



December 3, 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

Tuesday, December 10
School-Wide Christmas
Dinner- Free for all students & Staff

Wednesday, December 11
Club 100

Thursday, December 12
Subway Orders Due

Hallway Lunch
(Student Council Initiative)

Friday, December 13
Grade 3 Bake Sale for
Stollery Children's Hospital

Tuesday, December 17
Subway Lunch

Thursday, December 19
Christmas Concert Dress
Rehearsal at 1:30pm

Christmas Concert at
7:00pm

Friday, December 20
Christmas Activities & Class
Christmas Parties

Saturday, December 21
Christmas Break Begins

Monday, January 6
Epiphany

School Reopens

School-Wide Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday, December 10th, our amazing parents will be preparing Christmas dinner for all BHPS students and staff. The W/F ECS class will enjoy this meal on Wednesday, December 11th. This is a huge undertaking, and we are grateful for the efforts of all that will be working together to make this happen.



Grade 3 Bake Sale for Stollery Children's Hospital

Please stop in at the grade 3 bake sale to support the Stollery Children's Hospital! The sale will take place in the grade 3 classroom on Friday, December 13th from 1:00 to 2:30pm.



Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Concert

We are thrilled to be able to host our Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm. All students and staff are working hard in preparation of the concert, and we are looking forward to being able to share the Christmas message through a variety of presentations. Doors will open at 6:30pm and we ask that students go to their classrooms upon arrival at the school. Visitors whose last names begin with A-M please use the front (east) school entrance. Those with last names N-Z please use the back (west) entrance. We look forward to sharing Christmas hope, joy, and peace with parents during our annual Christmas concert!



A dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, December 19 at 1:30pm to allow parents and grandparents who prefer to see the concert without the larger crowd. This will be a less polished performance.

Final Day- Friday, December 20

The final school day prior to Christmas break is always an exciting day for students and staff. Please note the following schedule for December 20th.

8:40am-1:05pm Classroom activities and lunch

1:05-1:50pm Turkey Shoot in gymnasium

2:00-2:45pm Student/Staff/Parent basketball game in the gym & hockey game (weather permitting) on the rink! Parents, please come ready to play if you are interested.

2:45pm Preparations for dismissal

3:00pm Student dismissal for Christmas break

Parents, please feel welcome to join us on December 20th and get involved!

Lost & Found Items

We have accumulated numerous items in our lost & found box and need to clean it out. Items will be on display the last two days before Christmas break and we ask that parents check them out. Items still left after these days will be taken to Care & Share.

Social Media Presentations

At parent request and supported by school council parents, junior high students with parent consent will receive a social media presentation in January to promote awareness and safety for young people today.

Our Mission

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

Buffalo Head Prairie School Council Meeting

November 25, 2024

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

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. M/S Frank/Ryan that agenda was approved. Carried
4. Minutes from previous meeting November 4, 2024, were read by Maria Wieler.
5. Approval of previous minutes - M/S Mike/Tim that the November 4, 2024, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried
6. Chairperson's report - School Council Chairs meeting coming up. Unsure if BHPS will be represented at this meeting but the information details will be received and shared with School Council.
7. Principal's Report
 - a. Mike Friesen (and wife Nellie) did a presentation on mechanics and directional drilling in a junior high classroom in November. Thank you to Mike and Nellie for taking the time to come do that.
 - b. Report on Caleb Teichroeb- Caleb has been struggling quite a bit in the last 2 weeks in the hospital, based on recent reports from the Teichroeb Family. As of today's date, he is now improving again. A screen will be set up in the classroom to give Caleb an opportunity to observe the classroom through zoom. Mrs. Paul has taken an opportunity to go to the hospital and support Caleb and his family there during this entire school week.
 - c. CTF Pathways: Jenna Halladay did some forestry presentations for students in November, which were informative and went over well with students.
 - d. Parent and Teacher interviews: due to class sizes these will be 10-minute interview slots again this year. Should there be a parent who would like a longer slot they are welcome to book a double slot. Parents are always welcome to call or come in to talk to teachers during the school year if they have anything they would like to discuss.
 - e. EA interviews: interviews took place on Friday, November 22. Mrs. Shakira Giesbrecht will be filling Mrs. Zacharias's one-year maternity position starting on December 10, 2024. She will also be in the school for at least one day ahead of time to do some job shadowing. We are excited to have Mrs. Giesbrecht join our staff. She seems very eager to learn and excited to be a part of our school.

- f. FVSD cell phone policy update: Staff is now allowed to use their cell phones during their unassigned break times. They are still not to be used during class time or when around students.
 - g. Social media/alcohol/drugs presentation: As per parents request it has been brought up that there might be a need to do a presentation to junior high students about this. Mr. Fehr will look into this on behalf of the request from several parents and support from school council. Student participation will be open to junior high ONLY and only with parent consent.
 - h. Classroom leadership projects: Kindergarten did a fundraiser with hot chocolate and cookies, all proceeds went to Operation Christmas Child. Grade 3 will be doing a bake Sale on December 13 and the proceeds will go to the Stollery Children's Hospital.
 - i. Christmas Choir: Miss Susie Dyck and Mrs. Rosanne Paul are leading the Christmas choir. Once again, staff are trying to prepare for a great concert for parents, presented by BHPS children. The Christmas concert will take place on December 19 at 7:00pm. A dress rehearsal is open to the public as well (a practice performance) at 1:30pm on December 19.
8. Financial update: Budget review: 20% of the budget is spent as of October 31st, which is on track and in line with previous year spending patterns. A school generated funds budget report was also provided to school council for review.
9. Trustee report: Trustee not present

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Next meeting- January 27, 2025