



February 20, 2024

# 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

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Scholastic Book Orders Due

**Thursday, February 22**  
Taco-in-a-Bag Lunch  
Orders Due

REACH Assembly at 1:45pm  
  
Hoods Up Day

**Monday, February 26**  
Frisbee Rob student  
presentation in the gym from  
11:10-11:55am  
  
Club 175

School Council Meeting at  
7:00pm

**Tuesday, February 27**  
Taco-in-a-Bag Lunch

**Thursday, February 29**  
Pizza Orders Due

**Friday, March 1**  
100 Days of School  
Celebration for Grades 1-3

**Saturday, March 2**  
Grade 4-6 Basketball Super  
Saturday at Ridgeview School

### 2024-25 FVSD Calendar

Parents, the new 2024-25 FVSD calendar has been approved by the Board of Trustees. You can find this calendar on page two of this newsletter. Please feel welcome to share any questions or concerns you may have with Mr. Fehr or Mr. Driedger.

### Pre-ECS Information

We are pleased to have the opportunity to host pre-ECS once again this year at Buffalo Head Prairie School. Plans are currently being made to offer this program to children that will be entering Kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year. New this year, Mrs. Darlene Wieler and Mrs. Trudy Klassen will be leading the Pre-ECS program. These ladies have been involved in training with Mrs. Martha Harms and we have no doubt that they will do an excellent job as leaders. Pre-ECS will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. You may register your child by calling the school office (780-928-2282).

**A Pre-ECS Parent Information Meeting will take place at 4:30pm on Thursday, March 12.** Please bring your child's birth certificate and health number along with your legal land location and rural address (green roadway sign) in order to complete their registration.

### Basketball Update

This has been another excellent basketball season for our junior high Buffalo Head Bisons. Divisional games will be played by our boys only on February 20 and 22 and we wish our boys the best in their games ahead.

Grade 4-6 basketball is also taking place at BHPS and this group of students and coaches will have an opportunity to play in a tournament at Ridgeview School on Saturday, March 2.

### Frisbee Rob Student Presentation

BHPS will host a special presentation for all students and staff on Monday, February 26. Frisbee Rob, who is an inspirational speaker, has 13 Guinness World Records, 14 World Championships, and the Canadian distance record. Rob has spoken to 150,000 children about physical resiliency and kindness. We look forward to welcoming this guest presenter to our school from 11:10-11:55am and welcome parents to attend if interested.

### 100 Days of School Celebration

100<sup>th</sup> Day is always an exciting event for students in primary grades at BHPS! Our 100 Days of School celebration for students in grades 1-3 will take place on Friday, March 1! Students will be involved in a variety of activities and events celebrating this special milestone. Parents are welcome to drop in and check out all the excitement if they wish!

### Supporting Students- A Heartfelt Note

With school growth, comes challenges and successes. Children at times deal with being treated poorly. They may be pushed in the boot room by another student. They may be called a name. They might become involved in a disagreement with another student. These situations are balanced by making a good friend, being encouraged by a classmate, or feeling good about achieving an excellent mark after studying for a test.

When large groups of people gather or get together in a common location, there will be difficult times and there will also be times that are highly positive. It is important to remember that although conflict is inevitable, what is most important is how we deal with each situation so that positive outcomes can be achieved. Parents, we care deeply about your children. Thank you for working with us as a school staff as we strive to make difficult situations better and while we also celebrate the great things that happen regularly.

# Fort Vermilion School Division

## 2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024						
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December 2024						
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April 2025						
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I-16 / O-16						

May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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### Holidays for 2024-2025

#### August

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Civic Holiday
- 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> – Organizational Days

#### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labour Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Classes
- 30<sup>th</sup> – National Truth & Reconciliation Day

#### October

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day

#### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day

#### December

- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Classes Before Break
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Break
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Boxing Day

#### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes After Break

#### February

- 12<sup>th</sup> – School Closure
- 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Teachers Convention/PD
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes After Break

#### April

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Classes Before Break
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Monday
- 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes After Break

#### May

- 19<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day

#### June

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for Students
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development

#### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day

#### Trimester 1

- Operational Days 81
- Instructional Days 76

#### Trimester 2

- Operational Days 76
- Instructional Days 74

#### Trimester 3

- Operational Days 26
- Instructional Days 25 / 75

#### Total Days for Year

- Operational Days 183
- Instructional Days 175

K-9: Based on 330 minutes per day X 175 days = 962.5 hours

10-12: Based on 350 minutes per day X 175 days = 1021 hours

Trimester 3 – Summer School: 50 Additional Days

August 26<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> / Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>