

Raptor Report



Betty Gilbert Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

April

- 20th – School Dance (PAC sponsored)
- 24th – Hot Lunch
- 27th – Celebration of Learning (8:45 am)

May

- 1st – PAC Meeting 7pm (Library)
- 3rd – Assembly Performance (Magician) 1:45
- 5th – Pro- d (No School)
- 8th – School Panoramic Photo
- 22nd – Victoria Day (No School)
- 24th – 26th – Grade 8 Camp (Timberline)

June

- 8th – Middle School Track Meet (McLeod Athletic Park)
- TBD** - BGMS Talent Show
- 27th – Year End Assembly
- 28th – Student Success Day (**all students do not attend**)
- 29th – Report Card pick up (**Time TBA**)

Regional Speech Fest

This Friday, April 21st, will be the regional Speech Contest held at Parkside Elementary School. We will have a total of 4 participants competing. Our initial two winners, Katelynn Bartlett & Mathew Wailing, but we've been allowed to take our next two qualifiers as well, Ashley Komish and Evan Dyce. The speeches will occur between 10 a.m. and 12pm. Good luck to all four!

**Families coming to the speech festival are reminded that parking is limited at the school. It may be necessary to park on the street.*

A Busy Spring Time Ahead

April is the beginning of a period in the school that is very busy, with many events and activities as well as preparation for not only the end of the year but also next year.

In the next few weeks we will be sending out information on calendars for next year, meeting times for parents of grade 5 students coming into grade 6 along with a variety of end of the year information. Please watch for relevant information for you and your child.

Betty Gilbert, along with ACSS will be adding another block to our daily class block rotation next year. Because BGMS is so tightly aligned with ACSS anything they do we have to come up with our own version that matches the time table also. At ACSS they are starting what is call Flex Time, where students will have choice in what they do and where they go in the school during this period. This block is added to the daily block rotation just after first period and is slightly shorter than the other four periods, for example, we currently have four 80 minute periods – ABCD, while next year it will change to AXBCD where each block is now 70 minutes long with a shorter 'X' block of about 35 minutes included. When our students are at ACSS for explorations in the morning they will stay at ACSS and participate in a version of this Flex with their Exploration teachers.

At Betty Gilbert we will have a similar block schedule to ACSS, but students will remain with their teachers during this period as normal. More information and a finalized school calendar will be sent out soon and relayed at PAC meetings regarding Betty Gilbert's X-Block.

Summer Session in Langley

Online and in-person registration for Summer Session 2017 opened on Monday (April 10). The Summer Session website as always is sd35summersession.ca that anyone can view with all the links for online registration, digital versions of the brochures and other helpful information. Please see the attachments to this newsletter.

New digital media resources for parents

Please find links to three parent guides (PDFs that can be downloaded) from MediaSmarts, the Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization for digital and media literacy.

- [Getting the Most Out of Video Games Guide](#)
- [Digital Citizenship for Parents](#)
- [A Guide for Trusted Adults: Practical Tips and Tools for Supporting Girls and Young Women Navigating Life Online](#)

Intramural Hockey Launches in BGMS Courts

Over 60 students has signed up to participate in the 2017 Raptor Hockey League. Both male and female players from grades 6, 7, and 8 have been drafted and placed on one of 10 teams participating in the league. The season opener yesterday proved to be a good sign of competition to come as the Italians narrowly defeated the Slappers 4-2. While rain is proving to be a challenge, we have yet to see any cancellations. Competition will continue for the next 5 weeks, followed by the playoffs with single-game-knockout action. If you would like to catch highlights of featured games, be sure to follow us on Twitter @bgmsraptors



Woelders' Math Challenge

Using all the digits 0-9 find a ten digit number that has the property that the first digit is divisible by 1, the first two digits are divisible by 2, the first 3 digits are divisible by 3, and so forth.

For example, the number 1234567890. The first digit, 1, is divisible by one. The first two digits, 12, is divisible by 2. The first three digits, 123, is divisible by 3. The first four digits, 1234, however is not divisible by 4.

Work with your parents/guardians and see if you can find a solution and post your solution to Twitter @bgmsraptors #woeldersmathchallenge or email Mr. Woelders at dwoelders@ds35.bc.ca. Correct solutions will be entered in the math challenge draw and awarded at the end of the year.