



Bulkley Valley Christian Elementary School

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Kort's Korner

This will be the last newsletter from the elementary school. I have been thinking of something really profound to write, but I realize that this may not be the time or place for that.

On June 23 we will end the school year together with the students. Hopefully many parents will join us in the gymnasium. On that day one chapter in the life of BVCS will come to an end. We will joyfully celebrate with the grade 7 students, but we will also have to say some sad farewells as we stand at the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our school. Being together as a K-12 student body will open up new opportunities, some of which we may not even have considered at this point in time. I am convinced that together as parents, teachers, and students we can make BVCS the place it is intended to be; an institution where students can be successful, where parents are supportive partners and where teachers are committed to deliver quality, Christ-centered programs. In preparation for the new reality, staff will take a look in the mirror to see how we measure up in this regard; it may not be a bad idea that we all do the same. Are we indeed still true to our vision, and are we all doing our part? Or is a correction in trajectory in order?

On a personal note, it will be with regret that I will close the door to my office for the last time. The walls of my office have been witnesses to a lot of conversations, laughter and tears, and these have helped shape me into the administrator I am now.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have had a hand in that. Thank you for coming to the office, knocking on the door to encourage, support and admonish. As I prepare to take on the role of principal of our unified campus, I hope that we may be able to build on these five years of working together. May God bless all of you. Enjoy a wonderful summer with your families.

Departing staff Mrs. Taekema and Mrs. Hartman



Calendar

June 21	Kindergarten Graduation
June 21	Gr. 4/5 Bike trip
June 21	Gr. 6 & 7 Concert
June 22	Preschool Picnic
June 23	All school Assembly 9:30 am
June 23	Last day and moving desks
June 24	Moving Day/no school for students

Playground Information

Parent volunteers are needed to help lay out the grounds and organize work at our unified campus.

Please contact Kristine Huxtable 847-9109. Both high school and elementary school input is welcome.

Important Report Card Information

Report cards may be picked up on **Wednesday, June 29, starting at noon, or on Thursday June 30, between 9:00 and 3:00.** Please be prepared to pay any outstanding fees at this time. Also note that school will be closed starting Thursday July 1.



Thank you girls! From the Stolte Family.



THE BIG MOVE. CAN YOU GIVE US A HAND?

We are beginning to get a reasonable number of vehicles to help us with our move on June 23 and 24. Of course we are also looking for able bodies to give us a hand on June 23 and/or 24. If you

have not yet done so, please contact the office. The details for the move are listed below:

June 23:

9:30 Closing Assembly

10:30-12:00 K, 1, 2, 3 move desks/chairs to new classroom

12:50 – 4, 5, 6, 7 move desks etc. to new classrooms

June 24:

Teachers will need help with moving furniture, books etc. to their new home. There will be no classes.

Janitorial assistance

There is a possibility that next school year we might need janitorial assistance for a few hours some days of the week. Please, contact Hugo VanderHoek @ 847 4238..

Concert for Grade 6, 7, and Jazz Band



This year we will have a "backyard concert" located on the basketball court behind the school on Tuesday, June 21st from 11:45 - 12:15ish. Residents of Pioneer Place as well as grade 6 & 7 parents are invited to bring their lunch and lawn chairs if desired, to enjoy a half hour of band music.

We will have "refreshments" available for our special guests, the residents of Pioneer Place and grade 6 & 7 parents, provided by the grade 6 & 7 students. If the weather is not good, the concert will be located in the music room.

Thanks,
Mrs. Boyes

Volunteer Appreciation Tea





Grade One/two has a baby shower for Mrs. Mel and baby Kalum.



Reinhard pets the school chicken.

Preschool marvels at butterflies.



The Apperloos are Retiring!

This year brings an end to cleaning and scrubbing BVCES for the Apperloos. All of us, staff and students wish them the Lord's blessing in their future plans. Thank you for your years of dedication and service.

The Kindergarten train trip from Houston.



Kindergarten visits the "new campus".



A trip to Wittwer's farm.



Farewell BVCES!

Since this is the last bulletin of the year, and also the last bulletin that I will be putting together, I wanted to share some of my journey at BVCES. Mrs. Ewald asked Mr. Kort and me, last week, "Are you starting to feel some sadness about the last days in this building?" For me, the answer was, YES! Although this is a structure of wood and glass, it has encased for me years of volunteer work in learning assistance, serving as a board member, and stepping into the secretary role 27 years ago, with eagerness and a lot to learn.

That eagerness and love for the work I do each day, the teamwork of the staff, support staff and principal, and the interaction with students and their parents has continued to make coming to work each day a blessing and joy! So although this is a building, it houses many memories. Memories of working alongside Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Ewald, Mr. Buikema, Mrs. Ripmeester and Mr. Kort who have contributed in their own way to making each step of my journey one of growth, wisdom and maturity. Memories of staff that I worked with and those who have moved on over the years, hold moments of encouragement, laughter, tears, sharing, devotions, coffee, food and prayer. There are memories of students and their families, past and present, as they shared their joys and sorrows passing by the office, volunteering for whatever needed to be done, taking care of the physical bumps and bruises, births and deaths, encouragement and prayer. The excitement of a student sharing a story of something that happened on the playground at lunch or recess, or during a school break or field trip, or the daily high-five or ten from Hailey, or a song or hug from Zachary can make a day complete.

What will I miss? Too many things to mention!

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the part you have had in making this journey one that is filled with treasured memories. I have been truly blessed during my time here at BVCES with you. As I leave, I go with the memory of each one of you tucked away in my heart.

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Remember, wherever you go, God goes with you, Jesus loves you and His spirit will carry you through. God bless, *love Mrs. Hartman*

I will leave you with these words of encouragement from Roy Lessin;

“God wants you to move through this day, and this coming year; with a quiet heart, an inward assurance that He is in control, a peaceful certainty that your life is in His hands, a deep trust in His plan and purposes, and a thankful disposition toward all that He allows. He wants you to put your faith in Him, not in a timetable. He wants you to wait on Him and wait for Him. In His perfect way He will put everything together . . . see to every detail. . . arrange every circumstance. . . and order every step to bring to pass what he has for you.”

Written by Roy Lessin

