



BEST

**BERT EDWARDS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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March/April 2026

MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

- March 3rd.....Grade 7 Norkam Tour
- March 4th.....Popcorn Day
- March 4th.....6pm PAC Meeting
- March 8th..... Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 9th.....Grade 7 Band Performance 6:30pm
- March 11th.....Learning Updates go Home
- March 12th.....Breakfast
- March 13th.....Talent and Variety Show 1:10pm
- March 16th - March 27th.....Spring Break
- March 30th..... Classes Resume
- April 1st.....PAC Meeting 6pm
- April 3rd.....Good Friday
- April 6th.....Easter Monday
- April 7th.....Day of Suwentwecw
- April 14th.....Breakfast
- April 15th.....Popcorn Day
- April 20th.....STEAM Showcase 2:00-2:30pm
- April 27th.....ProD Day No Classes
- April 29th.....Breakfast

The **Day of Suwewtwecw** this year is on Tuesday, April 7th. The theme for this year's district-wide day is *“How we honour one another”*. We are planning several school wide events, and teachers will be connecting classroom lessons to this theme. Our classes will be served bannock to honour this significant day. Please advise the classroom teacher if your child requires a gluten-free option.

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams on their successes and dedication this season. Thank you to Mr. Hummel, Mr. Wood, Mr. Kershaw, Mrs. Unsworth, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Drzimotta for coaching our teams.

A special recognition for the students who will present at our annual Variety/Talent Show this month. We look forward to a great culmination of the diverse talents that our BEST students have. Thank you to Mrs. Phillips for organizing this event.

SAFE ARRIVAL

With the safety of our children as a school priority, we remind everyone of our District Safe Arrival system for reporting student lates or absences. You can access this system by phone (1-844-350-2647), internet (go.schoolmessenger.ca), or smartphone free app - iOS and Android versions. We encourage all parents to use this system in place of messages to teachers or calls to the office, and to report all student absences every day prior to 8:30 am.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) SHOWCASE

We are excited for all K-7 classes to be participating in a school wide STEAM Showcase. Parents and family members are invited to view our STEAM projects on April 20th at 2:00-2:30pm.

What Is STEAM Education?

At BEST, STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. It's an approach to learning that connects these subjects together instead of teaching them separately.

In a STEAM classroom, students don't just read about ideas — they apply them. They might design and test bridges (engineering and math), create digital art using coding (technology and arts), or explore environmental challenges through hands-on experiments (science and problem-solving).

The “A” in STEAM — Arts — is especially important. It encourages creativity, communication, and innovative thinking. By blending creativity with critical thinking, students learn how to approach challenges from multiple perspectives.

STEAM education helps students:

- Build strong problem-solving skills
- Think creatively and critically
- Work collaboratively with peers
- Apply learning to real-world situations
- Prepare for future careers in a rapidly changing world

Our goal is to nurture curious, confident learners who are ready to explore, create, and innovate.

WHAT IS INQUIRY?

In our elementary classrooms, inquiry means students learn by asking questions, exploring ideas, and discovering answers through hands-on experiences. Instead of simply being told information, children investigate topics by observing, experimenting, discussing, and reflecting. Teachers guide students with thoughtful questions and structured activities that encourage curiosity and critical thinking. Whether exploring a science concept, solving a real-world math problem, or analyzing a story, students are actively engaged in making meaning, sharing their thinking, and learning from one another.

KINDERGARTEN SPARK SESSIONS

Sessions for our incoming Kindergarten students (September 2026) will happen in May. Dates will be shared once they are confirmed.

LOST and FOUND

Please remind your student to check the MANY lost and found items the week of March 9th to 13th. If not claimed, these items will be donated to a charity on Friday, March 13th prior to the two-week Spring Break holiday.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2026

On Wednesday February 25th, we recognized Pink Shirt Day, focusing on our efforts to treat all school members with kindness, respect, and courtesy. It was great to see a sea of pink at our school on Pink Shirt Day with hundreds of students and staff wearing a pink shirt. Thank you to Mrs. Unsworth and Ms. Lewis for planning and presenting this assembly.



SCIENCE FAIR

At BEST, if students want to create a science fair project, they join a club in which they do all of the work researching and preparing their presentations (outside of class time). A big thank you to Mrs. Ernst for facilitating this club. Congratulations to Emma Rose, Parker Rose, Kaia Pederson and Ryland Wilson. Your hard work and dedication is admirable! We wish you the BEST of luck when you attend the Regional Science Fair at TRU in April 2026.



