



# 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, November 21

Hot Dog Orders Due

### Friday, November 22

Hunting, Fishing and  
Outdoor Dress-Up Day!

REACH Assembly 11:30am

Report Cards Sent Home

### Monday, November 25

Junior High Positive Student  
Incentive (PM)

School Council Meeting  
7:00pm

### Tuesday, November 26

Hot Dog Lunch

### Wednesday, November 27

Parent/Teacher Interviews  
6:00-9:00pm

### Thursday, November 28

Pizza Orders Due

Parent/Teacher Interviews  
3:00-6:00pm

### Saturday, November 30

Super Saturday Basketball  
Gr. 4-6 in High Level

### Tuesday, December 3

Pizza Lunch

## Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews



Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 22 for all students in grades K-9.

Parent/teacher interviews will be held at Buffalo Head Prairie School on November 27 from 6:00-9:00pm and November 28 from 3:00-6:00pm. Please call the school office to make an appointment for your interview(s). To ensure we can accommodate all parents, each interview will be ten minutes in duration. We look forward to discussing student progress with parents.

## REACH Assembly

At 11:30am on Friday, November 22, BHPS will be hosting a monthly student REACH assembly in the school gymnasium. At this assembly, we will be welcoming Mr. Peter Wiebe, Fire Chief, as this month's career speaker.

Parents are welcome to join us for all school REACH assemblies.

## Junior High Positive Student Incentive

On Monday afternoon, November 25, junior high students that are passing all courses, have three or fewer unexcused absences, and one or fewer office visits will be permitted to enjoy an incentive field trip where they will skate or play hockey in the La Crete arena, play in the games room, or go bowling. We are excited to reward the students that have been meeting school expectations in junior high!

## Operation Christmas Child Report



Monday, November 18 was the final day for families to bring Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the BHPS office. This year, **108** shoeboxes were prepared by Buffalo Head families. We are so appreciative of these efforts to help children around the world! Special thanks to our Operation Christmas Child staff team for their dedication and organization this school year.

## Winter Boots

Parents please be sure to label your child's winter boots to make sure they don't accidentally get mistaken for someone else's. Your cooperation on this will make recess and home time more manageable for all.



## Lifetouch Photo Reminder

If you are planning on ordering student photos online, please note that shipping fees will be applied if ordered after Nov 20th. Photo retake day is January 9, 2025.

## Our Mission

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

# Parent Information Night: Mental Health in Teens

Presented by members of the FVSD Connection Team  
Leah Martens, R. Psych & Sarah Driedger, R.S.W

December 3, 2024  
@ 7:00PM

La Crete Public  
School  
(there will be signs  
in the building to  
which classroom)

## TOPICS OF PRESENTATION:

Anxiety in Children & Youth

- What it is, how it works and what you can do to help

Self Harm & Suicide

- Warning signs and how to help

Strategies for Coping

## 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 LCPS OFFICE OR SARAH DRIEDGER AT  
SARAH@FVSD.AB.CA



## **Buffalo Head Prairie School Council Meeting**

**November 4, 2024**

Present: Larry Goertzen, Ryan Knelsen, Frank Bergen, Maria Wieler, Mike Friesen, Chris Fehr, John Zacharias, Melissa McDonald, Shannon Peters.

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. M/S Mike/Ryan that agenda was approved. Carried
4. Minutes from previous meeting - Maria read the September 26, 2024 minutes.
5. Approval of previous minutes - M/S Ryan/Frank that the September 26, 2024, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried
6. Chairperson's report. -Review of council bylaws. Discussions were had regarding possibly amending bylaws to encourage a higher rate of female representation on school council.
7. Principal's Report
  - a. Thank you to Shawna Knelsen, Rachelle Wiens, Marge Neudorf, and Lucy Braun for providing the school staff with a staff appreciation meal on behalf of school council, it was appreciated by all staff. Also thank you to Frank and Barb Bergen for bringing staff treats! The staff feels very supported by the parents and appreciate all the kindness demonstrated by parents.
  - b. Report on Caleb Teichroeb- Based on reports from the Teichroeb family, Caleb is doing reasonably well with the few treatments he had. His siblings had a chance to visit him in Edmonton this past weekend. The parents have an opportunity to come home for a week while Caleb's grandparent(s) stays with him in Edmonton. The fundraiser for Caleb's wheelchair far exceeded what we were hoping to raise, thank you to everyone that had a role in this fundraiser!!
  - c. Junior high has started adding stations during recess to keep them occupied, including intramural sports, Lego, colouring books, and chrome books.
  - d. School expansion update: we received an update recently that building would only begin in spring due to it being more costly to build during winter months.
  - e. CTF Pathways: The first round is wrapping up and the next round will be starting soon, we have purchased a 3D printer. Sewing and leather work will be added as well at some point. Thinker cad and Code.org will be used by some students to support students with interests in these areas. Ideas were discussed about adding some farming and mechanics opportunities into our program for some students having this interest.
  - f. Patti Kenyon presented information regarding nursing at our REACH assembly in October. We are looking to add some more career presentations during the 2024/2025 year.

- g. Phone policy- Staff are not currently permitted to use their cell phones during the school day, as per a new FVSD policy this year, which is why teachers are not answering parent calls and messages until the busses leave the schoolyard.
  - h. Shaylyn Wieler and Danielle Goertzen were approved for the BHPS Scholarship application as they are both pursuing a career in hairdressing.
  - i. Mr. Rodgers Scholarship- Mr. Randy Rodgers, who passed away recently, provided money in his will for a scholarship to support students that were going on to post-secondary education in medicine or occupations to make their community a better place. Special consideration is to be given to students who have completed a minimum of 5 years at Buffalo Head Prairie School. This scholarship will become available to students after all aspects of Mr. Rodgers' estate are settled.
8. Financial update Budget review- All school finances are in good order and in line with previous year spending patterns.
9. Trustee report John Zacharias will be our Trustee until October 2025, then nominations will open in January 2024 as BHPS to have our own trustee after the next municipal election. Nominations are open to anyone residing in the Buffalo Head district and are at least 18 years old.

Next meeting November 25, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm