



December 5, 2023

# 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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4-  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Food Bank Drive

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Parent-Teacher Interview  
6:00-9:00pm

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Parent-Teacher Interview  
3:00-6:00pm

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Gr. 3P Compassion Canada  
Garage & Bake Sale

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

School-Wide Christmas Dinner  
Free for Staff and Students

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Club 100

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Christmas/Red Green Day

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal  
@1:30pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

Christmas Concert  
7:00pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

Christmas Activities & Class  
Christmas Parties

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20-  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

Christmas Break

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

Classes Resume

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be taking place December 6 from 6:00-9:00pm and December 7 from 3:00-6:00pm. Please call the school office to make an appointment for your interview(s).

### Christmas Concert

We are incredibly excited to be able to host our Christmas Concert on Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm. All our students and staff are working hard in preparation of the concert, and we are looking forward to being able to share our efforts with each of you as we share the Christmas Message through song, drama and other special presentations. Doors will open at 6:30pm, and we ask that students go to their classrooms upon arrival at the school. Last names A-M please use the front entrance. Last names N-Z use the back (west) entrance. We look forward to sharing hope, joy, and peace with parents during this time.

### Food Bank Drive

Mrs. Schellenberg and the junior high Citizenship student group will be organizing a food bank drive from December 4-8. There will be an ice cream party for the class that brings the most items (per capita). Each day, this group will go around and pick up/count the items brought in by each class.

### Grade 3P Compassion Canada Garage and Bake Sale

Please stop in at the grade 3 garage & bake sale to support children struggling in poverty. The sale will take place in the gym on Friday, December 8th from 1:00 to 2:30pm. We are still looking for donations for Friday. Please drop them off with Mrs. Peters.

### School-Wide Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday, December 12, our amazing parents will be preparing Christmas dinner for all BHPs students and staff. This is a huge undertaking, and we are grateful for the efforts of all that will be working together to make this happen.

### Final Day-- Tuesday, December 19

The final school day prior to Christmas break is always an exciting day for students and staff. Please note the following schedule on December 19.

**8:45am-12:30pm** Classroom activities and lunch  
**12:30-1:15pm** Turkey Shoot in gymnasium  
**1:30-2:30pm** Student/Staff/Parent basketball game  
**2:51pm** Student dismissal for Christmas break

Parents, please feel welcome to join us on December 19 at 12:30pm for the turkey shoot or at 1:30pm for the student/staff/parent basketball game. It would be great to have some parents play in this game!

**Buffalo Head Prairie School  
School Council Meeting  
November 27, 2023**

**Present: Larry Goertzen, Katharine Neudorf, Frank Bergen, Maria Wieler, Danny Teichroeb, Chris Fehr, Dale Driedger, Mike Friesen, and Kalaina Haag**

1. **Call to Order at 7:02pm**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **M/S Mike/Frank that the agenda be approved. Carried**
4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Katharine read the October 30, 2023, minutes.
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes - M/S Danny/Maria that the October 30, 2023, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**
6. **Chairperson's Report**  
Nothing to report.
7. **Principal's Report**
  - a. Heartfelt thank-you to Maria Wieler, Lisa Wiebe and Frank & Barb Bergen families for bringing in staff appreciation lunch and snacks. Very much appreciated!
  - b. Report cards being sent home on Friday, December 1, 2023. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on December 6 and 7, 2023. Time slots will be shortened to 10 minutes in a few grades because of class sizes.
  - c. Student Learning focus- huge improvement with literacy and numeracy from last year. Math has seen a significant improvement from last year, especially in Division 2.
  - d. Christmas concert- Scheduled for December 18, 2023. Should we have the Christmas concert on Friday, December 15, 2023? Would it work better for dads that work in the bush to be able to attend? Not very many objections to either date. We will go ahead with Monday, December 18, 2023, as originally planned for the Christmas Concert.
  - e. Junior High Basketball-girls' and boys' teams are enjoying playing games and practices are being held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Diver and Mr. Kenyon are coaching the boys' team and Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Haag are the girls' coaches.
  - f. Whitelist Information- TinkerCad (3D Printing Course Design) Junior high students that go to CTS have access to this program and have been using this to design 3D printing items.
  - g. School Assurance Plan-Content Coaching. Mrs. McDonald is the Literacy coach and Mr. Driedger is the Numeracy Coach. The goal of content coaches is helping teachers to grow in their capacity in teaching and helping students in the classrooms.
  - h. New Community Substitute teacher- Mr. Bryon Janzen.
  - i. New family joined the school recently. Students are settling in well to their classrooms.
  - j. School Assurance Plan-Mennonite celebration with Indigenous leadership group. Should we go ahead with this? Start off with having community members presenting at school assemblies? Maybe a Community Cookoff with Mennonite food as the start? First, we'll start with presenting Mennonite culture and heritage to our students and make our way forward from there.

**Financial Update**

Budget review

**8. Trustee Report**

Trustee not present.

Next meeting January 29, 2024

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.**