



BAKER DRIVE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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We want Baker Drive Students to all have Full Buckets!

Have you heard your kids talking about filling someone's bucket? At Baker Drive, all classes have been discussing Bucket Filling. The idea of Bucket Filling is based on Dr. Donald O. Clifton's metaphor of the bucket and the dipper. The first person to bring this idea to a school setting was "The Bucket Man", Merrill Lundgren. Several books have been written about bucket fillers. Carol McCloud wrote a book called

"Have You Filled A Bucket Today? (A Guide to Daily Happiness For Kids)".

The premise of the book is the idea that we all carry an invisible bucket that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When our bucket is empty, we feel sad. A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, They are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time.



On the other hand, a bucket dipper says or does things to cause other people to feel bad. A bucket dipper empties their bucket when they say and do mean things.

On the playground and in the classroom, we are often referring to our bucket and the bucket of others. We encourage you to use these metaphors at home as well!





SEPTEMBER

- 23 District Pro D Day - no school
- 27 PAC Meeting 6:30pm RM 201
- 28 Terry Fox Run (1:00pm) - starts in Gym
- 29 Thursday Cricket Class in Gym (4 Thursdays)
- 30 Entertainment Books/ Money Due Back
- 30 School Photos - Individual picture (morning)

OCTOBER

- 3 Monthly Assembly at 9:45am
- 3 Mad Science starts
- 3 - 7 Walk to School Week
- 3 City of Coquitlam - Multi Sports begins
- 7 Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza
- 10 Thanksgiving - no school
- 12 Sportball - Multi Sport starts
- 13 Sportball - Floor Hockey starts
- 14 PAC Family Dance (Time T.B.A.)
- 17 Lunch Box Theatre starts
- 21 Provincial Pro D Day - no school
- 24 Baker Drive Family Cricket Games 5 - 7pm in Gym

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Verification Forms sent home today

Please review the information on the forms sent home with each student today. Please note any changes on the form (if applicable), sign the last page and send it back to the school before Sept 29th. This important verification must be done each year. Thank you.

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.

Severe Allergy Alert

Some of our students may have a severe allergic reaction to even small traces of peanuts or nuts of any kind. To ensure a safe environment for all students, we ask that parents do not send any food containing nuts, including peanut butter, to school if your child is in Division 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8.

If your son or daughter has a severe allergy, please make sure to send in the pink medical alert form and inform the office.



Labelling Clothes and Large Supplies

Every year we are amazed by the amount of unclaimed clothing, outdoor wear, gym strip etc in our lost and found. Please label all of your child's belongings (including outer wear) and we will try to return "lost" items promptly to the owner. Lost and Found containers are located in the office.

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. 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 hope to participate in the "Litterless Lunch Challenge" from October 17 -21st.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAKER DRIVE

Terry Fox Run - Wednesday, September 28th

Our staff, with leadership from Ms, David, is busily preparing for a school wide Terry Fox Run on September 28th after lunch. We are hoping to raise over \$3000.00 this year for the Terry Fox Foundation. Forms that can be attached to cheques were sent home today. Donations to "The Terry Fox Foundation" over \$20.00 will be issued a tax receipt from the foundation if you attach this form. Our students are encouraged to drop off their coins in our jar in the office.

Photo Day - Friday, September 30th

MJM will be taking individual school photos in the morning of September 30th. These photos will be used for our computer system (library and office). Parents will also have the option to purchase photos. We will start with our Kindergarten students and end with our Grade 5's so that clothes and hair will be as neat as possible ☺.



Cricket at Baker Drive - starts Sept 29th!

Students at Baker Drive will be learning about the game of Cricket by qualified instructors from Aussie X. This program has been sponsored by RBC. Teachers will join their classes during their scheduled gym time on 4Thursdays from Sept 29- October 20th. We have scheduled a family fun night where parents and students from Baker Drive can get together for some wicket cricket on Monday, October 24th from 5 - 7 in our gym. We hope you come by! As well, Grade 4's and 5's will get an opportunity to enter a wicket cricket tournament with neighbouring schools that will be held on Friday October 28th, after school at Ranch Park Elementary. Information will be sent home with the 4's and 5's in a couple of weeks.

Baker Drive Family Dance - Friday October 14th

Some of our parents will be presenting the details of our first Baker Drive Family Dance at our PAC meeting next week. Students and their families will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to attend a family dance with a DJ, lights and decorations in our gym. What a great opportunity to have some fun with your children and meet other Baker Drive Families! Details will be provided shortly -save the date!

Need a break from making lunches?

Information from our Friday PAC Hot Lunches and our Monday Lunch Lady Lunches were sent home last Friday with your children. Please keep the Lunch Lady website handy for future orders and communication: www.thelunchlady.ca

After-School Programs at Baker Drive

Mad Science information has been sent home and an after-school newsletter was emailed to you this week. If you have not seen these handouts, there are copies available in the office. We are very excited about the many after school opportunities for kids this year! If you require financial assistance for this or any extra program, please discuss confidentially with Mrs. Parmar (Principal). Many thanks to Sarah M for her work last year and to Anita and Louanne for their work this year as PAC After-School program coordinators!

Walk to School Week - Oct 3 - 7th

Baker Drive is participating in the "Walk to School Week". We encourage all families to walk to school, or park their cars even further away from the school and walk a longer distance than usual for this week. There will be free transit this week if you really want to help keep your car at home. Let's Walk!!!!



Grade 5 Parent Committee - parents needed

We need some grade 5 parents to help organize and fundraise for the Grade 5 Leaving Festivities and other possible Grade 5 specific events such as Gr 5 T-shirts, Gr 5 Ski Trip and Gr 5 Leadership Opportunities. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Parmar at sparmar@sd43.bc.ca or Gr 5 parent Leanne at lgormann@telus.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

FIRST PAC MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6:30PM IN ROOM 201

Please help our school by selling at least one Entertainment Book this year (Thanks Catherine!)

Mabel's Labels - Please consider buying these labels so proceeds return to our school www.bakerdrive.mabel.ca

Hot Lunch Info was sent home last week (Thanks Karla!)

Milk Program Info was sent home today (Thanks Carol-Ann!)

TRIVIA NIGHT (save the date!) will be Sat, Nov 19th

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 participate please come for a planning session Thursday September 29th at 3 pm in the Library. If you are not available at that time but you would still like to be involved please email Molly at mtoutloff@hotmail.com to express your interest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

In addition to the notices posted below, please see the following attachments:

Ride To Conquer Cancer - Baker Drive Parent Participating!

This year will be my second year riding in the Enbridge Ride To Conquer Cancer (cycling event from Surrey to Seattle).

I am selling tickets to the Vancouver Canucks (pre season) hockey game on Sunday September 25, 2011 the game is at 6:00pm at Rogers arena against the San Jose Sharks. The tickets are \$50.00 each and are located in Section 301. I know that most families find it to expensive to go to a regular season game but at \$50.00 the kids get to see a Canucks game as well as help me to fundraise towards my ride to conquer cancer! I don't have a lot of tickets left but if you are interested please contact me at 604-761-6147.

For every ticket I sell I receive \$25.00 towards my fundraising goal of \$2500.00 to participate in this years ride.



Thanks, Ashley Renaud

