

MERRITT BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April Newsletter

April 5th, 2017

What's coming Up:

- Apr. 13 10:30—2:00 Gr. 4/5 Handball Tournament (girls at CMS—boys at Collettsville)
- Apr. 14—Good Friday
- Apr. 16—Easter
- Apr. 17—Easter Monday
- **Apr. 20—Class and School Photo Day (Panoramic school photo at 9:15 am. Please be to school on time.)**
- Fri. April 21 9:15 am - Earth Day Assembly
- Fri. April 21 2:00—2:30 - Lights Out Canada We will turn off our lights to honor Earth Day.
- Apr. 26—Secretary's Day
- Apr. 27—Gr. 5 FN knobby ball game at PSS
- Fri. Apr. 28 1:30— Bench has Talent
- **Sat. May 6 8:00—12:00 noon Annual Bench Garage Sale**
- May 17th Bench Track Meet



Join us for:

- Friday, April 21st 9:15 am for our Earth Day Assembly (Bee Keeping presentation, Love to Dance performance, reading by one of our student authors)
- April 24—May 5th Fine Arts celebrations throughout our district
- Fri. Apr. 28 1:30 "Bench has Talent" variety show



The **Annual Garage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 6th** this year. Because of limited space, we are unable to store items beforehand; the school gym will become available for donation **drop-off on Friday, May 5th** during the afternoon.

We are asking that all items donated are **only gently used**. Any **large items (furniture, etc.)** need to be **pre-approved by Mrs. Stewart**.

On March 14th students and the public enjoyed an afternoon of learning at our Bench Science Fair.

Student engagement was high and inquiry projects were varied.

Four of our grade 6 students have moved on to the regional competition in Kamloops. We wish them much success!

Please watch your child's backpack for cross-country Stake Lake ski refunds of \$3. Our ski trip will happen again next year. . . weather permitting!



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

After many weeks of thinking about it, I have finally decided to retire from the education profession at the end of the school year. This was not an easy decision, but my husband and I feel that now is the right time for me to move on to the next stage of my life and take the time to enjoy new adventures together.

These last 4 years as principal of Merritt Bench Elementary have been the highlight of my 30 year career in education. I cannot thank you, the parents, enough for your support and belief in me.

During my time at Merritt Bench Elementary School, I have been fortunate enough to accomplish many career goals. My greatest achievement, however, has always been your children, who have inspired me daily to do better, learn more and have an abundance of joyful curiosity about the world!

I love our district's vision and look forward to remaining in contact to help celebrate the many successes I know Merritt Bench Elementary students, staff and community will achieve!

A large part of my heart will remain with each of you!

Respectfully,

Lori Stewart
Principal
Merritt Bench Elementary School