



BICS THIS WEEK: October 17-21, 2022

The Week Ahead	
Monday	▪ 12:20 PM, Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	▪ 7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)
Wednesday	▪ 7:45 AM, Triple Ball Practice (Grade 7)
Thursday	▪ 10:20 AM, Great BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill
Friday	▪ Provincial Professional Development Day; School not in session
Saturday	▪ Vaccine Clinic at BICS; click here for more details

Information, Requests, Reminders	
Photo Retakes	Families should have received a slip of paper last week with information on individual photos. If your child was away for photo day or you are not happy with their photo, photo retakes will occur Wednesday, October 26.
Grade 6 Immunizations	Grade Six Parents/Guardians, your child will have come home last Friday with important forms from Vancouver Coastal Health regarding Grade Six Immunizations. If you did not receive it, please ask your child. Immunizations will occur November 8.
PAC Meetings	The PAC Meeting Minutes from the September 27 th meeting are below. The next PAC Meeting is October 25 ^h at 6 PM.
Reminder: Parent Education Evening at BICS	<p>The Bowen Island Community School Association and Bowen Literacy Task Group are pleased to offer a free presentation by Jesse Miller on Social Media, Technology and Youth on Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at BICS.</p> <p>Jesse Miller, of Mediated Reality, is a well-known educator in this field. He will provide current information to help parents have open communication with their children about engaging with social media. His presentation will also help adults understand the impact and effect of social media.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to attend. The presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 will be followed by at Q&A from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.</p>

Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases
<p>Staff, other adults entering the school, parents, caregivers, and students should not come to school if they are sick.</p> <p>Click here for information about Health Checks including symptoms of illness.</p> <p>Click here to access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.</p>

Vaccine safety

Health Canada has a thorough approval process to make sure all the vaccines and medicines we take are safe.

- Vaccines are tested extensively before being approved for use
- Health Canada continues to monitor for vaccine safety
- No major safety concerns have been identified in the data Health Canada reviewed

Review Health Canada guidance on [COVID-19 vaccine safety and side effects](#). To date, 6 vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada.



[Click on the image above to learn more about Immunizations.](#)

Information from the BICS Parent Advisory Council

PAC Minutes Tuesday, September 27, 2022,

Executive in Attendance:

Courtnei McGillvary (Chair), Angie Vyner (Chair), Tara Forshaw (Secretary), Tammy Brockmeyer (Treasurer)

Scott Slater (Principal), Sarah Haxby, (Community School Coordinator)

Motion to Adopt Agenda Rebecca Ander, Andrea Lundell Collins moved the approval of the agenda, Motion to Approve 6/22/2022 minutes Rebecca, Andrea.

Principal's Report~ Scott Slater

Summarized the first few weeks of school, including opening day and meet the teacher. Explained the process and asked for feedback. Considering an informal Q&A discussion regarding class placement, etc. next year.

What's Happening?

- cross country
- band
- jr. and sr. choir

What's Going to Happen?

- Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 29)
- Whale Day (Oct. 3)
- Cheakamus Outdoor School (Oct. 3-6)

Treasurer's report ~Tammy Brockmeyer

Budget Notes:

No change since June

Gaming grant – should hear by October or November

Community School Coordinator's report ~ Sarah Haxby

Christmas Craft Fair registration is now open

Youth craft fair will be held upstairs (up to 40 participants, will put a call out for parent volunteers)

Cyber safety week talk planned with Jesse Miller

Showed slideshow about BICS Garden Program

DPAC -Presented by Courtnei

Haven't started meetings yet, will be a hybrid of virtual and in person

Reps will be elected via secret ballot at our next meeting

Hot Lunch Report – Courtnei

Need to revamp program, hot lunch meeting to be scheduled

Fundraising

Committee to form and meet; Tara Forshaw will e-mail those interested to schedule.

Meeting Adjourned; next meeting will be October 25 at 6pm.