

BULKLEY VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
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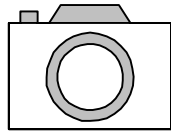
### GIANT GARAGE SALE

This Saturday, October 15 will be the final opportunity to snap up some of the many items that are currently stored in the elementary gym. Doors will be open from 9:00 - 12:00. All items can be purchased by donation.

### PHOTO RETAKE

**DAY** will be Oct 19 at 11 a.m. on a pre-pay basis.

Pick up your form at the office. Remember to avoid wearing green on that day if you are getting retakes.



**A HUGE THANK YOU** goes to all who were involved in the reconstruction of our playground equipment. The many hours of work to make this happen is especially appreciated by the elementary students.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2011**, the Investors Group Financial Services will be sponsoring a matinee presentation at the Roi Theatre of "The Smurfs". Admission is by donation of a non-perishable food item for the Smithers Salvation Army Food Bank. Doors open at Noon - Matinee will start at 1:00pm. Limited seating. Your generosity supports families in need!

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| 1:50 Dismissal K-12 P/T conference | Oct 27  |
| Day time P/T conferences           | Oct 28  |
| Early Dismissal (1:50)             | Nov 24  |
| Early Dismissal (1:50)             | Jan 19  |
| Early Dismissal (1:50)             | Feb 16  |
| Early Dismissal (1:50)             | March 8 |

### HOT LUNCH CO-ORDINATER

For the past few years Vicky Veenstra has done a marvelous job as our elementary school hot lunch coordinator. However, this past June she decided to resign from this position. Consequently we are looking for someone who is willing to co-ordinate the hot lunches for the grades K-6. If you are interested, please call Mr. Kort at 250-847-4238.

**JOLLY PHONICS:** On November 9 there will be an evening presentation at the school by representatives of the Jolly Phonics program. Jolly Phonics is part of the language arts curriculum of the primary grades (K-2). This presentation is for parents of our primary students who are interested in finding out more about how this program works. Details about times will be announced as soon as they become available.

### ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

*Lamentations 3:22-24 says "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."*

## PARENT - TEACHER

**CONFERENCES** have been scheduled for October 27 and 28. This will be the first time we will be able to hold them in the same building, eliminating the need for travel time between the two campuses. The focus of the conferences is not the same for elementary and secondary grades. In grades K-6 we would like to concentrate on the social development of the students; questions about how your child is getting along with others, how they are adjusting to the new environment and whether there are any concerns in the students' personal development should take up the bulk of the time. Academic progress is normally a secondary issue. If there are any concerns in this regard communication between parent and teacher is probably happening already.

At the secondary level, the discussion will likely focus more on the academic progress of the students, especially in the grades 10-12 where students are working on completing their graduation program. Report cards showing student progress will be sent home before the conferences allowing you time to review how your child is doing.

We are looking forward to the opportunity of spending some time together as parents and teachers and encourage you to set the time aside to take part in this.

## PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE:

A thank you is in order for all those who drop off their children on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fulton Avenue without entering the parking lot. For those who have not yet gotten into that habit this is just a reminder that, because of student safety concerns, we ask you not to drop off your children in the parking lot. Thank you for your co-operation.

## BEAD FOR LIFE:

On October 27th & 28th (Parent/Teacher Conferences) we will be hosting our second Bead for Life Fundraiser. Bead for Life is a non-profit organization that works to eradicate extreme poverty in the lives of Ugandan women. This is done through the sale of the beautiful bead products created from colorful recycled paper. In turn the women are educated in business & money management which then helps to provide food, a home and education for their families. Last year our school community raised \$3900 and the organizers of Bead for Life were thrilled with our efforts. Please come out again this year and show your support. For more information about Bead for Life [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org) or contact Jacquie Lester or Kim VanVeen.

