



Superintendent/Principal's Newsletter September 2019

Dear Families,

We are so happy to welcome you to the new school year!

I recognize the privilege to work in such a wonderful, welcoming community. The kindness and generosity of our families are truly a hallmark of our school community. I look forward to seeing you all at the school events throughout the year.

So much of our school's success stems from our partnership with and support from you, the parents and guardians of our students. At the end of last school year, some of our Parent's Club and Foundation leaders transitioned out of their roles. Both the Parent's Club and Foundation have leadership opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year. Please consider getting involved--our students and staff benefit from your involvement.

As our school year starts, we are focused in providing an outstanding educational experience for our students and easy communication with their families. Last week, we launched our new web site; if you had the old site bookmarked, you should already be seeing the new site (bduesd.org/). We presently have a link to a Back-to-School Night survey on the homepage—we'd appreciate your feedback. The new site is mobile/tablet-friendly, and hopefully provides you with easier access to information. All of the school's events for the year have been placed on our calendar, and we will continue to add events as they are scheduled.

Thanks for your support and engagement,
Mike, Your Superintendent/Principal

Appreciations

- Thank you to the students for their smiles, laughs, and kindness.
- Thank you to the families for entrusting their children to our care.
- Thank you to the Parent's Club for supporting the Kindergarten Orientation and providing great treats for the TKs, kinders and their families.
- Thank you to the Parents' Club and BDS Community Foundation who co-sponsored the Welcome Back Coffee/Tea for parents. We had a large turnout, and everyone had fun talking and getting to know each other.
- Thank you to the whole community for driving safely around the bus. Thank you also for stopping when the bus stop sign is out and the lights are flashing. You are helping our students stay safe!

September Calendar

Tues. Sept. 10th 6:00 Foundation Mtg. Staff Room
Wed. Sept. 11th 6:30 A Mars Tour with the Rover, Curiosity in the Multi (RBDA Mtg.)
Wed. Sept. 18th **No After School Bus Service**
Thurs. Sept. 19th Picture Day
5:30 Board Mtg. Library
Wed. Sept. 25th 12:00 STARS Rally Multi
Thurs. Sept. 26th Student Council Speeches (Upper Grades) Multi

STARS Mission:

Study habits * Time management * Accountability * Resourcefulness * Success

STARS motivates students with school wide academic themes. This month we will be working on Goal Setting. Research shows that regular and careful goal setting can help children feel that they are taking control of their own learning when working towards something.

Drive For Schools

Our Fall Fund Drive/Drive for Schools fundraiser is off and running! Maybe you know this already, but in case you don't, former Bonny Doon resident and Bonny Doon School family member, **Mary Sullivan**, was the grand prizewinner a few years ago and took home \$25,000! She purchased her lucky tickets in our school office. I hope you can help us by purchasing Fall Fund Drive/Drive For Schools tickets this year. This is the main fundraiser of the year where 100% of the funds earned from the tickets you buy and sell **GO DIRECTLY TO Bonny Doon School!**

Maybe this year *you'll* be the winner! Tickets are \$5.00 each or six for \$25.00. **Tickets can be purchased from September 13th until October 16th in the school office.** Each ticket purchased is entered into a drawing for your choice of a New Toyota Prius C, a New Subaru Crosstrek, or \$25,000. There are **MANY** other great prizes.
Thank you in advance for your support!

From Our Parent's Club

GET INVOLVED!!

The Bonny Doon Parent's Club is dedicated to supporting the students, staff and teachers at our school. All parents and guardians of our elementary students are welcome as members of our parent/teacher organization. Throughout the year we provide support to these various groups by providing much needed assistance. If you would like to get involved please join us at our monthly meetings. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. We have child care at all our meetings. Our next meeting is October 1st! *Become a room parent and help with your child's classroom teacher and the Parent's Club * Look for an email about joining our online directory *Save the Date for October 31st and join our team as we celebrate Halloween at our Festival during the school day.

It has been a long-standing tradition that our Parent's Club works hard to give money to the classrooms each fall. We are happy to announce that we are donating \$200 to each classroom teacher and \$100 to Music, PE and the Library. Thank you for supporting our school.

Like us on Facebook. Email Casey at bduespc@gmail.com

Parking Lot Safety

A giant thank you to everyone for driving slowly through the parking lot, looking out for the kids, and pulling all the way up in front of the school for drop-off and pick-up. We appreciate that people in line to pick up students have not been leaving their car unattended. Traffic through the parking lot has been so much smoother so far this year! Please note: ***The parking lot is one way.***

If you pick up your child from school, please pull up and wait in the pick-up lane instead of parking and getting out of your car. Once the students are released for the day, the line will move quickly.

Please remember that our lower lot is for staff parking. This lot should not be used for student drop off and pick up.

Take the Bus

Have you considered sending your child to and from school on the bus this year? The bus is convenient, inexpensive, and environmentally friendly. Plus, you won't have to deal with parking and traffic at school. A few years ago, we calculated that if you live more than one mile from the school, you will save money over the course of the year if you send your child on the bus. John is a wonderful bus driver; he's safe, cautious, and he truly cares about the kids who ride the bus. Please call John in the transportation office at: 427-2144 for more information.