



# Bison Bits *Buffalo Head Prairie School*

Bison Bits is published the first and third Tuesday each month to inform parents about school events and provide important information.

## Upcoming Event

### Thursday, November 9

Remembrance Day  
Assembly @11:00am  
Parents Welcome!

### Friday, November 10

PD Day  
No School for Students

### Saturday, November 11

Remembrance Day

### Monday, November 13

Remembrance Day-observed  
No School

### Wednesday, November 14

Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebboxes Due

### Thursday, November 16

Subway Lunch Orders Due

### Saturday, November 18

Club 75

### Monday, November 20

Scholastic Book Orders Due

### Tuesday, November 21

Subway Lunch

### Wednesday, November 22

Lifetouch Photo Retakes

### SPARE CUSTODIAN WANTED

If you are interested in being a substitute custodian at BHPS, and are 18 years of age or older, please pick up a casual employee form in the office or call 780-928-2282 to inquire.

### READ FOR THE RECORD

#### "WITH LOTS OF LOVE"

K-3 students were recently part of a wonderful literacy celebration at BHPS. A special 'guest' reader, Ms. Dalke and her special puppet friend, delighted listeners with a story called *With Lots of Love*.

This book provides students with the

message that although we cannot always be physically present with all our loved ones, our love for one another can be expressed in meaningful and practical ways.



### SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Superintendent Mike McMann, along with several members of the FVSD executive team, hosted the community consultation parent meeting on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting there was conversation around the new collegiate program that is about to kick off, as well as discussion around shortening the school year. Mr. McMann also announced that there are plans in place to start building a portable classroom this upcoming Spring.

### LIFETOUCH PHOTO ORDERING AND RETAKES

If you are ordering student photo packages using the paper order form, please make sure the orders are brought to the school office no later than tomorrow morning. Class pictures are part of the photo packages but if you wish to order only a class picture this can be done online or by calling 1-866-457-8212. If you would like your child's pictures re-taken, please bring your Proof Portrait Sheet and the paper order form to the school office by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you check the Retake Request box on the paper order form.

### REPORT CARDS

Our first set of report cards are due to be sent home on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This will include report cards for all K-9 students as jr. high will follow our K-6 reporting calendar. This year Parent & Teacher interviews are scheduled for December 6-7. The lost and found bin is filling quickly, and items will be set out for parents to sift through at that time.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### ASSEMBLY

At 11:00am on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will gather as a whole school assembly to remember those who have sacrificed in the past. Parents are welcome to attend.

### WINTER BOOTS

Parents please be sure to label your child's winter boots to make sure they don't accidentally get mistaken for someone else's. Your cooperation on this will make recess and home time a more pleasurable process for all.

### EDMONTON OILERS' SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS

The Edmonton Oilers are offering special pricing for students for select hockey games this year. Please see the attached information sheet if you are interested.

**Buffalo Head Prairie School  
School Council Meeting  
October 30, 2023**

**Present: Larry Goertzen, Ryan Knelsen, Katharine Neudorf, Frank Bergen, Maria Wieler, Danny Teichroeb, Chris Fehr,  
Dale Driedger, Trustee John Zacharias**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:06pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **M/S Ryan/Frank that the agenda be approved. Carried**
4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Katharine read the September 21, 2023, minutes.
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes - M/S Danny/Frank that the September 21, 2023, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**
6. **Chairperson's Report**  
Review of school council bylaws
7. **Principal's Report**
  - a. Welcome to new school council members Maria Wieler and Danny Teichroeb
  - b. Thank you to the Katharine Neudorf and Brenda Teichroeb families for providing staff with an appreciation lunch on behalf of school council. This was appreciated greatly by staff.
  - c. Superintendent Consultation meeting next week on November 6 at 7:00pm. Focused on the 2024-25 school calendar, and the collegiate model. A survey will be completed by parents at the meeting and due to the important items that will be discussed, **Mr. McMann is strongly encouraging all parents to attend this parent consultation!**
  - d. Whitelist Information. My Blueprint being used by junior high to do a variety of personality tests to help them decide on future careers. This is giving them ideas of what careers would be suitable for their personalities.
  - e. Junior High Report Cards-three report cards will be issued this year instead of four, which will put junior high and elementary on the same schedule. This will be helpful for consistency and for parent teacher interview dates.
  - f. FVSD Collegiate Program- Mr. Driedger went down to Washington to tour different schools who are implementing this model. Students were working on plumbing, cosmology, building, restaurants, dental assistants, engineering, mechanics, teacher training, etc. Plans are to implement a similar model in our schools. Plan is to have the collegiate model up and running for September 2024. Elementary schools could implement constructive play time to expose children to future career paths. Could transform how school is done across the province. Sets up kids for success when they are done high school and a goal for their future.
  - g. You Tube- Digital content shown in school is expected to be previewed in advance or an online tool is used to ensure appropriate content. Should YouTube be used in classrooms at all or only for learning purposes? How can we use it appropriately in classrooms? Is the content being shown valuable to students? These were some of the questions discussed at the meeting. In the end, council made a recommendation to encourage staff to be mindful of community values and the trust that parents are putting in staff to make good decisions with what students view. This topic will be addressed with school staff by school administration.
  - h. School Assurance Plan-celebrate Mennonite heritage as well Indigenous heritage. How do we explore both heritages in our communities? Assemblies including community members that could educate us on our Mennonite heritage was suggested. FVSD schools will participate in hand games in Upper Hay River School.
8. **Financial Update**  
Budget review
9. **Trustee Report**  
Chair meeting coming up

Next meeting November 27, 2023

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm**