



October 1, 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

Upcoming Event

Thursday, October 3

Pizza Orders Due

Saturday, October 5

Super Saturday Soccer
@ BHPS

Tuesday, October 8

Pizza Lunch

Thursday, October 10

Taco-in-a-Bag Orders Due

Monday, October 14

Thanksgiving Day
No School

Tuesday, October 15

Taco-in-a-Bag Lunch

Thursday, October 17

Subway Orders Due

Tuesday, October 22

Club 50
Subway Lunch

Thursday, October 24

Read for the Record K-3
"Piper Chen Sings"
Hot Dog Orders Due

Friday, October 25

REACH Assembly
@11:00am

Monday, October 28

School Council Meeting
@7:00pm

2024-25 Buffalo Head Prairie School Council

At the Annual General Meeting, school council elections were completed. Listed below is the BHPS school council for the 2024-25 school year. We thank these individuals in advance for being parent leaders in this capacity!

Chairperson: Mr. Larry Goertzen

Vice-chairperson: Mr. Ryan Knelsen

Secretary: Mrs. Maria Wieler

Parent Representative: Mr. Danny Teichroeb

Parent Representative: Mr. Mike Friesen

Parent Representative: Mr. Frank Bergen

Parent Representative: Mr. Tim Bueckert

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Melissa McDonald

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Shannon Peters

Principal: Mr. Chris Fehr

Bisons Cross-Country Running Update

Junior High cross-country running divisionals took place in Rocky Lane on September 21st. Five students participated in the competition and four Bisons finished on the podium: Avery Neudorf won gold in JH Senior Girls, Alexa Janzen finished second for a silver medal in JH Intermediate girls, Alyssa Wolfe finished third for a bronze medal in JH Intermediate girls and Connor Wolfe won gold in JH Intermediate boys. Several of these students plan to represent our school at the zone running meet in October.

Elementary cross-country running divisionals were also held on September 21st at Pine Lodge. BHPS had fourteen students participate and six students placed on the podium: Heidi Wieler-2nd, Eric Braun-2nd, Gracie Goertzen-3rd, Calleigh Wieler-1st, Connor Wolfe-2nd and Liam Neudorf-1st.



Thank you to Mr. Goertzen, Mr. Diver, and Mrs. Neudorf for their involvement as coaches in the divisional cross-country success. Go Bisons!!

Student Enrollment Update

Student enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is 283 students. This is a record number at Buffalo Head Prairie School! Thank you, parents, for entrusting us with the care of your children while they attend school each day.

Our Mission

To be a caring and collaborative school community, fostering responsible citizens and lifelong learners.



Super Saturday Soccer - Grade 4-6

Saturday, October 5 at Buffalo Head Prairie School

Teams from around the FVSD are planning to participate in a Super Saturday Soccer event at Buffalo Head Prairie School on Saturday, October 5!! A canteen will be available. Please feel welcome to come out and cheer for the players! Go Bisons!

Family Ice Cream Night and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sincere thanks to all parents that were able to attend our AGM on Thursday, September 26. Thirteen delicious flavors of ice cream were enjoyed together, followed by a parent meeting and school council elections. We greatly appreciate our excellent parent support and participation at BHPS!

Hot Lunch Update

At our most recent AGM, it was noted that Darlene Wieler would be the official hot lunch organizational leader (parent-made), while Laura and Brenda Teichroeb would be the kitchen leaders. If you would like to help in the kitchen but were not at the meeting to express interest, please call Darlene at 780-841-9632 to let her know.



CONNECTION TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Introduction to the Team

The Connection Team supports the mental health and well-being of students and families enrolled in the Fort Vermilion School Division by way of classroom programming, small group programming and individual counselling.

<p style="text-align: center;">Connection Team Lead</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Leah Martens</p> </div> <p>Leads the whole Connection Team. Receives referrals division wide and directs them to appropriate team members and services dependant on triaging of risk and needs. For questions about the Connection Team services contact leahma@fvsd.ab.ca</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Therapists</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Kansus Connellan</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Debbie Arnold</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Leah Martens</p> </div> </div> <p>Provide confidential individual counseling for FVSD students with parental consent. Counselling is provided in school buildings within school hours.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Student Wellness Coaches</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">  <p>Kelli Elias - Coordinator</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">  <p>Jasmine Wieler</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">  <p>Hannah Wolfe</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">  <p>Tacara Krahn</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">  <p>Sarah Driedger</p> </div> </div> <p>Provide classroom and small group programming promoting mental wellness, healthy relationships, and social and emotional regulation and learning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Helpers Coordinator</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Lorna Dyck</p> </div> <p>Provides the Community Helpers Program promoting healthy supportive peer relationships, mental wellness and suicide prevention for junior high classes across the division.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Liaison Worker</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Sarah Driedger</p> </div> <p>Provides both in school and in home support to parents and families through education, skill building and intervention planning.</p>

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Buffalo Head Prairie School
Annual General Meeting
September 26, 2024

1. Call to order at 8:04pm.
2. Welcome by Mr. Fehr & Mrs. Peters
3. Approval of Agenda by Larry Goertzen M/S Chad Wiebe/Danny Teichroeb
4. School Council Annual Report Briefing - Mr. Larry Goertzen
 - Introduction of current school council members. Larry Goertzen, Ryan Knelsen, Maria Wieler, Danny Teichroeb, Mike Friesen, Frank Bergen, Katherine Neudorf
5. Minutes of Previous AGM – Shannon Peters
6. M/S Peter Unrau/Mike Friesen that the September 21, 2023 AGM meeting minutes be approved as presented. Carried
7. Nominations/Elections
 - Frank Bergen, Katherine Neudorf & Larry Goertzen’s terms have expired and will be electing 3 new members. Elections are for a 2-year term.
 - Maria Wieler nominates Esther Wiens, Esther accepts
 - Peter Unrau nominates Ken Wolfe, Ken accepts
 - Melvin Martens nominates Tim Bueckert, Tim accepts
 - Peter Unrau nominates Larry Goertzen, Larry accepts
 - Mike Friesen nominates Ken Friesen, Ken declines
 - Danny Teichroeb nominates Peter Unrau, Peter declines
 - Mike Friesen nominates Willy Peters, Willy declines
 - Henry Harms nominates Frank Bergen, Frank accepts
 - Willy Peters nominates Andrew Wall, Andrew accepts
 - Esther Wiens nominates Karen Wolfe, Karen accepts
 - Maria Wieler nominates Nancy Peters, Nancy declines

Chad Wiebe makes motions that nominations cease, Mike Friesen 2nd. Carried

8. 2024/2025 School Information
 - School Priorities:
 - Connectivity – Family Breakfast, Ice Cream Social/AGM, March 27, 2025 (Community Cookoff), Susan Siemens (Mennonite Heritage), Classroom leadership (do things for others), Second step programming, Staff connection (Sushi making with Yumiko Hache, Skeet shooting)
 - Literacy – Results have been strong in recent years and are climbing.
 - Numeracy- Coach Mr. Acreman, loves math, helps teachers develop strong teaching strategies. 2nd year of BHPS winning the FVSD numeracy award.
 - Careers – Mrs. Peters spoke about our Jr. High in house CTF. CTF will be separated into 3 terms. Current CTF pathways include:
 - Miss. Dyck- Baking/Foods
 - Mr. Goertzen-Fitness
 - Mrs. Shannon Peters-Entrepreneur/Business
 - Mr. Fehr-Leadership Grade 1 Physical Education Class
 - Mrs. Zacharias-Drivers Education/Learners
 - Hunters Education (Possibility of being offered)
 - Mrs. Neudorf- Safe Sitters babysitting course
 - Open to Parent suggestions for different options
9. Hot lunch Program: Kitchen not sufficient size to accommodate cooking for so many students in the school. Brainstormed and came up with offering 2 simpler meals which include Taco-in-a-Bag and Sloppy Joes on a Bun. Darlene Wieler is willing to organize/buy groceries. Brenda Teichroeb and Laura Teichroeb will be leaders in the kitchen.

10. Community Fundraiser for Danny & Lisa Teichroeb for Caleb's electric wheelchair. Soup & Pie Fundraiser: looking for 4-6 people willing to take leadership in organizing the food. Caleb came to show the crowd his wheelchair!
11. Mr. Fehr spoke to Mr. Mike McMann about the planned school classroom expansion. The goal is to start before the snow falls.
12. Parent Questions and Discussions
 - School Expansions- how many portables will be built? Will 1 portable be sufficient?
 - If numbers continue to increase, it will not take long for the need for more portables to be necessary. Depending on the government, things could go either way.
 - Student Enrollment – 283 students
13. Election Results
 - The New Parent Council is as follows: Larry Goertzen, Tim Bueckert, Maria Wieler, Frank Bergen, Mike Friesen, Ryan Knelsen, Danny Teichroeb.
14. Short meeting to follow for hot lunch and school council parents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

**Buffalo Head Prairie School
School Council Meeting
September 26, 2024**

Present: Chris Fehr, Shannon Peters, Maria Wieler, Tim Bueckert, Larry Goertzen, Danny Teichroeb, Mike Friesen, Ryan Knelsen, Frank Bergen

1. Opening
 - Thank you for letting your name stand for our school council election.
 - Chris Fehr discussed the roles and responsibilities of council members, council chair, council vice chair, and secretary.
2. School Council Positions
 - Mike Friesen nominated Larry Goertzen for chairperson-accepted, acclaimed
 - Frank Bergen nominated Ryan Knelsen for vice-chairperson-accepted, acclaimed
 - Frank Bergen nominated Maria Wieler for secretary- accepted, acclaimed
 - Maria Wieler nominated Tim Bueckert-declined
3. Discussions/Questions
 - Hot Lunch: Are hot lunch prices expected to remain the same as last year? At this point, it is expected that hot lunch prices will remain the same as last year.
 - Discussions were had regarding looking at our bylaws and possibly amending by-laws to encourage a higher rate of female representation on school council.

Next meeting: October 28, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm