

# BES January Newsletter

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## Virtue of the Month - Cleanliness and Organization

*School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020*

*Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone! We hope you were able to relax and enjoy your holiday break with family and friends.*

### BESAA January 2020 News

Welcome back! And welcome to 2020! We feel like this was so far in the future to us when we were kids that it's hard to believe this is the actual year. Where are the flying cars? Why isn't anyone living on the moon? Well, you kids keep up with getting a great education and surely by 2050 you'll have it figured out for us.

Thanks to everyone for the smooth pickup of the poinsettia's in December. The fundraiser was another great success this year raising \$1925 to go towards school activities.

We wanted to extend a warm thank you to the Lefebvre family, Judy and her children, for generously accepting donations for our playground project on behalf of their late husband and father, Ray. It means so much that you chose to give back to this community and these kids. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the staff room. There will be a \$50 CO-OP gift card for raffle between all non-council/staff attendees, so please come on down and help support our group. As always, if anyone has anything they would like addressed please feel free to contact us via our Facebook page (Barrhead Elementary School Council/Advisory Association) or the office staff at BES and they can direct you to one of the council board members.

## **PHSD News**

### **Ward Review Presentation**

Please attend the January 15th School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the school to hear information about the electoral ward review the PHSD Board is undertaking which could potentially reduce the number of trustees that represent the division.

### **Pembina Hills Annual Satisfaction Surveys**

In January, parents will receive an email inviting their participation in the Annual Satisfaction Survey. The email replaces the phone calls we made in previous years. The link at the end of the email will take you directly to the survey.

#### ***How long will it take?***

- We know it takes time to participate in surveys, and time is precious.
- The questions are brief and use rating scales to make them quicker to answer.
- We estimate that it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

#### ***Will I be able to comment?***

- There are opportunities for you to provide written feedback at the end of the survey.

#### ***How do I participate?***

- There is a link to click at the end of the email. It will take you directly to the survey.
- You can respond to the survey using a desktop computer, laptop or mobile device.

#### ***Are my responses anonymous?***

- Your email address will be collected and connected to your responses.
- Collecting the address eliminates the chance of duplicate responses and enables us to trace issues that might arise in the completion of the survey.
- Comments are reviewed by administration and considered during the planning process.
- No comments are reported publicly.

#### ***I have more than one child in this school. Will I get an email like this for each one?***

If you have several children in a single school:

- You *should* just get one email.
  - We have tried to minimize duplicates but given the complexity of families, and because we rely on the information that schools have on file, you *might* get more than one email for this school.
  - IF that happens, you only need to respond one time. We apologize in advance for the extra clutter in your mailbox.

#### ***How do I respond if I have several children in a single school:***

- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the overall experiences of your children in that school.

#### ***I have children in another school too. Will I get a survey for that school too?***

- If you have children in more than one school, you will get more than one email.
- Each email has a link to the survey connected to that specific school.
- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the children in that specific school.

#### ***What if the survey doesn't have questions related to my concerns?***

- If you have comments or wish to discuss something that has not appeared in this survey, please contact your school principal directly.

***What if I haven't received an email to do the survey?***

- If you haven't received an email by January 17, you can contact Debbie Westman at [debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca](mailto:debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca)

***What does Pembina Hills do with the surveys?***

- Regional office administrative staff, school administrators, teachers and trustees review the survey data.
  - Comments are read by administration only. No comments will be shared publicly.
- School data is reported in the school's education plan.
- All school data is combined to create a division summary that will be reported at a public Board meeting. It is also recorded in the Division Education Plan.

CPF News



There will be a Canadian Parents for French Meeting at 6 pm in the BES Staffroom on January 15, 2020.

**Students Clothing and Items**

With so many students using the shelves in the boot rooms, similar footwear do get mixed up with other students. To avoid some of this, we ask that you label your students items before bringing or wearing them to school.



**PD Day will be on Jan. 31/20. No school for students!**

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 -----	31  Christmas	1  Break	2  Continues	3 -----	4 -----
5 -----	6 Classes Resume	7	8 6C to Keir Care	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 CPF Meeting at 6pm Staffroom BES Parent Council Meet 7:00 p.m. BES Staffroom	16	17 Gr 5 Swim 1:30  PJ & Stuffie Day	18
19	20 Gr 4 Skate - 9:30	21	22 6A to Keir Care	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Gr 3 Swim @1:15  Indoor Games  Practice 4:00 - 10:00 pm at Butterdome	31 PD Day - no school	<b>Feb 1</b> Music Festival Registration Deadline February 1 