

September 12, 2017

**REACH for
Success!**

The **Bison Bits** is published every Tuesday to inform you about school events and provide important information to parents.

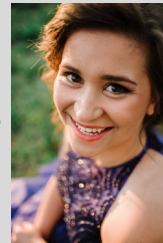
New Staff At Buffalo Head Prairie School!

Please join me in welcoming two new faces to our staff team this year. I am convinced that with the talents these two people have, BHPS will be improved!

My name is Amanda Wadman. I made the journey to La Crete from Sydney, Cape Breton. Cape Breton is a beautiful island located in the province of Nova Scotia. While I have lived in my hometown my whole life and am very close with my family, I jumped at the chance to try a new experience and make the community of La Crete my new home. I began my journey with a 5-hour drive, followed by 2 plane rides, and lots of furniture shopping in Edmonton before driving the rest of the way to La Crete. It was the first time my 7-year-old dog (my only child) has ever been on a plane. Soon enough, everyone will be used to seeing me out and about walking him around the community. So far, the long journey from the east has very much been worth it. Everyone I have come across so far has been so kind and welcoming. Thanks to all of the wonderful people for making me feel so much at home!



Hello everyone, my name is Nicole Neudorf and I am a SNA in the kindergarten class. I have returned to BHPS after completing high school at LCPS, as an alumni of this wonderful school I'm thrilled to be a part of the great staff here at BHPS. I am very excited about the year to come and hope to meet and get to know you as you come through the school. This spring I had the great fortune of being able to travel to Nicaragua through the La Crete Public School with the ACTS program. It was such a great experience to see firsthand the impact that can be made by basic education, as well as to see the sacrifices that are made in many countries in order to receive this education. I look forward to serving in the school and making the first education experience of our youngest students a positive one. It is great to be back to my home school and getting to see so many people that I know and I look forward to meeting and making new friends.



Reminders

**Thursday,
September 14**
Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Dismissal

**Friday,
September 15**
School-Wide Lockdown
Practice (pm)

**Friday,
September 22**
PD Day
No School for Students

**Tuesday,
September 26**
Terry Fox Run-2:15 pm

Fall Potluck &
School Council AGM
6:30 pm

Buffalo Head Prairie Student Council

We are busy right now encouraging students in junior high as well as grade level representatives from grades 4, 5, and 6 to join this year's student council. For junior high the positions are President, Vice-President, Fundraising, Morale, Canteen, Set-up crew and we are also open to new ideas, or positions, on how to make this year's council one of the best ever! It is important for students to understand that this is their opportunity to get involved and make a positive difference in their school.



Staffing at BHPS
Mr. Kerry Sawicki has resigned his teaching position within the Fort Vermilion School Division. For the short term, Mr. David MacDougall will be subbing at our school as a replacement. We are actively searching for a full time teacher to fill this junior high teaching assignment.

Fall Potluck-School Council AGM

We are having our Fall Potluck and School Council AGM meeting on **Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm**. We hope to see everyone there for our school council elections. There will also be a short school business section at this meeting. For those parents new to BHPS, this has traditionally been a potluck supper meeting for parents only (infants welcome).

A reminder to please bring your own plates and cutlery.

A brief school council meeting for council members will follow the AGM meeting.

Hot Lunch Program @ BHPS

Buffalo Head Prairie School will be running a Hot Lunch program again this year for Grades K-3 and Grades 4-9. These programs run from October to May and depend on parent volunteers. There are various ways to help. If you would like to be part of these programs, either regularly or occasionally, please contact Mrs. Darlene Wieler at 780-928-4216 (K-3 program) or Mrs. Brenda Wiebe at 780-841-5667 (4-9 program).



For those new to our school, please note that hot lunch order forms are sent home the week before the actual hot lunch date and are due the Friday before. Hot lunch dates are noted on our monthly school calendars.

We are very thankful for our community moms and the hot lunch service they provide to us!

Junior High Student Fees

Please note there has been a reduction in school fees this year; the instructional materials fee has been eliminated. There is still a \$20 fee for Shop/Home Economics. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque, or through SchoolCash Online.

Please make cheques payable to Buffalo Head Prairie School. It is appreciated if this fee can be taken care of in September. Should there be difficulty in paying this fee the FVSD has a fee waiver process available. Please consult Mr. Fyke if this is something you would like to pursue. Thank you!

Students Arriving Late and Leaving Early

We would appreciate parents' assistance in helping us keep track of students who arrive at BHPS after school begins in the morning (8:42 am) or are picked up before the end of the day (3:17 pm).

If arriving late in the morning or leaving school early, students are asked to check in at the school office so that Miss Wiebe can update their attendance record and inform teachers.



BHPS Opportunities Board

Just outside our main office is a bulletin board outlining some opportunities for students to get involved with different events within their own school. Future advertisements will include information on REACH assemblies as well as special events going on at Buffalo Head Prairie School!

Student Art Gallery

Please see the notice attached to this newsletter for more information regarding this year's BHPS Student Art Gallery.



Welcome Back Breakfast!

Thank you for coming to the Family Breakfast on Friday, September 8th. There was a great turnout and we were able to see many parents!

New Bus Driver at BHPS

Please welcome Mrs. Martha Fehr to our BHPS bus driving team! She will be filling the route of Mrs. Helen Peters for the remainder of the year. This is a great place to be, Martha! We are glad you are at our school!



BHPS Scholarships

Buffalo Head Prairie School and Community are pleased to be offering scholarships to former BHPS students as they pursue their studies after high school. The deadline for the full year scholarship of \$500.00 is September 29th. Please make any former BHPS student aware of this deadline. Part time scholarships will have a deadline date in January.



Scholarship

BHPS ART Gallery

Submissions Invited for 2017 – 2018 School Year



In celebration of artistic talent at BHPS, students are invited to submit art work for the 2017-2018 BHPS Art Gallery.

- ✎ Students from grades K-9 are welcome to submit art.
- ✎ Art may be completed at school or at home.
- ✎ Submissions are to be made to Mrs. Joch.
- ✎ DEADLINE for 2018 submissions:
 - Monday, March 12, 2018
- ✎ Winner will be announced at the Spring Concert:
 - Thursday, March 29, 2018

✎ No pictures on lined paper. No commercial characters accepted (Garfield, FOX . . .).

✎ Below are listed Art Gallery winners from previous years.

2006 - Jaymes Dick

2007 - Amanda Fehr

2014 - Helen Friesen

2008 - Jodie Krahn

2009 - Roseanne Dick

2015 - Angela Wolfe

2010 - Holly Neudorf

2011 - Angie Teichroeb

2016 - Rebecca Kroeker

2012 - Daylan Zacharias

2013 - Jamila Froese

2017 - Jeremiah Driedger