

November 2025 News at BEST



We respectfully honour and acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded territory of the Secwepemc peoples.

Principal's Message from Mrs. Edstrom

As we move into November, the weather is starting to change and soon we will have our first snowfall of the season. Regardless of the season, we plan to have the students outdoors as much as possible during recess and lunch. Please make sure your children are well prepared with winter coats, mitts, toques and a pair of indoor shoes.

A friendly reminder for our parents and caregivers:

- **Picking up your child early:** When you arrive, please stop by the office to sign in. We'll happily page your child's class so they can come down to meet you. This helps keep our hallways calm and focused during learning time.
- **Dropping off items:** If you need to bring something in for your child after the school day has started, please leave it at the office. Our staff will make sure it gets to your child's classroom.
- **Reporting absences:** Please use the **Safe Arrival** app to let us know if your child will be away.

Remember to review the weekly email sent out every Friday. It provides highlights for the coming week ahead and includes new and important information you may need to know.

Each Monday morning we begin our day with O"Canada. We request that you stop during the anthem if you are in the hallway.

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Upcoming Dates

Nov. 3 – Open House Classroom Visits (various times listed below)

Nov. 5 - PAC Meeting 6pm

Nov. 7 - PAC Family Dance 5:30-8:30pm

Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day No School

Nov 13, 25 - Breakfast for all classes

Dec. 1 - Professional Day - No Classes

Dec. 3 - PAC Meeting 6pm

Dec. 10 - Breakfast for all classes

Dec. 12 - Learning Update #1 Sent Home Today

Dec. 18 - Christmas Concert 9:00am and 1:30pm

December 20 - to January 4 – Winter Holiday

Open House Times - November 3rd

Teacher/Class	Open House Times
Kindergarten - Ms. Farber	2:45pm-4:00pm
Kindergarten - Mrs. Bowden	2:45pm-4:00pm
Grade 1 - Mrs. Denison	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 1 - Ms. Adams	2:15pm-3:30pm
Grade 2 - Ms. Duquette	2:45pm-4:00pm
Grade 2 - Mrs. Ernst	2:45pm-4:00pm
Grade 3 - Ms. Vermey	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 3/4 - Ms. Campbell	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 4/5 - Mr. Hummel	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 4/5 - Mr. Kershaw	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Lovell	2:15pm-3:45pm
Grade 6/7 - Mrs. Unsworth	2:00pm-4:00pm
Grade 6/7 - Mr. Wood	2:00pm-4:00pm

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Sports

Thank you to Ms. Vermey, Mrs. Primus, Mr. Isenor, Mr. Kershaw, Mrs. Unsworth and Mr. Wood for coaching our volleyball teams. Practices and games are underway and we hope that everyone has a great season! Thanks to Mrs. Unsworth and Ms. Vermey for coaching our cross country running team. Please note that we are looking for parent coaches for basketball teams. Email Mrs. Unsworth if you are interested aunsworth@sd73.bc.ca.

Robothink

During the last week in October, all students in Grades 1-7 attended Robo Think sessions right at BEST. These sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by all and the sessions align well with our Science and Technology school. RoboThink Kamloops is a leading STEM, coding, robotics and engineering program nurturing geniuses across Kamloops. The exciting themed STEM programs develop core STEM skills that students apply to school subjects and their future careers.

Equality Club

Equality Club is a safe and supportive place for 2SLGBTQ+ students and allies to connect and build community here at BEST. During our time together, we will engage in activities like playing games, picture book-read alouds, arts, crafts and discussions about how we can make sure that all students feel safe and accepted at our school. Equality Club will be held twice a month during the lunch break and is being facilitated by Mrs. Ernst. We look forward to seeing any interested students there.

Remembrance Day

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Monday, November 10th. The assembly will start at 10:45am and everyone is welcome to attend. All primary students will be presenting a song and each class will be laying a wreath in honour of our veterans.

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Winter Concert

We will be presenting our Winter Concert on December 18th. All classes will be included in this performance. Please attend one of the two options: **Performance times are 9am and 1:30pm (doors open at 8:40am and 1:10pm)**

BEST Library Fundraiser

Please help support our library by purchasing Purdy's chocolates. Visit the link below to submit your order.

BEST Library Purdys Chocolates Fundraiser

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1497487-130973>

**ORDER DEADLINE
November 24**



**Pick up your order from
BEST on: Tues, December 9, 2:00-3:00**

Parent Contact Information

From time to time, we do encounter emergency situations, where it is important to be able to reach parents/guardians immediately. When accessing the MyEd Student System, we often discover that the listed phone numbers are no longer valid. PLEASE ensure that all contact information remains current throughout the year. If your number has changed since September when we update our database or you have recently moved, call the office and keep us up to date.

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Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported no later than 8:45 am. You can do this by either calling or visiting the School District's safe arrival system. If at all possible, please do not call the office directly. All absences or late arrivals that have **not** been reported before 8:45 am will initiate "School Connects" to call priority phone numbers up to 5 times until a response is given by the contact. The office will change the attendance accordingly once the response is registered.

IB Middle Years Programme Information Session – November 20

NorKam Secondary School invites you to attend an **IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Information Session** on **Thursday, November 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm** in the NorKam Secondary Library. This session is open to all families and staff interested in learning more about the MYP and what it offers students. During the evening, we will discuss:

What an IB Middle Years Programme education is and how it supports student growth and engagement, Why you might consider enrolling your child in the MYP and the application process, including key requirements and deadlines for submitting applications.

We encourage all interested parents, guardians, and educators to join us for this informative evening to learn how the MYP can enrich students' learning and development. Warm regards,
Bryan Uyeda (buyeda@sd73.bc.ca), Trevor Pendergast (tpendergast@sd73.bc.ca) IB Coordinator
-- NorKam Secondary School

Kamloops Blazers Ticket Draw - We are pleased to share that BEST has received 30 tickets for the Kamloops Blazers game on Saturday, November 29th. To distribute these tickets, we will be holding a draw for students in Kindergarten through Grade 7 who are able to attend the game. Students wishing to enter the draw may pick up an entry form from the school office. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the office no later than Tuesday, November 18th. The ticket draw will take place on Wednesday, November 19th at 8:40 a.m. For your convenience, the entry form can also be printed at home and returned to school by the deadline (see link below). We look forward to giving our students this exciting opportunity to cheer on the Kamloops Blazers!

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Blazer Ticket Entry Draw

BEST has received tickets to the Blazers game on Saturday, November 29th 2025. Students wishing to attend are required to have a parent sign and return the form attached. Winners will receive two tickets each. This way, a parent can attend with his/her child if required. Please note there will not be school staff at the event to supervise. Forms are due on November 18th. The draw will take place on November 19th and tickets will be sent home on this day as well.

My child _____ is available to attend the game on November 29th and would like to be entered into the draw.

Parent signature _____

Afterschool Robotics Program



Lesson 1:
3 wheels are better than 2

Lesson 2:
The first battle bot

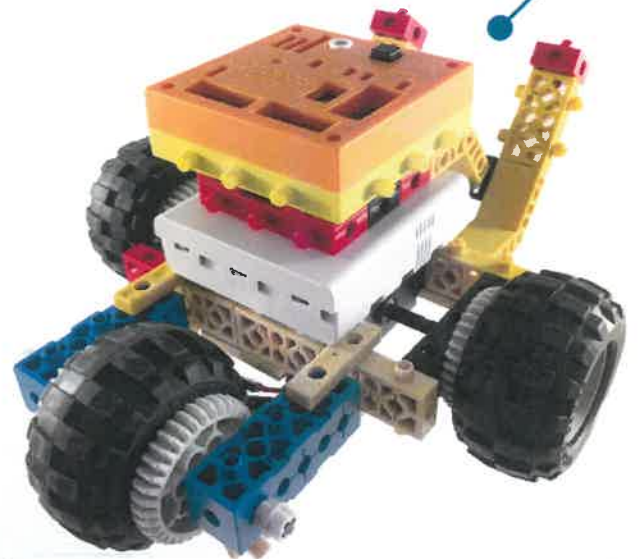
Lesson 3:
Fun with Steam Rollers

Lesson 4:
Asteroid Defence

Lesson 5:
Battle bot round 2

**Cost \$249
\$199 for Bert
Edwards Science &
Tech Students**

Join us on
Nov 13, 20, 27,
Dec 04, 01
@ Bert Edwards Sci &
Tech School
(711 Windsor Ave)
for our Afterschool
Robotics Program
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Ages 6 - 12



REGISTER NOW



ROBTHINK

Build, Code and Play with Robots

KAMLOOPS



250-574-7099



kamloops@myrobothink.com

✦ We have an **exciting announcement** about a **brand new PAC event...**

👤👤 **The B.E.S.T. PAC presents the Neon Family Dance!**

⚠️ **Please note:** This is a *family event*. **Students MUST** be accompanied by a parent or adult family member.

THE B.E.S.T. PAC PRESENTS:

NEON FAMILY

Dance

ONLY \$5 PER FAMILY

WEAR WHITE/ NEON COLORS & GET READY TO GLOW ON THE DANCE FLOOR!

FRI NOV 7TH • 5:30-8:30 P.M.

DOORS OPEN: 5:15

LOCATION: B.E.S.T. GYM

SELFIE STATION

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GLOW! HOT DOGS, GLOW STICKS + A FULL SNACK CONCESSION TO KEEP YOU DANCING ALL NIGHT!

DJ SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

OLIVIA GRACE PRODUCTIONS

🍪 Get Ready for the B.E.S.T PAC Fundraiser of the Holiday Season! 🍪

🍪📦 Cookie Dough & Cheesecake for the Holidays! 📦🍪

The holidays are right around the corner — and what better way to prepare than by stocking up on delicious cookie dough and mouthwatering cheesecakes from our BEST PAC fundraiser?



**B.E.S.T PAC ANNUAL
COOKIE DOUGH &
CHEESECAKE
FUNDRAISER**

ALL PROCEEDS GO RIGHT BACK TO B.E.S.T

**COOKIE DOUGH \$26
CHEESECAKES \$26**

COOKIE DOUGH FLAVOURS:
BUTTERY SHORTBREAD, WHITE CHOCOLATE
MACADAMIA NUT, MONSTER (M&M), GINGER
MOLASSES, AND CHOCOLATE CHIP

CHEESECAKE FLAVOURS:
NEW YORK PLAIN, STRAWBERRY, AND TURTLE

**ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT DUE
FRI NOV 14TH
CASH OR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO BEST PAC**

ORDER PICK UP: FRI DEC 5TH

✨ Whether you're hosting, gifting, or just treating yourself, these treats make life easier (and tastier)!

✨ No mess, no stress — just bake, serve, and enjoy.

✨ Perfect for holiday parties, family gatherings, or late-night snacks.

📦 Order now to have everything ready before the holiday hustle hits!

🌟 Proceeds go directly to support our amazing B.E.S.T students and staff — so sale makes a difference!

Let's make this the sweetest fundraiser ever! 🎄🎁🍪