



*if you can be anything,  
**be kind.***

## NEWSLETTER SEPT-OCT 2020



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# High School Principal's Message

A special welcome back to all of our students, parents, family members and guests for another exciting year at BCCIS! Our Staff and Parent Advisory Committee are so excited that our students are back at school this fall in our Hybrid Model which includes in class instruction and online learning. Throughout this school year we will be working with our students, parents and staff to ensure that everyone is following our Safety Protocols. Your son and daughter's safety is our top priority. In addition, our experienced teaching staff will be challenging your children with a first class educational experience. Enjoy the year!!

Mr. Bill



# Elementary Vice-Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! And what a welcome it has been. Our classrooms, fields, gymnasium, and playgrounds are full again with the sound of laughter, learning, and community. BCCIS elementary teachers could not be happier to see the faces of their students once again, even if it is behind a mask.

We are proud to be able to welcome all of our students back with robust health and safety measures in place. Elementary teachers are working hard to ensure that students' curricular needs are being met as we make up for lost time last spring.

We have honoured Orange Shirt Day, sent out the annual fall Scholastic Book Order, and are planning for our first student-led parent teacher conference, Terry Fox Run, as well as other activities that make BCCIS the special place we know and love. In other words, WE ARE BACK!

As we move forward together, we all have a sense of renewed hope and joy for our students' future as we are able to do what we are passionate about: teaching your children!

Ms. Lesley Elementary VP



## BCCIS Student following safety protocols.



Day 1 Elementary Students swinging into the new year, and social distancing.



### OUR MISSION

“ Striving for excellence today; preparing students to succeed in a challenging world tomorrow.”

### OUR VISION

“At BCCIS we encourage the pursuit of excellence in all endeavors and the acceptance of responsibility for the enrichment of society.”

### Important Dates:

October 6 National Holiday— regular school day  
October 8-11 Long Weekend  
Oct 11-Thanksgiving no school  
Oct 15 Grade 8 Options 1 ends

Top students of BCCIS. Straight “A’s” 2019/2020. school year. The staff at BCCIS are very proud of you.

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal:  
It is the courage to continue that  
counts."

-- Winston S. Churchill



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Lina Karama says”  
Managing her time helped  
her to finish her work and get better grades”  
Yehia says “ Getting to know your teachers can  
be helpful.” Both Grads say that Corona has  
impacted them in a variety of ways but they are  
keeping their spirits up in the hopes that they  
can have a normal grad year. Lina and Yehia  
both have aspirations like all grads at BCCIS of  
going on to post-secondary education next  
year, and they know that trying to do their best  
will help to ensure they have many options  
available to themselves.



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## Facts about Residential schools:

They were government sponsored schools run by the church

The purpose was to assimilate native children to the English way of life.  
150000 native children attended these schools.  
Sadly it is estimated that 6000 children died in these schools.

They operated between 1831– 1996.

The Canadian Prime Minister apologized to the survivors of residential schools in June 11th, 2008.  
Truth and Reconciliation started soon after the apology.

# Orange Shirt Day



“Reconciliation means not having to say sorry a second time.” Cindy Blackstock

The students at BCCIS had a full day of activities learning about the history and tragedy of Residential Schools . Students and Staff wore Orange Shirts to honor the survivors of Residential Schools and to show their respect. It was truly humbling to see all the students wearing orange and to see how much they embraced the history of the indigenous peoples of Canada. This shows the willingness of our students and staff to embrace the diversity of cultures and to understand that history can be a harsh reality. The day also taught the students that every child matters no matter what country you live in.

Kindly be reminded of the school uniform rules:

Students must be in full BCCIS uniform including shorts, pants, t-shirts, jackets,etc.... Only the NEW LOGO uniform items, OLD LOGO uniform is not allowed.

Pre-school up to Grade 7 should use the red and navy uniform.

Grade 8 to Grade 12 should use the white uniform.

Sneakers (of any color) is the only footwear allowed, any other type is considered out of uniform.

Students coming out of uniform will not be allowed to attend the class and will stay with a designated person until parents send them the proper uniform.

Please note that the roles above are effective from the first day of school. We will be enforcing these after the break more as some students have not been following the policy very well.

# Parent Advisory Council



Seated are: Ms. Noha , Ms. Aamena, Ms. Shaimaa, Ms. Heba, Ms. Mai. Standing: Mr. Mo Secondary Vice Principal, Mr. Waheed, Deputy General Manager, Ms. Lesley Elementary Vice Principal , and Mr. Bill, Principal.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Jane D Hull.

Hello to all parents and guardians of children attending our beloved school BCCIS. We, the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), want to take this opportunity to thank all BCCIS parents and guardians for your hard work and efforts in ensuring that the start of this academic year ran as smoothly as it has.

We would also like to thank our Heroes, the teachers, staff and those behind the scenes. Our final thank you goes to all our children who have shown their true powers and capabilities in these tough times.

We were honored by the role given to us last year. Along with the school's educational and administration teams, we have participated in numerous projects and we are definitely looking forward to more to come.

Our main role is minimizing any existing gaps between the parents and the school. PAC simply represents a faster and more convenient parent - school interaction. In other words, we are here for you.

The PAC consists of 6 ladies who believe that "Together we are Stronger" and that the smallest effort benefits everyone and that a problem shared is a problem solved.

We couldn't be happier to be part of this family and we hope to represent BCCIS (entity and parents) in the best image possible.

Yours,  
BCCIS PAC

# The workers that make this school run, safe and sound.

The messages that they speak are the ones that will enable you to have a successful and prosperous life.

Happiness comes in many forms. You can see the joy in their faces with regard to wanting to send the students of BCCIS words to live by.



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# Thank you

