

## Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School

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### Principal Update February 2020

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<b>Principal:</b>	<b>Mr. John Cortens</b>	<b>604-713-4686</b>
<b>OAA:</b>	<b>Ms. Cheryl Betteridge</b>	<b>604-713-4686</b>
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### PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Mr. Bryan Yu</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ms. Elise Wong</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Ms. Jocelan Thiessen</b>
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The Begbie Parent Advisory Committee would like your email address in order to contact you directly with respect to most current information, volunteer opportunities, fundraising projects and community building activities. Please be sure to forward your email address to be added to their list at the email above.

The Begbie Parent Advisory Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the school library. Child-minding is provided for families attending the meeting.

All parents are welcome to attend the meetings which focus on the business of the executive, fundraising projects and building a positive school community.

If you are curious about attending or would like to volunteer, please plan on attending the meeting on Tuesday 10-Mar-2020 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about PAC please visit the website or contact via PAC email.

### **Hot Lunch Opportunity for Parents**

Begbie PAC is excited to announce a 3-Day trial of a catered hot lunch for students by C'est Mon Café. It will be three consecutive Mondays (24-Feb, 2-Mar, 9-Mar) The intention is to get feedback after the last date to see if there is interest enough to continue on a regular basis.

Lunches will be \$6 with a choice of an entrée (4 options each lunch) and includes a fruit/vegetable cup. The cost includes the price of the meal, tax and \$0.86 toward PAC fundraising projects. Please refer to [C'est Mon Café](#) for website information and [Begbie Online Order Form](#) for direct link to Begbie menu and order form.

All ordering, payment, and serving of lunch will be the responsibility of C'est Mon Café.

All questions regarding the hot lunch can be directed [C'est Mon Café](#). If needed, please contact PAC at [begbeischoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:begbeischoolpac@gmail.com)

### **Sincere thanks for your hard work and generosity**

On behalf of our school community we would like to express heart-felt and sincere thanks for the contributions you have made through fundraising events, hot lunches and direct drive in support of the PAC's project to support the new build plan to purchase surfacing and new equipment for our playground. As we get closer to breaking ground it is exciting to see your generosity making an impact for our students and the community.

Also a HUGE thank you to the PAC Executive, Chair, Fundraising Chair and Hot Lunch Leads and volunteers. Your hard work and dedication will make a significant impact for our school and community for years to come. We cannot thank you enough!

### **Rock the Salish Sea Performance**

This concert event will take place at Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School **Wednesday February 26** with a dress rehearsal during the day and an evening performance at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start. We ask that families send only two adults to attend the performance as we are limited as to the numbers we can safely accommodate.

*Rock the Salish Sea* is based on the highly successful Voices of Nature program which weaves together music and the ecological sciences into a one of a kind school program and musical spectacle that puts children in a leadership role to inspire action in their families and communities to conserve and protect wild Pacific Salmon, endangered Southern resident Orcas and the habitats and ecosystems that sustain us all.

For the last two months students have been working with their teachers to learn the songs and movements they will perform as part of a mass choir with Holly Arntzen, Kevin Wright and their band The Wilds.

We are asking that two members only attend the Evening Concert in order that we may adhere to fire safety guidelines. Parents are welcome to attend the Dress Rehearsal during the day if they prefer.

Parents are asked to bring their students to school at **6:15 pm Wednesday, February 26** to prepare for a 7:00 pm performance. If you have any questions please check with your child's teacher.

Thank you for supporting this event.

### **Corona Virus Updates**

For the latest updates and information regarding the corona virus please keep an eye on your email. As the situation changes, we receive information from the VSB Health & Safety team as well as from the Provincial Health Officer. Any updates will be forwarded to you via email in a timely manner. Please make sure the office has your current email. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at 604-713-4686.

### **Safe, Inclusive School Free from Bullying**

Sir Matthew Begbie School Community is committed to maintaining a safe place for all adults and students free from harassment and bullying. This is an ongoing endeavour which we take very seriously. We are supported by the Vancouver School District and the BC Ministry of Education. This is a team effort requiring the cooperation of staff, students, parents, families and community members. As a community, we understand important issues like bullying, harassment, racism, sexism and homophobia need to be responded to promptly.

While these problems are rare, as educators, we focus on teaching students social and emotional skills necessary to prevent and address these problems when they arise. These skills are part of the BC Ministry of Education Core Competencies (BC Curriculum) and are taught all through out the school day.

Our Begbie Code of Conduct (Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Safe) is a living document we use every day to communicate and consistently reinforce expectations for exemplary student and adult behaviour. All adults on site model and teach students about these socially responsible behaviours.

We are committed to working closely with parents to build a trustworthy sense of community where we work together productively to address concerns as soon as they come to our attention. If you ever have any questions or concerns please begin by talking with your child's teacher.

The Ministry of Education [Erase Bullying](#) is all about building safe and caring school communities . This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. Giving students a voice, teaching and supporting assertiveness, and working together consistently is the recipe for success. Check out the link above to learn more about what you can do as a parent to support your child and school.

### **Dates to Remember**

<b>26-Feb Wednesday</b>	<b>Rock the Salish Sea Doors at 6:30 pm Performance at 7:00 Two guests per family please</b>
<b>10-Mar Tuesday</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 7:00 pm. Child-Minding provided</b>
<b>16-Mar-27-Mar</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>30-Mar Monday</b>	<b>Dance in Schools Begins</b>

Also please check the [school website](#) for up to date information and events