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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we near the end of a wonderful school year we would like to thank all our families for your continued support in making BES an exceptional place to learn and grow! Looking ahead, we would like to announce the BES team for the 2025-2026 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 (KC) and Teresa Daffern (KD)

Grade 1: Christine Cherrett (1C) and Jillian Young (1Y)

Grade 2: Melissa Grant (2G) and Erin Emro (2E)

Grade 3: Ralene Anderson (3A) and Amanda Horsley (3H)

Grade 4: Alysa Amirault (4A) and David Mannix (4M)

Grade 5: Christy Norwood (5N) and Kristen Reed (5R) (Rachel Dueck will be teaching the class from August to January)

Grade 6: Dean Conniff (6C) and Stephanie Wilkinson (6W)

Grade 7: Nikki Thomson (7T) and Callahan Weller (7W)

Grade 8: Ian Higginbottom (8H) and Elissa Sunderland (8S)

Music: Nicole Kowalewski

French as a Second Language: Jacqueline Robertson

Learning Support Team: Natalie Major and Valerie Chisholm

Literacy & Numeracy Support: Joanne Indovina-Duncan

Educational Assistants: Richard Ivkovic, Megan Iskauskas, Victoria Pagador, Lu Ann Ramos, Pime Sarmiento,

Robyn Schebek, Tricia Tiesmaki, Ornella Aravena

Librarian and Food for Learning Coordinator: Fumie Craven

Food For Learning Facilitator: Etsuko Morikawa

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

School and Family Wellness Worker: Emily Nicholson

Right From the Start: Michelle Styrzula-Masniak

Nature Explorers: Cristin (Lynx) Geestman

Housekeeper: Janna Palma-Bunao

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

Administrative Assistants: Joanne Geyer and Jodi McKenna

Assistant Principal: Valerie Chisholm

Principal: Jason Billings

We would like to thank the following staff for their contributions to BES and wish them farewell and good luck in their next endeavors in life: Mackenzie Tindal, Caleigh Flores, and Maddison Mayne. We also wish Megan Jenniex from RFTS all the best on her maternity leave.

Please note that we will not be accepting teacher requests at this time as this can create unbalanced classrooms. Teachers and administration invest a lot of time and effort starting in May to plan for next year's class placements, considering criteria such as academic successes and challenges, social and emotional needs, and peer relationships.

On August 25, families with students in Grades 1-8 will be able to view their child's homeroom teacher on Parent Portal. We look forward to greeting our Grades 1-8 students at 8:15 am on the Elk Field on Tuesday August 26. Teachers will have signs to indicate the correct place for students to line up.

I 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 I look forward to a wonderful 2025-2026 school year!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Billings".

Jason Billings
Principal