



# 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 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

**Tuesday, April 30**  
Hot Dog Lunch  
Pre-ECS

**Thursday, May 2**  
Pizza Orders Due

**Friday, May 3**  
Gr. 4 Science Camp Trip

**Monday, May 6**  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

**Mon-Fri, May 6-10**  
Mental Health Awareness  
Week

**Tuesday, May 7**  
Pizza Lunch

Last Day of Pre-ECS

**Wednesday, May 8**  
Hats On for Mental Health  
Day

**Thursday, May 9**  
Ascension Day

**Saturday, May 11**  
Club 250

### Spring Concert Information Update

We would like to thank all parents that came out to our annual Spring Concert on April 12. Students in grades 1-6 worked hard to prepare for and present their musical numbers for parents. This celebration of spring included a celebration of Easter and the importance of the Easter holiday.

At the conclusion of the concert, this year's student art gallery winner was also recognized. We congratulate Susana Braun on her winning entry! Susana's artwork will be placed on the office wall along with other winning entries from previous years.

### Parent Requests—ECS, Grade 1, 2, and 3

School administration will be taking parent requests into consideration as class lists are considered for the upcoming school year. This opportunity is for parents of grade K-3 students only, where each of these grades will have two classes. We ask that parents only make requests if the request is of high importance. Student learning needs, medical concerns, or student relationship considerations to support learning are all examples of what parents may wish to discuss. Buffalo Head Prairie School will have two classes in kindergarten, grade one, grade two, and grade three next school year. In these classes, parents may feel strongly about a specific class that they wish to see their child in.

Parents that have requests to be considered when class lists are made for the upcoming school year must make an appointment to meet with Mr. Fehr on Thursday, May 23 from 1:00-4:00pm. Meetings will take a maximum of 10 minutes and must be completed in person. Please call the school office at 780-928-2282 to make an appointment.

### Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Mr. Darian Goertzen as the newly hired junior high teacher for Buffalo Head Prairie School for the 2024-25 school year. Many parents will remember that Darian grew up in the Buffalo Head area and attended BHPS as a student himself.

Mr. Goertzen will be entering BHPS as a first-year teacher and we look forward to supporting him as he strives to make a positive difference with the students that he teaches daily. We welcome Mr. Goertzen!

### Grade 9 Parent Meeting-Important High School Information

Parents of grade 9 students are strongly encouraged to attend a parent meeting on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm**. This meeting will take place in Miss Haag's junior high classroom. During this meeting, information from La Crete Public School, Blue Hills Community School, and Pathways will be shared regarding the supports and course offerings available at each location.

### Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a bus driver? Being responsible for many children while also navigating the roadways is an incredibly important job. We would like to take a moment to thank our Buffalo Head Prairie School bus drivers caring about each child on their bus. We would like to thank our drivers for getting children to school and back home safely each day. We would also like to thank our drivers for maintaining a positive focus, even when the job they do can be very challenging.

Thank you, Mrs. Teichroeb, Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Wieler, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Loewen for the great job you do each day transporting students to and from school safely!

### Camping on Buffalo Head Prairie School Property- Important Information

A community school can be a wonderful place for citizens to use facilities and gather. At Buffalo Head Prairie School, the decision to allow camping to take place free of charge is intentional. We want the school outdoor property to be accessed by the community without paying fees.

In return, we ask all campers and users of the school yard to use the highest level of respect. This means **no camping on the east side of the school.** Vehicles and holiday trailers cause ruts, which is unsafe for student ankles when playing outdoors. We also ask that garbage be cleaned up after use. Thank you. Enjoy the camping!

### 2024-25 ECS Orientation

Parents, please note that the ECS Orientation will take place on **Friday, May 24**. Orientation will provide children with an opportunity to spend time with Mrs. Carey in the Kindergarten classroom, which should help them with transitioning to school in the upcoming school year.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is scheduled to take place from May 6 - 10, 2024.

For parents unaware, the FVSD employs a team of trained individuals called the Connection Team. This team of caring people are available to support students, staff, and families throughout the school year.

The Connection Team provides support for individual students in need, as well as small groups of students that may need help in a specific area. The connection team also provides whole group student support in a variety of ways if the support is requested.

School staff are available to support students in their areas of concern throughout the school year as well and we will make every effort to assist students in their areas of need.

### Congratulations Mrs. Keefe-Boston Marathon

Many are already aware that Mrs. Keefe (and Mr. Keefe) is a long-distance runner. Running and staying active is an important part of her life. Recently, Mrs. Keefe participated in the Boston Marathon. Qualifying for and being accepted to run in this race takes an incredible amount of time, energy, determination, and focus. We are so proud of her efforts to complete the race in her demonstration of perseverance. Way to go, Mrs. Keefe!



Boston Marathon 2024



# **Community Cook-Off Invitation**

## **You Are All Invited!**

We all love spending time with our friends and family, and we all love to eat! And so, it only seems natural that BHPS would create an event that would perfectly combine these two great joys. This event is none other than **The Community Cook-Off!**

**Date & time:** Thursday, April 25th at 6:00pm

**Location:** Buffalo Head Community School Gymnasium

**Your role:** To taste all the wonderful food items provided by the volunteer chefs and vote for your favourite food samples.

**How it works:** Several volunteer cooks will bring in a pre-made food item from one of the following food categories: ***Meat, Pasta, Pizza, Dessert, and Drink***. The food items will be portioned and placed inside small sampling cups. Taste testers (you), will go from table to table, sampling the many varieties of food samples. At the end of each table, taste testers will be required to submit their vote on their favourite food samples. Community Cook-Off trophies will be distributed at the end of the night to the winning chefs in each food category.

**Entrance by donation:** All proceeds go to La Crete Support Services.

We hope to see you all come out and take part in this wonderful evening of great food, fun and competition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Haché at the school (928-2282).

