



January 9, 2024

Bison Bits *Buffalo Head Prairie School*

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday-Wednesday, January 9-10

Kindergarten Grad Photo Days

Thursday, January 11

Sweet & Sour Varscht & Rice
Lunch Orders Due

Tuesday, January 16

Sweet & Sour Varscht & Rice
Lunch

Thursday, January 18

Subway Orders Due

Friday, January 19

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Tuesday, January 23

Subway Lunch

Thursday, January 25

Hot Dog Orders Due
REACH Assembly @1:15pm
Jersey Day

Monday, January 29

School Council Meeting
@ 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 30

Hot Dog Lunch



Christmas Concert 2023

Thank you to all who came out, to bring your children and attend our Christmas Concert. Filling the gym in support of your children and the staff who worked diligently to prepare the program was very special, and we were thrilled at how well our students performed. Sharing the true meaning of Christmas is important to us at BHPS. We would love to hear your feedback on the concert. Please contact Mr. Fehr or Mr. Driedger at the school if you have any thoughts to share.

Kindergarten Grad Photo Days

Kindergarten Grad photos will be taken Tuesday & Wednesday, January 9-10. T/T photos will take place Tuesday afternoon. W/F class grad photos will occur on Wednesday morning.

TTT, WRAT/Numeracy Testing

The FVSD has a great focus on student improvement in the areas of literacy and numeracy. TTT testing tests literacy growth and takes place at the beginning of the year for grades 2-9, mid-year for grades 1-9, and year end for grades 1-9. This is done to see how students are progressing in the focused reading areas of decoding (ability to apply letter and sound patterns), fluency (speed/accuracy in reading), and comprehension (understanding what is read).

Grade 1-9 students will complete their TTT tests the first week they return to school in January.

Students also will be going through some testing to measure their growth in their Computation Ability and Number Sense. Students in grades 1-9 will be writing the WRAT and grades K-4 will be writing an additional test, the Provincial Numeracy Assessment Screener (PNASA). This testing will occur the week following the TTT tests.

Testing result data in January impacts teacher instruction and our intervention programming for the remainder of the school year.

Proper Winter Dress

With the colder temperatures upon us, we would like to remind parents to ensure that your children are properly dressed for winter weather when sending them to school. Our expectation is that students K-6 head outside for recess when the temperatures are warmer than -20 Celsius. Also, another reminder to ensure that your children's names are clearly labeled on boots and gloves to help prevent students from accidentally using another student's winter gear.

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Bisons Athletics Update



Both the girls and boys basketball teams have been practicing hard and have done well during the games they have played. The girls team is coached by Ms. Haag and Mrs. McDonald, while the boys team is coached by Mr. Diver and Mr. Kenyon. There is so much that sports can teach children, including how to win games and lose games with integrity.

Due to our warmer than usual weather, it has taken the shinny hockey program longer than normal to get underway. With the cooler temperatures finally arriving, Mr. Fehr is looking forward to getting the program up and running again in the very near future.

Assurance Surveys

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, parents, and teachers to assess what is working well in schools or where there might be room for improvement. Participants are asked questions regarding the cultural climate of the school, student engagement in learning, respectful learning environments and parental involvement. Completing the survey is voluntary, and we would like to strongly encourage you to complete them as the data collected from these surveys assists the school in its improvement moving forward. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Fehr or Mr. Driedger.



Board of Trustee Presentation



On January 24, Mr. Fehr and Mr. Driedger will be heading to the FVSD Head Office to present to the Board of Trustees. We are excited to be able to share of the great work being done by our staff and the fantastic improvements made by our students. BHPS has shown vast improvements in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy in recent years, and the community involvement in our school is something we are incredibly proud of as well!

REACH Assembly/Jersey Day

On January 25, we are encouraging students to wear their favorite jersey to school. Parents are also invited to join us for our monthly REACH Assembly at 1:15pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Bus Driver Update



We would like to thank Mrs. Kathy Peters for her service as a bus driver for Buffalo Head Prairie School students in recent years. We would like to welcome Judith Braun as our new bus driver who will take Mrs. Peters' place.