



November 5, 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

Wednesday, November 6

Gr. 5 Forestry Field Trip

Thursday, November 7

Sloppy Joe Orders Due

Friday, November 8

Remembrance Day Assembly
@10:30am

Parents Welcome!

Monday, November 11

Remembrance Day
No School

Tuesday, November 12

Sloppy Joe Lunch

Tuesday-Friday

November 12-15

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox Collection Week

Tuesday-Thursday,

November 12-14

Forestry Education
Presentations (K-9)

Thursday-Friday,

November 14-15

ECS Hot Chocolate/Sweet
Treat Sale \$1 each

Thursday, November 14

Subway Lunch Orders Due

Saturday, November 16

Reading Club 75

Monday, November 18

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes Due

Tuesday, November 19

Subway Orders Due

Read for the Record

"Piper Chen Sings"

K-3 students were recently treated to a wonderful literacy celebration at BHPS. Student actors, directed by Ms. Dalke, performed the story of *Piper Chen Sings*. This book is a special story about overcoming anxiousness. Appreciation to Ms. Dalke for her leadership and for preparing students to present this thoughtful message. Student actors who did an outstanding job of presenting the story were:

Brianna Krahn - Narrator #1

Calleigh Wieler - Piper Chen

Mikayla Peters - Spottie the Dog

Emily Wiebe - Ms. Lopez

Emily Wolfe - Narrator #2

Gracie Goertzen - Mrs. Harris & Narrator #3

Hailey Teichroeb - Nai Nai (Grandma)



Operation Christmas Child

As in previous years, Buffalo Head Prairie School will be supporting Operation Christmas Child to help disadvantaged children during the Christmas season.

Parents are encouraged to read the information on the 3rd page of this newsletter to understand all the details of this year's campaign. Families able to do so are encouraged to pack a shoebox and send it to school during the shoebox collection period from November 12-15.

Student Council

Student Council, with representatives from grades 4-9, is now up and running at BHPS. Student Council provides an opportunity for students to share their voice and help make the school a better place through responsible action. The following students have been appointed as leaders this year:

Grade 4- Rheanna Loewen and Kenny Enns

Grade 5- Brianna Krahn and Drew Peters

Grade 6- Jessica Wolfe and Jeremiah Hiebert

Grade 7- Heidi Martens and Connor Wolfe

Grade 8- Alexa Janzen and Alex Froese

Grade 9- Avery Neudorf and Jermey Martens

Mrs. Neudorf and Mr. Fehr will lead our student council leaders this year!

Forestry Education Presentations (K-9)

Jenna Halladay, a former student of the Fort Vermilion School Division, from the NAIT Centre for Boreal Research will be at our school from November 12-14 delivering forestry-related presentations tailored to each grade level. We are excited about the opportunity to have Ms. Halladay spend time in our building and share her knowledge with our students.



Our Mission

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

Note From our Librarian- Mrs. Janzen

Being able to add CDs to our library collection (especially Adventures in Odyssey CDs) has been exciting for me and many students. Because CDs are easily scratched, this comes with the added responsibility of handling them very carefully. Please ensure that you help your young children remove and replace the discs from the cases and in using them very carefully. Several CDs have come back badly scratched, and some are cracked. Replacing discs quickly becomes expensive. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated!

Lifetouch Photo Ordering and Retakes

Student photo proofs were sent home today. You may order photo packages online using the information on the proofs, or by returning the completed paper order form along with payment to school by Nov 15th. If ordering online please note that shipping fees will be applied if ordered after Nov 20th. If you would like your child's pictures retaken, make sure you check the *Retake Request* box on the order form and return it along with your Proof Portrait Sheet to the school office. Retake day will be January 9, 2025. You do not need to order class group photos this year, they are free once again and should be arriving later in November.

Remembrance Day Assembly



At 10:30am on Friday, November 8th, we will gather as a whole school assembly to remember those who have sacrificed and lost loved ones in the past. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

Super Saturday Basketball (Grade 4-6)



Mrs. R. Peters and Mrs. S. Peters will be taking a group of grade 4-6 students to High Level for Super Saturday Basketball games on November 30. Please note that there will be a student practice at BHPS on November 23 from 10:30-12:00 in preparation for the event. Students participating will be required to bring in a parent consent form.

Support Staff Position at BHPS

Due to Mrs. Zacharias' upcoming maternity leave, an advertisement has gone out for a full-time Educational Assistant (temporary contract). This can be viewed on pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter for more information.

Fundraiser for Caleb Teichroeb – A Report

A very special school and community soup & pie fundraiser was held at BHPS on Thursday, October 24, 2024. We would like to thank everyone that played a role in the success of this event. What a remarkable evening for the entire school community to come together for a very worthy cause. Caleb is a special boy, and we couldn't be happier with the student, parent, and staff groups that rallied together to support Caleb and his family. Great job to all and huge thanks to those dedicated individuals that worked so hard to initiate, cheerlead, and make this happen!



Danny and Lisa Teichroeb have expressed that they are so very grateful for all the support they have received. To those interested, the fundraiser raised enough money to pay off Caleb's wheelchair and to provide the

Teichroeb family with some additional means to support Caleb in the future. Travel, time away from work, and all the costs associated with having a sick child can make life very difficult and the support from this fundraiser will help greatly. On behalf of the Teichroeb family, THANK YOU!





Operation Christmas Child Buffalo Head Prairie School



It's that time of year again, when gift giving warms our hearts and lifts our spirits. **Operation Christmas Child** is a much-loved annual event here at Buffalo Head Prairie School. If your family would like to pack a shoebox, please write a note in your child's agenda asking for a paper *shoebox* and *pamphlet/labels* to be sent home (plastic shoe boxes are also accepted). When the shoebox is ready, return it to school with a **\$12.00 donation** to cover the cost of shipping. Please do not seal/tape your shoebox closed, instead use **rubber bands** to ensure the items do not fall out.

Shoeboxes can be dropped at school from **November 12th to 15th, 2024**.

Here are some ideas to get your family started:

Include Items Like:	Don't Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small toys, stuffed animals• Small musical toys• Crayons, pencils, eraser• Colouring books• T-Shirt, socks, headbands• Washcloths, toothbrushes• Hairbrush/combs, hair clips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food, candy• Toothpaste• Liquids/Lotions• Used or damaged goods• Medications/vitamins• Breakable items

*Please remember to **label** your shoebox (boy or girl, and age range).

In addition, this year Mrs. Carey and ECS students are going to sell hot chocolate and sweet treats to **raise money** and **pack shoe boxes** as a school leadership project. Please see the next page for the details. We are also accepting new toys/items to fill shoe boxes at the school by donation.

Thank-you in advance for your support of Operation Christmas Child.

Staff Organizers:

Mrs. Shannon Peters and Mrs. Angie Wolfe



Kindergarten Leadership Project

Sweets & Hot Chocolate Sale

Objective: To raise money to cover the monetary donation cost to fill our classroom shoe boxes.

Location: BHPS

Date: Nov. 14th-15th, 2024

Time: 12:30-1:05pm (lunch and lunch recess)

This year, for their Leadership Project, the students in Kindergarten will pack 4 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They have personally donated small toys to fill the shoe boxes and need to raise money to cover the **\$12.00** monetary donation cost for each shoe box. This money helps to pay for shipping the boxes overseas to countries in need, any additional money raised will be donated to OCC and be used to cover the cost of the sweets and hot chocolate.

We will be selling **Hot Chocolate** and **Sweets** on November 14th and 15th, 2024 during lunch time and lunch recess. The price list is **\$2.00 for both items** or **\$1.00 for one**. Parents, if your child wants to buy from our food sale, please send the **exact** amount of money with them to make their purchase. With the help of some amazing grade seven girls, the kindergarten students will be visiting each classroom asking if anyone would like to purchase from their food sale.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Kindergarten Leadership Project.

Mrs. Carey's Kinders

Support Staff

Educational Assistant, Full-time

School & Student Support

Location: Buffalo Head Prairie School

Competition #: 13154

Date Posted: October 25th, 2024

Closing Date: Open Ended

Additional Information:

Buffalo Head Prairie School is hiring a full-time Educational Assistant for a temporary contract.

The Educational Assistant is part of a school team effectively supporting students in the Divisional priorities of Numeracy, Literacy, and Connectivity. Educational Assistants work with students in classrooms, individually, and in small groups as directed by School Administration.

The current role of this position is Interventionist: Primary Literacy, EAL, FNMI. Duties are assigned accordingly to student needs and will change accordingly.

Schools within the Fort Vermilion School Division follow an inclusive education model. Students with diverse learning needs are included within the regular classroom setting wherever possible. Targeted and specialized supports and services are provided as required by individual students either within the regular classroom or in a specialized setting.

Please contact Principal, Chris Fehr ChrisF@fvsd.ab.ca for more information.

Start Date: December 2nd, 2024

End Date: December 2025

Hours per week: 32.5 hours

Preferred Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Educational Assistant Certificate or equivalent
- Knowledge or understanding of the following: the science of reading and social emotional supports for children
- Experience working with students in a school setting
- Willingness to contribute as a positive and caring staff member
- An ability to work collaboratively with school staff and parents in a confidential manner
- Evidence of successfully passing the Police-Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)
- Evidence of successfully passing the Alberta Children’s Services Intervention Record Check (IRC) if you have/had children

Salary & Benefits:

- Salary will depend upon qualifications and experience
- Benefits will be provided after 90 calendar days of employment

Application must include:

A cover letter, resume, and a minimum of 2 references

Vulnerable Sector Check & Intervention Record Check:

- *The VSC dated within 6 months, may follow your application, and must be presented as a condition of employment*
- *The IRC dated within 6 months, may follow your application and must be presented as a condition of employment only if it is applicable to you*
- Record Check information can be found at <https://www.fvsd.ab.ca/careers/record-checks>

Email Application to: hr@fvsd.ab.ca

Deadline: November 19th, 2024



CONNECTION TEAM SPOTLIGHT

When and How to Refer Your Kids

The Connection Team serves the mental health needs of students across the division based on referrals. Referrals are triaged based on risks and needs by Connection Team Lead and then directed to appropriate team members and services.

When to Refer:

- Change in relationships, appearance, behavior and grade that deviates from their normal that continues past 4 weeks.
- Anxieties are outside normal development age.
- Experiences of complex grief and trauma.
- If you have concerns not listed, reach out and ask administration or connection team.

How to Refer:

1. Visit the FVSD website at <https://www.fvsd.ab.ca/>
2. Scroll to the bottom of the home page. In the bottom right corner, select **Connection Team Referral Form**
3. Answer questions and submit.

