



BEST

**BERT EDWARDS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
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October 23rd 2025

Dear BEST Families,

Please be reminded of the PAC Movie Night this evening. Doors open at 5:30pm and the featured movie is Elio. Tomorrow, Oct. 24th is a professional day and classes are not in session.

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 (instructions are attached).

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our school day running smoothly!

Highlights for next week:

Monday, Oct. 27th

Robothink

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

Robothink

Tier 2 Boys Volleyball - Raft River

Tier 1 Boys Volleyball - Home Game

Wednesday, Oct. 29th

Robothink

Popcorn Day

Thursday, Oct. 30th

Robothink

Tier 1 Girls Volleyball - Home Game

Friday, Oct. 31st

Parade 8:50am

Intermediate Dance 1:30-2:00pm

Primary Dance 2:10-2:30pm

Frequently Asked Questions

SafeArrival *for Families* FAQ

What is SafeArrival?

SafeArrival is an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.

You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of these convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger app (free)

1. If you haven't already provided your email address to the school, please do so
2. Get the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at go.schoolmessenger.ca)
3. Tap **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, and then select **Report an Absence**.

2. Web and Mobile Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca

1. If you haven't already provided your email address to the school, please do so
2. Go to the website.
3. Click **Sign Up** to create your account.
4. Select **Attendance** from the menu, then select **Report an Absence**

3. Interactive Toll-free Phone (1-844-350-2647)

1. Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.
2. Follow the instructions to report an absence.

Absences can be reported in advance:

- 24 hours/day
- 7 days a week
- For any school day in the school term
- Up to the cut-off time on the day of the absence
- Including multiple day absences

Whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive a confirmation notice by email and/or text message (assuming you have provided your contact information to the school).

If you don't report your child's absence in advance, the automated notification system will try to contact you (using the communication preferences if you have set them up in the SchoolMessenger app). This may include push notifications to the app, email, SMS text message, phone calls. You will be asked to provide the reason for your child's absence immediately. You may do so using the phone line, website or mobile app.

If you try to explain an absence using SafeArrival, but are then told that it is past the cut-off time. Please contact the school directly.

Note:

The new SafeArrival program will be in effect as of June 1st, 2018