wednesday, October 21 before or after your parent/teacher conferences and check it out. **All books will be \$1 each, with all proceeds going directly to our library.** The PAC will begin collecting book donations the first week of October.

BX Swag Preorder

BX Sweatshirt & Hoodie Preorder will be open from October 1-16 on the PAC website - www.bxpac.ca. Please note that pre-ordered items will take 2-3 weeks to be delivered after the pre-order closes. If you are interested in kids BX t-shirts, toques, and more, check out the site for in stock items as well.

BX PAC

We are grateful to have a dedicated and hardworking PAC at BX.

For updates on PAC activities, please refer to their website www.bxpac.ca or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/bxpac

You may also connect with them by e-mail at: bx.elem.pac@gmail.com

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call the Safe Arrival number before 8:30 a.m. and leave a message with their name, grade, teacher, and reason for the absence or lateness. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. must check in at the office for a welcome slip.

