



BAKER DRIVE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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This week we have been reflecting on thankfulness on our morning announcements and in our classrooms. Our messages have included that being thankful means we are grateful for what we DO have in our lives and not focus on what's missing. We can show our appreciation for all the people who help us and make us happy - like our family, our friends, as well as our teachers and the staff. Thankful people are happy people!

We, at Baker Drive, are so grateful for the many parents and family members who support us every day. There are also many people to thank for the extra efforts this month. This list also reflects the many, many opportunities for kids at Baker Drive thanks to the parents and staff involved! Here are a few special mentions:

Kerri D. Catherine H. and Leanne G for helping to distribute and collect the many **PAC notices** to all of the classrooms, several times this week. Thanks to Kerri's mom for helping too!

Catherine H for the very time consuming and on-going work for the **Entertainment Book** fundraising campaign this year.

Catherine H. and the many parent volunteers such as Elizabeth P., Tracey C., Jennifer H and Karen H., Anna C., Heidi D., Michelle J., Michelle S., Jen D-C, Kerri D., Jade (our SFU volunteer), Louanne M. and Carol-Anne R. who ran a very successful **bookfair** this week. The library and classrooms will benefit greatly with this fundraiser. The kids loved their purchases too!

Sun A. for organizing the **Coquitlam Montessori Society** donation drive and distributing information regarding the Montessori meeting held on Tuesday.

Louanne M. and Anita W. for their organization and coordination of **after school activities**. We have quite a selection of activities for this fall!

Ashley R., Teresa H. and Nishka V. for their organization for the first ever **Family Dance on October 14th**. It sounds like it will be a great event for all Baker Drive families!

Nishka V. for her initiation, drive and passion for expanding the **Baker Drive garden**. As plans progress, we will share more information about this in upcoming newsletters!

Carol Anne R. for starting our healthy **milk program** once again each Tues, Weds and Thursday

Charlene D. for supporting our **fruit and veggie program** every second week. This week the kids enjoyed Bartlett Pears.

Karla S. for the time consuming job of organizing and collecting forms and money for the **hot lunch** program on Fridays. Many thanks to Jennifer H., Ramona K. and Kim R. for helping to distribute today's pizza lunch! The Village Toy Shop at Newport Village (www.villagetoyshop.ca) and parent for donating games to Baker Drive for use in classrooms! Our students will definitely enjoy these on the very rainy cold days when we have to stay inside for lunch among other times!

To the several parents who came out to help with our **Terry Fox Run** on Sept 28th. We couldn't have done it without you!

To the entire PAC and to our PAC president Kerri who engaged in a great meeting last week. We had a fabulous turnout and the energy in the meeting was very exciting!

We are very grateful for all of our Baker Drive Families and wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

OCTOBER



- 10 Thanksgiving - no school
- 12 Sportball - Multi Sport starts
- 13 Sportball - Floor Hockey starts
- 14 PAC Family Dance (6:00pm - 8:00pm) in the Gym
- 17 Lunch Box Theatre starts
- 17-20 Litterless Lunch Week
- 21 Provincial Pro D Day - no school
- 24 Baker Drive Family Cricket Games 5 - 7pm in the Gym
- 25 Baker Drive Clothing Drive (drop off at 9:00am)

NOVEMBER

- 03 Photo Re-Take Day 9:00am
- 04 Hot Lunch - Subway
- 08 Multi Sport Starts Nov 8 - Nov 29
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
- 14 District Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 23 Lunch Box Theatre Presentation 11am - more info to come
- 24 Food Bank/New Toy Drive starts - more info to come

Look ahead on our calendar: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/bakerdrive/calendar/calendar.aspx>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appropriate Outdoor Wear

Children will be playing outside at recess and lunchtime on most days. Please send your children with appropriate outdoor wear (including footwear) for the weather. A change of clothes would also be helpful for some students. Even on rainy days and snowy days, the fresh air break is very beneficial for children. We have several undercover areas and paved play areas for our rainy days. Thank you for your support.

Labelling Clothes and Large Supplies

Our lost and found collection is growing! Please label all of your child's belongings (including outer wear) and we will try to return "lost" items promptly to the owner. The Lost and Found container is located in the front entrance under the stairs.

Parking - Help Keep Our Children Safe and Be a Good Neighbour!

As mentioned in the Sept 7th newsletter, it is very important to follow the parking and stopping regulations around the street at Baker Drive Elementary in order to keep our students safe and to allow neighbouring residents to safely enter and exit their

own homes. As well, please do not enter the teacher parking lot before and after school. All spots are reserved for Baker Drive Elementary and Pre-School Staff as well as two of our daycare providers.

Packing a Litterless Lunch

In our efforts to help teach students to be green and to help the environment, we are encouraging our families to pack litterless lunches. Plastic containers instead of plastic baggies and re-usable drink containers are a great start! We will ask students to bring home juice boxes and other recyclable materials as we have no recycling programs at our school. We also will be participating in the "Litterless Lunch Challenge" from October 17 -21st.

Please pack your children's lunches with reusable containers. This includes all beverages! Packing your child's lunch may require a bit more preparation but we can assure you, we appreciate your efforts and it will be worth it in the long run.

Grade 5 Sweatshirts and T-Shirts

Class of 2012 Clothing order forms will be coming home next week! Thanks to Leanne G. for organizing this for our 5's!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAKER DRIVE

Baker Drive Family Dance - Friday October 14th

Ticket sales are going well for the upcoming Family Fun Dance on October 14th.

Just a reminder to send your order back in your child's planner.

We will also be selling tickets after school - Tuesday October 11th at 3pm outside of the front doors.

And if you've already purchased, your tickets will be sent home next week in the planners.

Family Cricket Game - October 24th

Our students are learning the game of cricket each Thursday. We invite families to join in a fun Baker Drive Family Cricket Game on Monday, October 24th from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the gym. We can accommodate only 20 families. Please register a.s.a.p. to DeBurnett@sd43.bc.ca.

Earthquake Drill

We will be having an Earthquake drill on Wednesday, October 19th. We chose this date to coincide (as close as we could) with the Great British Columbia Shake Out that is happening on October 20th. Please visit <http://www.shakeoutbc.ca/resources/> for helpful resources for your own emergency planning.

After-School Programs at Baker Drive

Just a reminder that information about SportBall and Theatrix was sent home this week. Registration deadline is now. SportBall starts this Wednesday and Thursday. See below for our great Lego afterschool opportunity too!

Halloween Activities on Monday October 31st

Students are encouraged to wear costumes to school for the afternoon of Friday October 29th. For families new to Baker Drive who may not know our tradition, you may choose to either come to the school at lunch to help your child put on their costume or make other arrangements. If your child's costume will not get in the way of their morning activities, then they are welcome to wear the costume all day. Please check with your individual teacher.

At 1:00, there will be a school wide parade of costumes. Parents are welcome to stand in our hallways to watch our parade. Please come in through the main entrance by the office.

After the parade, there will be a variety of activities in each of our 9 classrooms. Classroom teachers and homeroom parents are organizing volunteers for each of these classrooms.

The last 45 minutes of the day will be spent in the classroom for class parties.

Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or Mrs. Parmar for more information.

Halloween Night Fireworks

Information and donation requests will be sent home soon about this annual community event that happens on our School Fields.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

PAC News

We are excited to announce the creation of our own **Lego Club** at Baker Drive. Here are the details:

When: Mondays after school, beginning October 17th (skip day Oct. 31)

Where: In the Gym

Time: 3:00-4:00 pm

Who can join: Open to Lego Enthusiasts, Grades 1-5

Cost: Free!

Supervision: Baker Drive parent Louanne Midgley will attend all sessions. Depending on the popularity, we may need other parents to help supervise on a rotational basis. ****All parent supervisors must have their volunteer forms updated in the office, including a valid criminal records check****

How to register: Reply to this email midgley@telus.net with your Name, Grade, Parent Name, Ph # and if you are able to help supervise.

Your child can bring their Lego bin (**with lid**) to school on Mondays. It should be clearly marked with your child's name and grade. They will bring it to the outside gymnasium door (the undercover part of the school; northside) before the first bell at 8:55 am. I will be there to ensure that all Lego is safely stored. Mrs. Burnett will remind the kids to go to the gym at 3:00 pm at which time they will collect their Lego bins. Alternately, parents can drop off Lego during the day or afterschool on Mondays.

Our Club Mandate: To have fun, use our imaginations and show off our Lego creations. No kits please. Also, we are in the planning stages of organizing a Baker Drive Lego Fair on a weekend during the second half of the school year. If you have ideas around this and/or you would like to help out, please let me know at midgley@telus.net

Thank you.

Louanne Midgley

PAC Member & Mum of Lego Enthusiasts Owen (Gr.4) & Dylan (Gr.2)



Trivia Night needs Parent Volunteers!

Trivia night is just around the corner and we are looking for parent volunteers! This is a very fun and successful fundraising event! If you would like to be involved please email Molly at mtoutloff@hotmail.com to express your interest.

Clothing Drive- October 25th at 9:00am

It is that time of year again to clean out the closets and drawers. The Annual Baker Drive Elementary Clothing Drive will be held on Tuesday October 25th.

Baker Drive will receive \$2.50 for every full garbage bag. (approx. 15 lbs.)

Acceptable Items

- All clothing items cannot be soiled or torn
- Accessories (belts,hats,scarves,mitts)

- Purses and wallets
- Shoes and boots
- Towels and tablecloths
- Under garments, nylons and socks
- Blankets, bedding and pillows
- Backpacks and bags
- Curtains and linens

Please drop off your full garbage bags, under the covered area by gym doors at **9:00am** on Tuesday, October 25th. Big Brothers is also accepting misc. household items. We will not be compensated for these items, and they must be in good working order and packaged in boxes separate from cloth items.