



June 23, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we near the end of a wonderful school year we would like to thank all our families for their contributions and continued support in making BES an amazing place to learn and play! Looking ahead, we would like to announce the BES team for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that fluctuating student enrollment over the summer may result in some changes to staff placement and grade assignments.

Kindergarten: Deb Cavanaugh and Teresa Daffern

Grade 1: Christine Cherrett and Caleigh Dobie

Grade 2: Erin Emro, Melissa Grant (joining us from Exshaw), Erica Roth (returning to BES from Alpenglow)

Grade 3: Ralene Anderson and Amanda Horsley

Grade 4: David Mannix and Alysya Amirault

Grade 5: Christy Bennett and Kristen Reed

Grade 6: Stephanie Wilkinson and Sharlyn Kelly

Grade 7: Dean Conniff and Nikki Thomson

Grade 8: Callahan Weller and Courtney Reinhart (joining us from Canmore Collegiate)

Music: Nicole Kowalewski

French as a Second Language: hiring is in process - more information to follow

Learning Support Teacher: Natalie Major (returning to BES from Lawrence Grassi Middle School) and Valerie Chisholm (joining BES from Elizabeth Rummel School)

English Language Learner Support: Valerie Chisholm

Literacy & Numeracy Support: Jennifer Beecroft and Joanne Indovina-Duncan

Educational Assistants: Rosemarie Layug, Robyn Schebek, Tricia Tiesmaki, Richard Ivkovic, John Burgener, Lu Ann Ramos, Victoria Pagador

Administrative Assistants: Jodi McKenna and Joanne Geyer

Librarian and Food for Learning Coordinator: Fumie Craven

Food For Learning Facilitator: Etsuko Morikawa

Nature Explorers: Cristin (Lynx) Geestman

Recess and Lunch Supervisors: Emiko Kitayama, Etsuko Morikawa, Ineerose Calizo

Housekeeper: Janna Palma-Bunao

Custodians: Janna Palma-Bunao, Elly Buano and JC Reyes

School and Family Wellness Worker: Deanne Arada (joining BES from AHS)

Right From the Start: Megan Jenniex

Principal: Craig Kestle

Assistant Principal: Valerie Chisholm

We would like to wish good luck and farewell to the following staff:

Cori Fraser, retiring after 37 years with Canadian Rockies School Division

Nathalie Poulin, transferring to Elizabeth Rummel School

Grace Gadon, transferring to Elizabeth Rummel School

Ashley Butenschon, transferring to Lawrence Grassi Middle School

Stephanie Kish, transferring to Exshaw School

Tate Thornton, moving on to new adventures

Please note that we will not be accepting teacher requests as this can create unbalanced classrooms. Teachers invest a lot of time and effort to consider criteria such as academic successes and challenges, social and emotional needs and friendships.

On August 26, families with students in Grades 1-8 will be able to view their child's homeroom teacher on Parent Portal. Families of registered Kindergarten students will be receiving further information about the staggered entry week in the middle of August.

We look forward to greeting our students at 8:25 am on the Elk Field on Monday, August 28. Teachers will have signs to indicate the correct place for students to line up.

We would like to share how much of an honour and a pleasure it has been to work with the students, families and staff of Banff Elementary School this year and we look forward to seeing everyone next school year.

Regards,

Craig Kestle - Principal

Jennifer Beecroft - Assistant Principal