



Friday, September 18, 2020

Dear Blueridge Families,

Our first full week has been full of successes and challenges. We welcomed the students back after a long absence and have been delighted to see them adapt to both familiar and new routines of classroom life. It is great to see the students reconnecting and making new connections with one another. Our morning announcements are up and running focussing on reinforcing new routines and encouraging ways for students to demonstrate how Blueridge C.A.R.E.S. We are looking forward to inviting student voice into these announcements in the upcoming weeks. Teachers continue to fine tune strategies and schedules to accommodate for extra hand washing. Our biggest challenge has been drop-off and pick-up time due to the amount of people required to be in the same place at the same time. We ask that parents please be as efficient as possible with this process. Perhaps stay in your car and allow your child to walk to their classroom or walk to school and let them finish the last part of their journey independently. When you pick up your child it is time to head home. We need to do our best to keep the 2 meter distance necessary to limit the spread of COVID 19. We appreciate everyones efforts to make Blueridge Elementary safe inside and out.

Sincerely,

Susan Teegen Principal. Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek Vice-Principal

Staff Parking Lot

We ask that parents **do not** use the staff parking lots. Our staff arrive at different times of the day, all spots are required to ensure staff have somewhere to park.



Terry Fox Run

Students will be participating in the Terry Fox run over two days, Thursday and Friday, with their respective cohort. This is the 40th year of the annual Terry Fox Run so we hope to make it our best year yet. We encourage you to send a toonie beginning next Tuesday. We will be collecting them until Friday. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Dates / Events

- Monday, September 21st Pro D Day - no students in attendance
- Thursday and Friday, September 24th/ 25th Terry Fox Run
- Wednesday, September 30th Orange Shirt Day - to recognize Residential Schools
- Friday, October 2nd District Wide Pro D Day - students not in attendance
- Monday, October 5th Individual Student Pictures 9 - 12

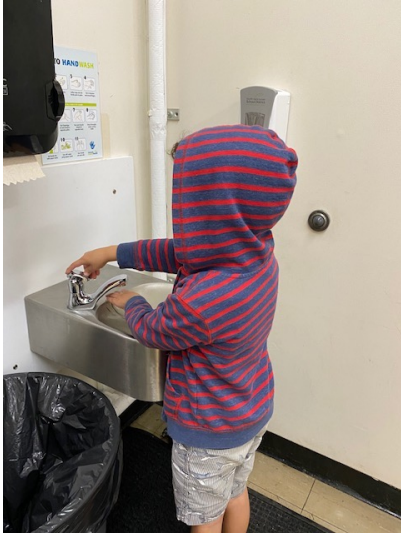
What's Happening at Blueridge

I will be including pictures in the weekly communication to give you a glimpse into what is happening in and outside the building. Due to privacy policies it is important that you fill out the forms correctly if you do not want your child's image to appear in this publication. I ask that these pictures are not shared through any other platform.



So amazing how quickly our students have adjusted to our new washroom system.

Each classroom has been arranged to support easy movement through out. This class is standing up for a physical break to clear their minds to help them learn.



So grateful for our new hand washing stations, they sure make it easier to get all of those hands washed throughout the day.

In their learning cohorts student are able to engage in learning activities. This group of 1/2's were really focused while creating beautiful art.





Bringing items such as a lunch, water bottle, forgotten homework etc....

- Please call the office to inform them that you will be dropping something off
- Label the item with your child's name
- Place it in the appropriate bin

Thank you for your cooperation with this new system. We are trying to alleviate the interruptions to the classroom teacher.