

BOBKAT BULLETIN



March Events

February 27 - Pizza Lunch [ORDER](#)

February 28 - Father Jack visits; Black History Presentation

March 1 - Healthy Hunger - EDO [ORDER](#)

March 2 - Grade 6 FT to VJM; VJM Open House @ 7pm

March 3 - No Kinder/PreK; Purdy's orders due [ORDER](#)

March 6 - Pizza Lunch

March 8 - Healthy Hunger - SUBWAY

March 10 - Bertha Kennedy's granddaughter visits to help celebrate her birthday!

March 13 - Chaplain Doug to discuss Reconciliation; Pizza Lunch

March 14 - Report Cards uploaded on PowerSchool

March 15 - Reconciliation @ BK; Healthy Hunger - DQ

March 16 - Dress up for St. Paddy's!

March 17 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

March 20 - Pizza Lunch

March 21/22 - Parent Teacher Interviews; Scholastic Book Fair

March 21 - Purdy's Pick-up

March 22 - Healthy Hunger - Shumka; Helping Hands Awards

March 24 - March 31 - Spring Break

April 3 - Welcome back to school!



Admin Message

In this season of Lent, we try to look beyond our own struggles and place ourselves in the shoes of Jesus as he makes his lonely 40 day journey through the desert. In these 40 days, be patient with yourself and continue to pray, fast, and persevere; as St. Francis de Sales says, "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

Our Lenten service project this year, allows students to consider the struggles of others as we support new Ukrainian families coming to Canada through Catholic Social Services. Catholic Social Services is ready to welcome Ukrainians to Canada, and help them settle in communities across central Alberta. Their services are free and confidential, and can be offered in Ukrainian and 70 other languages.

"Act justly; love kindness; walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:6-8



Lenten Service Project

Help BK support the arrival of new Ukrainian families through Catholic Social Services. We will be raffling off a Pikachu picture and a Minion gem picture. The students' name will be entered in the raffle for every \$2 they bring in for this campaign.

Wahkôhtôwin Club

This club named for the Cree word for Kinship, will welcome all students on Tuesdays to focus on Indigenous knowledge (First Nations, Metis, Inuit). We will offer activities through art, cooking, traditional medicines, Indigenous games, language, literature and history games.

PTI/Book Fair

Parent Teacher Interviews will be in person once again (with a virtual option for those who would prefer). A link will be sent to sign up on Monday, March 6th. PTI will take place on March 21/23 - BK will host a book fair in the library at the same time!

Black History Presentation

BK is excited to welcome a virtual speaker from Inspiration Republic. on Feb. 28. There will be a 1 hour presentation for gr. 4-6 and 30 minute presentation for gr. 1-3. This presentation will focus on the history of African Canadians, the introduction of outstanding African Canadians, and the topic of standing together to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Staff continue to strive for excellence in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy in our classrooms. Thank you to all of our families who came to support us during our Literacy Night in January. It was great to showcase all of the great learning activities that happen on a daily basis here at BK. At BK, we spend our professional development days collaboratively analyzing data, participating in sessions to develop our practice, and actively engaging in lessons to ensure our students see major growth in these areas.

Although we focus on kindness at BK everyday, February was a month that this theme was threaded through every aspect of our day. We celebrated Valentine's Day, Random Acts of Kindness Week, filled each other's buckets, and Pink Shirt Day. We also learned about the LOVE theme through the Indigenous Grandfather teachings, which emphasizes that love is the most important thing in life and that it is important to first love yourself, then to love others. This of course matches our own Catholic belief that **we should love ourselves because it enables us to love others.**

As we move through Lent, we are blessed to welcome Father Jack to our classrooms to teach us all about Lent. We have also invited "The Doug" to teach our students about the importance of reconciliation - this of course will lead to our students participating in our very own Reconciliation.

Thanks again for the amazing partnership that you provide for your children at school. As always, please feel free to contact administration about any need that your child may have.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker
Principal

Leisa Michael
Vice Principal



KIMOCHIS AT B.K.

Kimochis (Kee-mo-chee's) means 'Feelings' in Japanese.

Kimochis is a Social Emotional Learning program that we are using here at Bertha Kennedy. It is an evidence based program and is built upon the five core CASEL competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. Kimochis is used to support positive behaviour and we learn new skills through the characters and stories of Lovey Dove, Cloud, Huggtopus, Bug, Cat, Clover, Bella Rose, and Hero.

FRUSTRATED	SILLY	HOPEFUL
CRANKY	SENSITIVE	PROUD
GRUMPY	HAPPY	SAD



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Friends of Bertha Kennedy Easter Fundraiser

CAMPAIGN NAME

Help Build our Playground Fund *** ORDER ONLINE at <https://linktr.ee/FOBK> ***

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2. Please provide your email in the box. If you have already registered, you will automatically join the campaign. If you haven't, you will need to register before joining the campaign.
3. Click "Shop Online" to start shopping!
4. Invite your friends and family to help! They can simply follow the same steps as above.

PLACE & PAY FOR ORDERS BY:

March 3, 2023

DATE

PICK UP ORDERS ON:

March 21, 2023

DATE

AT:

Bertha Kennedy School 175 Larose Drive

LOCATION

If you have any questions, please contact your coordinator:
Kristina Dover

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Friends of BK

Hop into Spring with Friends!

Our fundraising teams have been busy organizing the next few months so that we can surpass our fundraising goal and secure enough funding to break ground on our new playground this summer!

There are a few lucky Oilers/Leafs Raffle tickets available as the draw will be made Feb 27 and the lucky winner will enjoy the 6pm Oiler game this Wednesday from superb seats! Go Team Go!

Purdys Easter Chocolate Orders are Due March 2 - if your EasterBunny needs a little help, don't worry the orders will be ready for pick up March 21! Order from the link below.

***New* Sweetness Cookies Fundraiser!** This local company is giving us 35% return on all cookie kit orders (there are Summer, Outdoorsy, Easter and more options available!) Orders are due March 12 and pick up is March 21 in time for a yummy Spring Break Activity! Check out the link below to order!

Mark your calendars! We are teaming up with Council to host our first "Pour out Your Love for the BKPlayground" Paint Night on March 22 at the St Albert Curling Club Lounge - More details are coming out in backpacks later this week!

We are still canvassing for business connections and donations. If you have any leads or would like to help out please contact us so we can reach our 25k\$ goal!

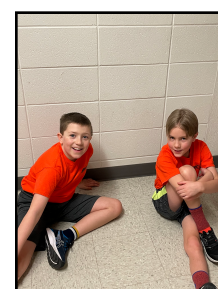
There are two easy ways for businesses or friends to donate: online or by cheque and each donation will receive a tax receipt and will be celebrated and recognized as a BKPlaygroundDonor!

FOBK FUNDRAISING LINK: <https://linktr.ee/FOBK>

Please share link with friends and family to buy Raffle tix, Purdys Chocolate, Sweetness CookieKits, set up SkipBottleDepot, order Mabel Labels or make a donation.

Our next Friends meeting is March 16 following School Council!

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. We wouldn't be on the trajectory we are today without your help!



Spread the Word!!
Calling all Leaf and Oiler Fans!

**Grab your Raffle Tickets for
Amazing Lower Bowl Seats at the
March 1st Game!**

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