



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, January 9

Lifetouch Retakes &
T/T Kindergarten Grad Photos
@9:00am

Taco-in-a-Bag Orders Due

Friday, January 10

W/F Kindergarten Grad Photos
@9:00am

Tuesday, January 14

Taco-in-a-Bag Lunch

Thursday, January 16

Subway Orders Due

Friday, January 17

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Saturday, January 18

Gr. 4-6 Basketball Practice
from 10:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday, January 21

Subway Lunch

Thursday, January 23

Hot Dog Orders Due

Menonite History
Presentations (Gr.4-9)

Friday, January 24

REACH Assembly @12:00pm
Crazy Hair and Outfit Day!

Monday, January 27

School Council Meeting
@7:00pm

Tuesday, January 28

Hot Dog Lunch

Thursday, January 30

Reading Club 150
Pizza Orders Due

Christmas Concert 2024

Thank you to all who came out to attend the annual BHPS Christmas Concert. It is always a blessing to see such a large number of families visit the school to observe the special Christmas program. This is important to us at BHPS! Thank you to the many parents that took the time to provide feedback and let us know how much they valued the concert and the efforts of students and staff. As a staff, we would like to wish you and your family a positive 2025 year!

Lifetouch Retakes & Kindergarten Grad Photos

Lifetouch photo retakes are scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 9. All retake requests should have been returned to school already. If you missed the deadline, please check off the **Retake Request** box on the photo order form and return the envelope along with the order form and proof sheet **to the school office tomorrow morning (January 8)**. Kindergarten grad photos are scheduled for Thursday, January 9 and Friday, January 10. T/T photos will take place Thursday at 9:00am and W/F photos Friday at 9:00am.

TTT (Update), WRAT/Numeracy Testing

As a school we have a dedicated focus on student improvement in the areas of literacy and numeracy. TTT testing tests literacy growth and takes place at the beginning of the year for grades 2-9, mid-year for grades 1-9, and year end for grades 1-9. This is done to see how students are progressing in the focused reading areas of decoding (ability to apply letter and sound patterns), fluency (speed/accuracy in reading), and comprehension (understanding what is read). Our Superintendent has recently informed us that due to fluency having grown significantly, we no longer need to test it or measure the results. Testing will now be referred to as TT.

K-9 students will write a variety of tests focused on literacy and numeracy from January 7-17. Please make every effort to have your students attend school these days so they can complete their testing.

Data results from January testing is reviewed by staff and impacts teacher instruction, as well as our intervention programming, for the remainder of the school year. Over the past 3 years, Buffalo Head students have demonstrated some of the most significant literacy and numeracy gains in the entire school division. Great job to all involved for helping to achieve these positive results!

Proper Winter Dress

With the colder temperatures upon us, we would like to remind parents to ensure that your children are properly dressed for winter weather when sending them to school. Students go outside for recess when the temperatures are warmer than -20 Celsius. Also, please clearly label students' boots and gloves to help prevent students from unintentionally using another student's winter gear.

Our Mission

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

