



BEST

**BERT EDWARDS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
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BEST NEWS FEBRUARY 2026

Principal's Message

Best of luck to our basketball teams as they participate in many practices and games this month! Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Unsworth, Mr. Wood, Ms. Vermey, Mr. Kershaw, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Hummel, for their time and dedication.

There are several field trips planned throughout February. Please remember to check the weekly emails for important details, including dates and times.

This month, I will be sharing an update on our School Learning Plan with school trustees and senior leaders. At BEST, we continue to focus on building student identity and pride, particularly in the areas of Science and Technology. I will highlight the learning opportunities students have experienced this year and how their progress reflects our school goals.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Morrison as our new administrative assistant. We wish Ms. Skalozub all the best as she prepares for retirement. We also welcome Ms. Willie, who will be teaching Ms. Adams' class each Friday. Finally, thank you to Ms. Pekova for supporting our students while covering for Mrs. Primus.

Mrs. Edstrom

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 4th.....	PAC Meeting (6pm)
Feb 6th.....	Professional Day
Feb. 13th.....	PAC Moon Wok Lunch
Feb. 16th.....	BC Family Day
Feb. 18th.....	Breakfast
Feb. 20th.....	Popcorn Day
Feb. 25th.....	Pink Shirt Day
March 13th.....	Talent Variety Show 1:10pm

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

If personal devices are brought to school they must stay out of sight and are only to be used (including recess/lunch) with staff permission, most often to contact parents and caregivers. Student photographing or video-recording can ONLY be on a *school* device and under the direction of the classroom teacher for a project, etc. For the well-being of all, student cooperation with technology is appreciated.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RECOGNITION

As usual, the office has been swamped with *Best Buzzes* for Respectful, Responsible and Safe student behavior around our school! Keep up the excellent effort BEST students. Each week we hold weekly Best Buzz draws so that students can win small prizes for their efforts.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 25th 2026 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Here at Bert Edwards we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on the 25th as a symbol of their commitment to demonstrate respect to themselves and others. All classes will attend an assembly on this day.

YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE

The SD73 Young Author's Conference will be held at TRU on May 1st. Students in Grades 4-7 are invited to submit a manuscript and potentially be selected to attend the conference. Manuscript criteria pages can be picked up at the office and manuscripts are due to Mrs. Edstrom by February 27th. Manuscripts can include prose, script, poetry or graphic text. Students are encouraged to read the criteria thoroughly before they create their manuscripts.

GRADE 7 INFORMATION

Students who will be attending Norkam Secondary School will participate in a school tour on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m.** Transportation to and from the school will be provided by school bus. During the visit, students will receive information regarding course offerings for **September 2026** and will be provided with course selection forms to take home for review and completion.

Families of students who will be attending a different secondary school will be contacted individually with relevant course selection information. Students who are not planning to attend Norkam Secondary School are not required to participate in this trip.

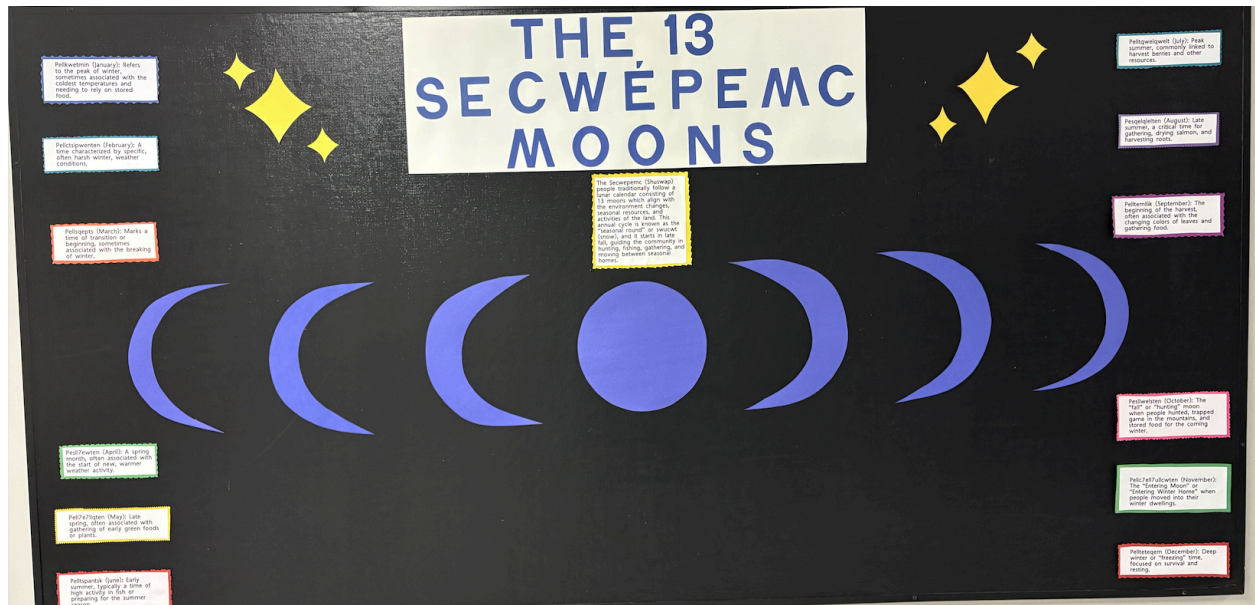
SCENT FREE SCHOOL

In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies and severe environmental and chemical sensitivities, Bert Edwards Science and Technology School is striving to be scent-free throughout our entire school. Students, staff and guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products at BEST. This often includes perfume, cologne, aftershave and scented hair products, but also includes items such as essential oils, hand sanitizer, and skin lotions. We have several students and staff with significant sensitivities, and your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated!

MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY In January/February 2025 Grade 4 and 7 students will complete the Ministry Student Learning Survey. Parents are also invited to provide feedback. Please complete this survey by March 1st. Parents have direct access with no codes needed to complete the survey. Your views are completely anonymous, but very helpful in planning for our school. Click here for access [survey](#)

YOUNG ARTISTS OPPORTUNITY Students in Grades 4-7 who would like to submit artwork and apply to attend the Young Artists Conference can submit their work to Mrs. Phillips by Feb. 13th.

Thank you to Ms. Lewis for creating this lovely display board





Important Dates:

Wed Feb 4th: PAC Meeting

Fri Feb 6th: Candygram order forms and payment due

Fri Feb 13th: B.E.S.T PAC Hot Lunch: Moon Wok and Candygram delivery

Fri Feb 20th: Family Gym Night (see poster below for more details)

B.E.S.T. PAC

WEDNESDAY
FEB 4TH
6 PM
B.E.S.T.
LIBRARY



EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!

MEETING

BESTPAC2023@GMAIL.COM

THE B.E.S.T. PAC
Valentine's Day
CANDYGRAM
DELIVERY ON FRIDAY
FEB 13TH

\$2.50 PER CANDYGRAM

PRE-ORDER YOUR SPECIAL VALENTINE CUTIE A CANDYGRAM AND WE WILL DELIVER IT TO THEM IN CLASS NEAR THE END OF THE DAY!

ORDER FORMS DUE FRI FEB 6TH

FEBRUARY B.E.S.T PAC HOT LUNCH

MOON WOK

FRI FEB 13TH

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THE B.E.S.T PAC
PRESENTS:

FAMILY GYM

FRI FEB 20TH
5:30-7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: B.E.S.T GYM

• Full Dinner and
Snack Concession
Stand • Hot Dogs

ONLY
\$5
PER FAMILY

Bring the whole family
out for an action-
packed evening of
sports, games, and
smiles!



