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Dear Grade 7 Parents, Guardians and Students,

As Mrs. Easton's student teacher for the next eight weeks, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Mike Ray. I am currently in my last year of the Elementary Education program at UVic. I am also very excited to be a student teacher in your child's class!

I visited Mrs. Easton and the students for a few days earlier in September so we could get to know each other better. I am honoured to be working with Mrs. Easton and delighted to be a part of your child's grade 7 experience here at Van Bien.

Over the next eight weeks I will be teaching several subjects and units, eventually working up to full-time teaching workload. Here is a summary of the topics we will be covering:

Science	Ecosystems
Social Studies	Mesopotamia
P.E.	Volleyball
Language Arts	A novel study on <i>The City of Ember</i> Ideas and report writing
Math	Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages
French	Numbers and Food
Art	Masks
Personal Planning	Nutrition and Food

If you have any questions please feel free to chat with me at the school or email me at mray@uvic.ca. I am looking forward to the time I will be sharing with your child!

Sincerely,

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November 20th, 2008

Dear Grade 7 Parents, Guardians and Students,

I wanted to write to you and let you know about the wonderful time I had at Van Bien as today is my last day as Mrs. Easton's student teacher.

The past eight weeks have gone by quickly and quite enjoyably. We covered a lot of ground in each of our subject areas and I was able to see lots of growth in many of the students. We learned much about Mesopotamia, ecosystems, fractions and decimals, volleyball, and even different aspects of healthy and unhealthy food choices. Everyone in the class played a large part in their own success and learning which, hopefully, made for a time of personal ownership and responsibility for each person's learning.

A few of the highlights for me have been creating our Notan Masks, (which are currently displayed outside the classroom) watching as students create their *City of Ember* final projects, and reading through their Mesopotamia Critical Challenge projects. The time that each student spent working on their projects was evident in the quality of work I received and I was more than willing to reward them with praise for their hard work! Good job Division 1!

As I leave Van Bien I will be heading back to Victoria until the New Year to complete classes and enjoy Christmas with my extended family. As January rolls around I will be back in Prince George to enter the workforce as a Teacher On Call. I am looking forward to putting all my education into action as I educate others, and I look forward to the time I will be placed back in Van Bien to cover for a colleague.

If you have any questions please feel free email me at mray@uvic.ca. I will have this e-mail address until the New Year, so I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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