



March 19, 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

March 18-21

Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

Wednesday, March 20

Parent Teacher Interviews
6:00-9:00 pm

Thursday, March 21

Parent Teacher Interviews
3:00-6:00 pm

Hot Dog Orders Due

Friday, March 22

Club 200

REACH Assembly @ 11:00am

Dream Job Dress-Up Day

Monday, March 25

Student Art Gallery Deadline

School Council Meeting
@ 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 26

Career EXPO for Grade 9
Students @ HLPS/LCPS

Hot Dog Lunch

Wednesday, March 27

Hand Games

Thursday, March 28

Spring Concert @ 1:30pm

Fri.-Sun., March 29-April 7

Spring Break

Monday, April 8

Classes Resume

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will take place on March 20th from 6:00-9:00pm and March 21st from 3:00-6:00pm. We look forward to meeting with parents.

Please call the school office at 780-928-2282 to make your appointment(s).

Scholastic Book Fair-The Arctic!



We are excited to announce that Mrs. Janzen and some student helpers have been preparing a Scholastic Book Fair which will take place from March 18-21 in the school library. Students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during school hours. Parents may visit the book fair during school hours and during parent teacher interview times on March 20 (6:00-9:00pm) and March 21 (3:00-6:00pm). It is important to note that our librarian carefully ensures that the books displayed are appropriate for our community.

For those unaware, the BHPS library is the jurisdictional leader in books signed out each month and it is wonderful to see so many finding value in reading!

Career EXPO for Grade 9

A Career Expo for Grade 9-12 students will take place at La Crete Public School (Forestry) and High Level Public School (Health Care) on Tuesday, March 26. Grade 9 students at BHPS will have an opportunity to attend the Career Expo of their choice as they learn more about future opportunities for employment.

Hot Lunch Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all moms that have given of their time to support the BHPS hot lunch program this year. The BHPS moms that are involved know that this is a time consuming and sometimes thankless job. Special appreciation to Mrs. Darlene Wieler for her leadership and commitment!

Spring Concert

BHPS students and staff are thrilled to be able to share a celebration of Spring with parents. Spring Concert will occur at 1:30pm on Thursday, March 28. We invite parents and community members to attend!

Junior high students will be involved in regular classroom programming during the Spring Concert as they will not be performing at this year's concert.

Pre-ECS

Parents, please note that the first two days of pre-ECS will take place on March 19 and March 21, with only half of the class attending these first days.

Spare Custodians Needed!

Parents, are you or someone you know interested in being a spare custodian? At times, we need replacements to clean the school when our full-time custodians are unable to come in. Please contact Mr. Fehr at BHPS if you are interested. Thank you for your consideration.



Literacy and Numeracy Interventions Update

This year at BHPS, staff have been leading daily literacy and numeracy interventions with students in grades 1–3. These programs are research-based, and staff leaders have been trained in how to deliver these programs to ensure students receive the best learning support possible. Small group interventions are daily, thirty-minute classes, that will run throughout the school year. Each session provides intensive instruction to help each student learn and grow in areas of need. We are grateful for the efforts of our Educational Assistants that support student learning in this way.

Pole Structure Shelter at BHPS



School council parents, along with staff, have been considering the feasibility of constructing a pole shelter on the BHPS playground. If constructed, the shelter would provide relief from the sun and rain during school hours and on summer weekends for people renting the school and camping on site.

Please feel free to reach out to one of the BHPS school council members and let them know if you think this is a good idea. Members are Katharine Neudorf, Maria Wieler, Larry Goertzen, Ryan Knelsen, Mike Friesen, Danny Teichroeb, and Frank Bergen.

Jackets and Ski Pants at Recess

A reminder to parents that school staff continue to follow the school council supported decision to expect K-3 students to wear their ski pants and jackets when outdoors. Grades 4-9 students will be encouraged to wear their outdoor clothing; however these students are permitted to make the final decision. We anticipate more of these student decisions being made as the weather warms and students are running and playing outside.

Mr. Billy Molls Presentation Report

On Friday, March 8, junior high students and staff had the opportunity to be part of an excellent student presentation by Mr. Billy Molls. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by a number of local businesses, Mr. Molls had students on the edge of their seats, eagerly listening to each word he shared. If you have a child in junior high, please ask them about the content of this presentation.

Hand Games at BHPS

A reminder to parents that we will be welcoming visitors from Upper Hay River to show students how to play Hand Games during their Physical Education period on March 27. This event has been supported by School Council and we look forward to learning more about these Indigenous games. Parents not interested in allowing their children to participate may send a note to their child's teacher so an alternate activity can be arranged.

2024 Buffalo Head Prairie School Clothing

We are very excited to inform you that Buffalo Head Prairie school clothing, with our new logo, will be available for families to order in April 2024! The order forms will be sent home after the Easter break with newsletter on Tuesday, April 9. Orders will be due Tuesday, April 16. Payment can be made by cheque or cash at the office.

Making Your Child's School Great!

Planning is now underway for the 2024-25 school year. An increasing student enrollment is a blessing; however this comes with increased responsibility for all school staff as it pertains to student learning and student safety. In the months ahead, we will be preparing our new school year focus on literacy, numeracy, and connections for all members of the school community. We welcome parent feedback on specific ways that we can grow and improve in these areas. Please feel free to contact Mr. Driedger, Mr. Fehr, or any BHPS staff member to share your ideas. Thank you in advance.

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