



# 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, May 23

Subway Orders Due

Scholastic Book Orders Due

FVSD Jr. High Track & Field Divisionals @HLPS

Parent Requests for 2024-25 K-3 Classes Meetings 1:00-4:00pm with Mr. Fehr *(By Appointment Only)*

### Friday, May 24

BHPS Elementary Track & Field

2024-25 ECS Orientation  
(No School for 2023-24 ECS classes)

### Monday, May 27

Grade 3 Field Trip to High Level

Final School Council Meeting @6:30pm

Parent Presentation by Connection Team "Living in a Social Media World" @7:30pm at BHPS

### Tuesday, May 28

Last Hot Lunch - Subway Lunch

REACH Assembly @1:15pm

Bright & Colourful Day!

### Friday, May 31

Grade 5 Field Trip to Jubilee Park

Last Day to Sign Out Library Books

Jr. High Track & Field Zones in Grande Prairie

### Thursday, June 6

Grade 6 Forestry Camp Field Trip

Grade 2 Field Trip to Fort Vermilion

## Volunteer Appreciation Supper Report

On Wednesday, May 15, many school volunteers came out for supper to celebrate the selfless efforts of parents and citizens in our community. There are so many school activities and events that could not run without our amazing volunteers!!

Many student-written "Thank-You" cards were displayed on each table. Four junior high students' appreciation letters were also shared with all volunteers, in addition to the provision of a small gift for each volunteer.



## BHPS Elementary Track & Field

We are looking forward to our annual Elementary Track and Field Day on Friday, May 24. This is typically a full day with a lot of activity, starting at 11:00am. If any parents are interested in helping volunteer in some capacity, please contact Mr. Hache at the school. Also, our grade 9 class will be running a canteen as a fund raiser toward their grade 9 farewell. Parents are welcome to come out and cheer on their children as they participate in this fun event.

## Track & Field Canteen List

Hot Dog - \$3

Half-Jumbo Freezie - \$1

Chips - \$1

Powerade - \$3

Ice Cream Sandwich - \$2



## FVSD Jr. High Track & Field Divisionals

The FVSD Track & Field Divisionals will be taking place in High Level on Thursday, May 23. Students from BHPS will be given the opportunity over the next few weeks to practice and prepare for the divisional meet during the Jr. High options period that takes place every afternoon. The team will be led by Mr. Driedger. Keep your eyes open for permission forms in the upcoming days for students that have expressed interest.



## 2024-25 ECS Orientation

Parents, please note that the BHPS ECS Orientation will take place on **Friday, May 24**. Orientation will provide children an opportunity to spend time with Mrs. Carey in the kindergarten classroom, which should help them with transition to school in the upcoming school year. There will be no school for our current ECS students this day.

## Parent Requests—Final Reminder

Parents that will have students in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3 during the 2024-25 school year may feel strongly about having their child in a particular classroom next year where there are two classes per grade. Short appointments to see Mr. Fehr on Thursday, May 23, are being made between 1:00-4:00pm to discuss this. Parents may contact the school to make an appointment. Please note that only valid requests that support learning, medical, or connectivity needs will be considered.

## Parent Information Night: Living in a Social Media World

Presented by the FVSD Connection Team

May 27, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

Buffalo Head  
Prairie School

### TOPICS OF PRESENTATION

- Technology & the brain
  - How the brain works and is impacted by technology.
- Social Media and Mental Health
  - Apps youth are using and their impacts on anxiety and depression.
- How parents can help

### THE CONNECTION TEAM

Our connection team provides mental health and wellness services to students across the school division. We provide support through classroom programming, small groups, individual services and family support. For more information see [Our Connection Team](#). For referrals, visit the [FVSD website](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BHPS OFFICE OR SARAH DRIEDGER AT SARAH@FVSD.AB.CA



# FVSD SUMMER SCHOOL

BEGINNING TUESDAY  
JULY 2ND, 2024

Pathways High  
Level →

Flexible  
Schedule →

Earn credits →

Get career  
experience →

Please call 780-926-3626 to register or use the QR Code below.

Registration closes June 19th, 2024.

\*Open to students who have completed Grade 9 and/or are 15 years of age and above.



### Options:

- Career Internships in Health Care
- Work Experience Credits
- High School Courses
- Career Academy Summer Camps
- Green Certificate Credits

\*More info coming in June.

SAVE THE DATE!

DIPLOMA EXAMS AT PATHWAYS IN AUGUST!

### School Volunteers–Field Trips

We appreciate parent volunteers who assist with field trips. **Vulnerable Sector Checks** and **Intervention Record Checks** are required for school volunteers (including parents) **IF** they have unsupervised access to students at any time during the field trip. Vulnerable Sector Checks can be done in the Mackenzie County office in La Crete. Intervention Record Checks (IRC) need to be requested via email. The application forms for IRC requests can be found on the FVSD website or picked up in the office at BHPS. Once completed, the IRC application, along with two pieces of ID, need to be emailed to: [cs.hladmin@gov.ab.ca](mailto:cs.hladmin@gov.ab.ca). Parents that will continuously be part of the whole group throughout the field trip do not require these checks to be completed.

### NEW! CTF at BHPS Next School Year!

To support the FVSD Collegiate Program, Buffalo Head Prairie School will be running CTF classes out of our own school next year. This means that students in grades 7, 8, and 9 will no longer be bused to La Crete Public School one afternoon per week. As a staff, we have started brainstorming classes that we can offer to support student learning and interest. Parents with ideas or suggestions are welcome to let Mr. Fehr know. We are planning to do our very best with this opportunity!

### Final School Council Meeting

This year's final School Council Meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Monday, May 27. This will be an appreciation supper & meeting for the amazing parents that have given their time and energy this year. Following supper, school council members will have a chance to join other BHPS parents attending the social media presentation at 7:30pm.

### School Community Campout

With the weather finally being warm and comfortable, we are once again provided with an opportunity to enjoy one of our favorite summer pastimes: camping! There is a BHPS school community campout planned at the school for all interested BHPS families on June 7-9. Everyone is welcome to come out for the weekend or drop in for a few hours. If you have any questions, contact Karen Wolfe, who is the lead organizer, at 780-841-4183.

Dear Parents,

As our school continues to grow, school administration is interested to hear your thoughts about how you feel things are going at BHPS. Please respond to the questions below and return the page to school with your child:

1. What are some of the things that you feel are the best things about Buffalo Head Prairie School?

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2. As a parent, what would you like school administration to think about as we consider school improvement? Your input as parents is extremely important as we make decisions for 2024-25.

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*\*Please have all responses returned to BHPS by Friday, May 31. Thank you, parents, for sharing your feedback!!*