

Raptor Report



Betty Gilbert Middle School Newsletter
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Marvelous March Madness!

Not trying to be overly dramatic, but it has been very busy these past few weeks in the school, but all in a very good way. Speech contests, rugby games, report cards, rock concert performances, and Grade 8 course planning have kept everyone busy until the final bell today. I hope you are looking forward to a great Spring Break.

Report Cards last week and Parent Teacher Conferences

Students brought home their second formal progress report for the year last week and we had parents here earlier in the week meeting with teachers to discuss their children's learning. This is the perfect time to celebrate with your child the successes of the second term and together set a realistic goal for the final term of the year. After reading every child's report card I am so proud of the achievement levels of our students. It was a pleasure to read about the successes and learn of the challenges students faced this past term and how they grew as students and citizens. Our teachers and support staff have worked very hard to provide the best environment possible for their educational growth. Our last term should be just as productive.

We do wish you a restful Spring break and hope that when we return our weather will change to more seasonal warmth rather than all this snow!

Mr. Bako

Grade 8 Camp

Camp is coming up in the Spring for all grade 8 students. We take our grade 8's to Camp Timberline Ranch in Maple Ridge each year for a great outdoor education experience. This is something all students should look forward to as part of their Middle School experience.

We are collecting forms now for students coming to camp so if your grade 8 child has not handed in their forms please contact the office.

Upcoming Dates

March

13-24th – Spring Break

27th – PAC Hot Lunch

April

3rd – PAC meeting – 7pm

6th – Honour Roll Assembly – 1:40

7th – Collaboration day (early dismissal) 1:40

14th – Good Friday (No School)

17th – Easter Monday (No School)

19th – PAC popcorn Day

20th – School Dance (PAC sponsored)

24th – Hot Lunch

27th – Celebration of Learning (8:45 am)



BGMS Speech Fest

What a great event it was this year for our annual speech contest. We had 9 finalists from grade 6 & 7 who competed to see who would move on to the Regional Finals, April 21st at Parkside Elementary. The event was an excellent experience for all involved and our students did a very well in front of three judges and 400 students. Mrs. Molina (our wonderful school Admin Assistant), Mr. George Bryce (Retired Principal), and Mrs. Stewart (Grade 8) judged the contest. Congratulations to our winners: Katelynn Bartlett & Mathew Wailing.



Rockin' Raptors

Students were treated to a brief history of Canadian Rock and Roll with a performance by 'Speed Control' a touring three-piece rock group. Songs and history from the 60's to 90's were covered. Rock on Raptors!



Rugby 7's

Our Girl's Grade 8 *Rugby 7's* team had their first tournament today at DW Poppy and performed very well. Thanks to Mr. Crowley the girls had their first taste of Rugby grit and came back to school excited and pumped for their next games. If any girls in grade 8 would like to get involved they can connect with Mr. Crowley at ACSS.

Book Fair Success

Thank you to all students, parents and staff for supporting our PAC Book Fair. We reached our goal of **\$2000** and this will go toward PAC initiatives in the school. A huge thankyou to Wendy Alvaro (PAC president) for her tireless work in making this even happen. Thank you to Kelly Jones, Robyn Strelic, Pam Alzona, Rachel Ramsey, Raeleen Castle, Shelly Jansen, Tara Sutherland, Roberta Gavan for their time and support helping out also. We had a few students from ACSS help out as well as our own Oskar Green. Thanks so much for a successful Book Fair!



Taekwondo Comes to BGMS

Students had the opportunity to learn the art of self-defense as we welcomed Chang's Taekwondo to BGMS. Over 4 days students learned about respect, discipline, self-control, bully prevention, and how to escape an attack. They capped off their lessons by learning a few strikes and kicks with instructors Jose and Valentina. Chang's Taekwondo is a local dojang, located on 264th at 3227. If students would like to continue their training, pamphlets and coupons can be picked up in the office.



Find Updates on Twitter and Our Homepage

Looking for daily updates? Check out the school's website for upcoming events and newstories from BGMS.

www.bgms.sd35.bc.ca

Raptors' updates can also be found on Twitter @BGMSRaptors.



Spring Break Math Challenge

Arrange the cards from ace to ten into a picture frame so that the top, bottom, and sides all add up to the same total.

The image here shows the top row adds to 23, the bottom adds to 12, the left side is 22, and the right side is 22.

Can you rearrange the cards so that the top=bottom=left side=right side?

Aldergrove Basketball Club

Aldergrove has a new Basketball Club. We're trying to bring back the great history of successful basketball to the Aldergrove schools. We would love to have students come out and join the team. Gym times are as follows:

Mondays – (Boys only) 3:15 – 5:30 @BGMS
Tuesday – (Co-ed) 3:15 – 5:45 pm @ACSS
Thursday (Co-ed) 3:15 – 6:30 pm @ACSS
Friday (Girls only) 3:15 – 5:00 pm @ACSS

Club Rules

-Students are required to sign in with name and phone number before participating in each session on the sign in sheet. A contact number is mandatory in case of injury or unacceptable behaviour shown by any participant.

-Session are open to Grade 6 to Grade 12 boys and girls.

-Proper basketball shoes (non-marking soles) and proper athletic strip clothing is required.

-Unacceptable behaviour towards any volunteers, other students or supervising parents will not be tolerated. Student will be asked to leave immediately and not allowed to return to participate in any Aldergrove Basketball Club open gyms. We hope this does not occur.

-Let's have fun.

