January Events

January 9 - Welcome Back to School! Pizza Lunch <u>(Healthy</u> <u>Hunger ORDER</u>)

January 11 - Healthy Hunger -Booster Juice

January 12 - School Council @ 6:30pm

January 13 - No Kinder/PreK; Early Dismissal @ 12:20pm

January 16 - Pizza Lunch

January 18 - Healthy Hunger - Edo

January 19 - GSACRD PreK/K Expo - SACHS Hawks Nest

January 20 - FitSet Ninja Indoor Obstacle course @ BK

January 23 - Pizza Lunch

January 24 - BK Literacy Night @ 6:30pm

January 25 - Healthy Hunger -Subway

January 27 - No Kinder/PreK

January 30 - Pizza Lunch





Admin Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The staff at Bertha Kennedy would like to wish all of our families all of the best in 2023.

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

As we look back through the first three months of school we are amazed by the generosity shown by our BK families. From collecting food bank items for those in need, to supporting our Ste. Jean Baptiste Advent campaign, the kindness and charitable spirit that the BK students exude is unmistakable. Also, thank you to all of the parents who have supported our fundraising efforts for a new playground at BK. As many of you know, the wooden structure is in its last days, and although it has served us



GSACRD PreK/K Expo

Great Beginnings Start Here! 2022 Pre-K & Kinder EXPO will take place on Thurs., Jan. 19, 2023 @ ESSACHS Hawk's Nest. Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools' annual Pre-K and Kinder EXPO is an opportunity for parents/legal guardians and families to learn all about the Division's dynamic Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programming.

BK Open House

Bertha Kennedy will host an Open House on Thursday, February 2nd @ 6pm. Come one, come all! We would love to showcase our wonderful school to new families entering at any grade.

BK Family Literacy Night

We are very excited to invite you to our BK Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, January 24th from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Families can expect to hear from Dr. George Georgiou from the U of A discussing the importance of Literacy, read a children's story from a local Indigenous author, practice Literacy games with their students, and enjoy some refreshments and snacks! Please join us!



VERY well, it is most definitely time for a replacement. We are well on our way to hitting our \$60000 fundraising goal, especially through the generous support of the Christmas Basket raffle which raised \$2400.

As we head into January, we look forward to the season of registration! Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement for our wonderful little school. Please shout it from the rooftops, that BK would love to have your neighbour's children attend our school. Did you know that we post on Facebook everything that we do...fun theme days, faith-filled events, assemblies, classroom learning and much, much more. Please look for Bertha Kennedy School on Facebook to follow us and feel free to share our posts!

In the month of January, we will host our first ever Family Literacy night on the 24th from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Join your children while they teach you how they learn to read!

Thank you again for your continued support; we can't wait to see your children tomorrow morning!

God Bless,

Nicole Baker Principal Leisa Michael Vice Principal



School Council

Happy New Year

Welcome back. We hope everyone had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break. We are excited for what 2023 will bring.

Thank You!

Due to your generous donations we were able to put on a delicious Christmas Lunch for our amazing teachers and gift them with gift cards to local St. Albert businesses.

Also, a big thank you to Mariana Klymchenko and Olena Kukharenko, amazing moms from our BK School Community who spent an evening making 200 perogies and a beautiful Honey Cake for dessert. Thank you!

We are recruiting!

Help us make 2023 a great year for our kids. Join us for a meeting! Join a committee! Lend a hand! Reach out and let us know if you are interested in joining School Council.

Join Us!

Our next School Council meeting will take place in person with a virtual option on January 12, 2023. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until January 9, 2023.

Let us know if there is a topic you would like to see discussed at one of our meetings. Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and meeting details/zoom link.

Keep up to date and in touch with School council by heading over to our Facebook page

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats</u>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council





Friends of BK

Merry Christmas from Friends of BK Fundraising!

The executive of FOBK would like to thank all our BK Families and Friends for your support in our successful fundraising projects this year!

Wow! Our unofficial PlaygroundProject Total is \$53356 and that doesn't include our profits from Decembers work! We are on track to reaching our Fundraising Goal of \$60k - we now need to shift focus to reach our Company Business Donation Goal of \$20-25k...

If you have any connections or know of businesses that are aligned with our Bk values and might want to support our PlaygroundProject with a donation and receive a tax receipt please contact the office and we can help get a Donation Letter out to them.

If we don't ask, the answer will be automatically no. So let's extend our reach into our amazing community and keep watering those seeds!

Our Poinsettia Fundraiser put some sparkle and beauty in homes this December and raised \$355! Thank you to Andrea for taking the lead and organizing this beautiful Christmas Fundraiser!

We are truly blessed! After a two years of being online we returned back to in person Christmas Basket Raffle and we had so much fun! A Huge Congratulations to our 11 raffle basket winners and two winners of of the 50/50! Thank you to all the helping hands that made this event a success! We raised just over \$2400 in one night! Wow! Thank you BK!

Oilers Ticket Raffle Update:

Go Oilers Go! Our NYE Hockey Ticket Raffle lucky winner was Nadine Topilko! Congratulations and stay tuned for another opportunity to win a pair of Toronto vs Oilers Tickets that will be up for grabs in March!

Upcoming Events

2023 Healthy Hunger Dates are all locked and loaded into the website <u>https://linktr.ee/FOBK</u> - go check out the menu items and help build the playground fund! Note the few minor changes: we now offer no sauce pizza, BK DQ Feature Blizzard: Oreo, Smartie, & Cookie Dough!

Reminder: Don't let those Holiday Empty Bottles pile up, consider booking a pick up with Skip the Depot on our LinkTree link above!

Looking ahead we will have a fundraising meeting right after the School Council Meeting in January to share financials and plan the 2023 Events and Fundraisers like the Annual A-Thon, BK's Got Talent Fundraiser, and more!! Come join the fun!

From us to you, we wish all our BKFamily and Friends a happy healthy holiday and Merry Christmas!! We can't wait to see what we accomplish together in 2023!

Friends of BK Executive