



# 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, April 11**

Pre-ECS

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Orders Due

**Friday, April 12**

Spring Concert @1:30 pm

**Monday, April 15**

Scholastic Book Orders Due

**Tuesday, April 16**

Pre-ECS

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Lunch

Club 225

BHPS Clothing Orders Due

**Thursday, April 18**

Pre-ECS

Subway Orders Due

**Saturday, April 20**

Jr. High Badminton Divisionals  
@ HLPS

**Tuesday, April 23**

Pre-ECS

Subway Lunch

**Thursday, April 25**

Pre-ECS

REACH Assembly  
@ 11:30 am

Crazy Hair Day

Hot Dog Orders Due

Community Cook-Off  
@6:00 pm

**Monday, April 29**

School Council Meeting  
@ 7:00 pm

### Community Cook-Off

Our annual Community Cook-Off is happening at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 25. Deadline to be a volunteer chef is Friday, April 19. There are 5 categories to choose from: Drink, Meat, Pizza, Pasta, and Dessert. Each chef needs to prepare food/drink portions that will fit into 225 Dixie cups (\*chefs will need to purchase their own Dixie cups). All the proceeds will go towards supporting local families in need through La Crete Support Service. Entrance fee is by donation at the door on the day of Cook-Off. Please contact Mr. Hache if you would like to be one of the chefs, or if you require more information. We are hoping to see many volunteers. Remember the winner of each category takes home a wonderful Cook-Off trophy!

Thanks a lot for considering being a chef!

- Mr. Hache & Grade 5 Students



### Parent/Teacher Interviews

We thank parents for taking the time to attend parent/teacher interviews on March 20 & 21. Fifty-seven percent of students were represented by their parents during these recent meetings. Parents that were not able to attend may contact their child's teacher if they still wish to meet.

### Spring Concert Report

Our rescheduled Spring Concert date will be Friday, April 12 at 1:30 in the afternoon. We look forward to celebrating Spring and Easter with parents. During the concert, the BHPS student Art Gallery winner will be announced. Parents, we hope you are able to attend.

### Warm Weather

With the warmer weather and melting snow, puddles are beginning to form on the school yard. For this reason, we have informed students that if they wish to walk in the puddles at recess time, they must come to school with rubber boots. Students without rubber boots will be expected to stay away from water and puddles.



### 2024 Buffalo Head Prairie School Clothing

Please fill out an order form and submit at the office if you would like to purchase 2024 BHPS clothing. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to BHPS) or cash at the office. ***Orders are due Tuesday, April 16.***

We will display some samples of the clothing from 4 years ago with the athletic Bison logo if you would like to see the sizes and material of the clothing. There will not be a sample of the sweatpants, which are a new item this year.

### Dream Job Dress-Up Day

On March 22, BHPS student council organized a Dream Job Dress-Up Day at the school. It was interesting to see the many cowboys/cowgirls, mechanics, moms, and robots, to name a few. Theme days such as this are exciting for our students and allows them to use their imagination to the fullest.



### Book Fair Report

Our most recent Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, with a total of \$3511.20 in total book sales. Over \$1300 of these sales are returned to BHPS, which is used to buy more books for both the library and the Reading Club program. Thank you, parents, for supporting the book fair once again this year! Special thanks to Mrs. Janzen for all her efforts.

### Crazy Hair Day

On Thursday, April 25, we will have a bit of fun as a school group. Students and staff are encouraged to have a crazy hair day! With parent permission, we encourage students to be involved and participate! Thank you to our student council leaders for initiating and leading this activity.

### Thank You

Thank you to the entire Buffalo Head Prairie School community and to the Fort Vermilion School Division for the support provided during the days following Mr. Rodgers' passing. We were blessed abundantly with meals, snacks, flowers, well wishes, supervision coverage, and many prayers. Thank you to each of you for your heartfelt sympathies and generosity. We truly could not have managed this difficult experience without your kindness, thoughtfulness and support.



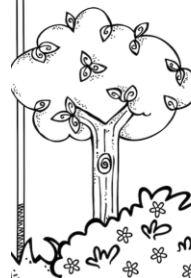
# Spring

The wind told the grass  
And the grass told the trees.

The trees told the bushes  
And the bushes told the bees.

The bees told the robin  
And the robin sang out clear,

"Wake up!  
Wake up!  
Spring is here!"



Donna Coleman ♥ Heart of the Class

## Buffalo Head Prairie School

### School Council Meeting- March 25, 2024

**Present: Ryan Knelsen, Maria Wieler, Larry Goertzen, Mike Friesen, Danny Teichroeb, John Zacharias, Dale Driedger, Frank Bergen, Chris Fehr, and Kalaina Haag**

1. **Call to Order at 7:03 pm**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **M/S Mike/Ryan that the agenda be approved. Carried**
4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Miss Haag read the February 26, 2024, meeting minutes.
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes - M/S Danny/Ryan that the February 26, 2024, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**
6. **Chairperson's Report**  
Portable construction update. No specific timeline at this point but Mr. McMann is working on this.
7. **Principal's Report**
  - a. Special Presentation – Susan Siemens shared a history of the Mennonites including the history of founding of the La Crete area. The presentation focused on who the Mennonite people are and their roots. Mr. Driedger suggested that this presentation be shared with our students but spread out over a series of weeks. Members will go home and think about how they want to approach this (and how to plan to present this to students for the next school year).
  - b. Parent Teacher Interview Attendance (57%) - 10 minutes interviews instead of 15 minutes because of large class sizes.
  - c. Miss Haag and Mrs. Harms are taking grade 9s on March 26th to either La Crete (Forestry) or High Level (Healthcare) to experience different careers, go on tours, and have hands on activities. Discovering things that the collegiate program is wanting to offer.
  - d. High School Options Parent Meeting – More questions are being asked about High School and what the next steps can be. There will be a meeting with representatives from LCPS, Blue Hills, and Pathways sometime in April or May about the High School program they are able to offer BHPS students.
  - e. Assistant Principal Interview and Staffing Update – Quality candidates were interviewed. Not determined yet who will be filling in the role yet, but this will be communicated to parents when a decision is made by Mr. McMann.
  - f. Student Language – Some JH were using inappropriate language in school. Junior high staff and school administration spoke to students and informed them the school is an extension of the home and that high expectations for positive language is necessary at school.
  - g. A discussion about bathroom doors took place and how to best support students with special needs. We also considered ways to support good supervision.
  - h. Playground Pole Shelter – Council members saw this as valuable for the community and would like this to be built.
8. **Financial Update**
  - a. **SGF Budget Review**  
Approximately \$63,000 in School Generated Funds
  - b. **Operational Budget Review**  
53% spent at end of February. BHPS is in good financial standing.
  - c. **Trustee Information:** No Report

**Next Meeting Date: April 29, 2024**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.