

Bison Bits

REACH for
Success!!

October 10, 2017

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

Coming Events!



What Are You Thankful For?

I am thankful for many things. At the top of that list would be my family. I do not always get to spend the time with them that I would like to, but I am so very thankful for my wife Sarah and our children.

As a teacher I am thankful for the people I get to work with each and every day. The staff members here at BHPS really care about your children.

Author Visit at Our School!

On Thursday morning, October 12th, all of our students will get the chance to hear Sue Farrell Holler. She is an author from Grande Prairie who is presenting to local schools. K-3 9:00-10:00am, Grades 4-9 10:30-11:00am.

Fundraiser for Grade 9 Trip

Soup, buns and dessert supper on
October 12th at Buffalo Head Prairie School at 6:00pm.
By donation.



You will also be able to sign up to hire Grade 9 students at \$10/hour.

SAY CHEESE!



Lifetouch Individual/Class Group Photo

Both the individual pictures and class group photos will take place on Thursday, **October 19th**. The order forms for individual student photos have been sent home today and must be returned to school by October 17th. You also have the option to preorder your child(ren)'s pictures online. Important to note that online orders must be placed before October 19th to avoid paying a late fee. For those students who have not preordered photos there will be an opportunity to order online after you receive your proofs but at that time you will be charged a late fee.

Class group photos are complimentary for all students.

Note for parents of ECS students: ECS grad photos will be taken January 9th, which is also retake day for individual photos.

Thursday, October 12th

Author Visit

Grade Nine Fundraiser

Soup Supper

6:00 by donation

Friday, October 13th

Grade Six Fundraiser

Hot Dog Sale

Canteen Closed

Monday, October 16th

Mom's Pantry Orders Due

Tuesday, October 17th

Gr. 1-3 Lego Club

Gr. 4-6 Sewing Club

3:30-4:30

Wednesday, October 18th

K-3 Hot Lunch

Canteen Closed

Thursday, October 19th

Individual & Class Photo Day

Gr. 4-9 Hot lunch

Canteen Closed

Reading Rocks!

K-4 Literacy Presentation

Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Dismissal

Grade Six Fundraiser

On Friday, October 13th, our grade six class will host a Hot Dog sale. The proceeds from this sale, and other fundraisers throughout the year, will go towards their year-end class trip.

The price list is as follows:

Hot Dog \$1.50

Ice Cream Sandwich \$1.50

Juice \$1.50

Combo \$4.00

Double Hot Dog Meal Deal \$5.00



Thank you to all BHPS students who support the many fundraisers we have at this school!

**Buffalo Head Prairie School
School Council Meeting
October 2, 2017**

Present: Ryan Janzen, George Zacharias, Ryan Knelsen, Eva Friesen, Brenda Wiebe, Chad Fyke, John Harms, Chad Wiebe, Vanessa Steeves (left at 8:05), Nick Grey (left at 8:05)

1. Chad Fyke called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
M/S Eva Friesen/Ryan Janzen to accept the agenda.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting
M/S John/Eva to accept the May 29, 2017 school council meeting minutes.
3. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Roles/Responsibilities for 2017/18 school year – reviewed the roles & responsibilities
Eva nominates Ryan Janzen as chair, Ryan accepts.
George nominates Eva as vice chair, Eva declines.
Ryan J nominates John Harms vice chair, John accepts.
Eva nominates Brenda as secretary, Brenda accepts.
 - b. School council goal(s) for this year – think about for next meeting
 - c. Scholarship Applications – give \$500 for full year or \$250 for a partial year or part time student. **M/S Eva/George that Jillian MacDougal, Renee MacDougal, Laura Friesen and Tiffany Unrau be given full time scholarships.**
 - d. Staff Appreciation – staff really appreciate the Thanksgiving supper, suggesting October 17.
November – John, December – Brenda, January – Eva, February – Chad, March – Ryan Knelsen, April – George, May – Ryan Janzen
 - e. Community Representative – suggested some people and will contact them before the next meeting.
4. Principal's Report
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Student Support Services presentation by Vanessa Steeves and Nick Gray, Student Wellness Coaches for FVSD. They presented on the HEADSTRONG Summit in High Level on October 18. This program runs across Canada for grades 8-10, 5 students and a teacher per school, to reduce the negative stigma around mental health and to teach students that it's ok to get help if they need it. They gave a summary of what the day would look like and showed a brief clip of event held elsewhere in Canada. Students would require permission slips. This is not specifically for people who are struggling, but for the leaders of the school who can promote this awareness. School council had some red flags because what is the underlying motive? Aware that our government is trying to push certain agenda's and wonder if that's the motive. Not against mental health awareness but don't feel comfortable with a Canadian program addressing it with our students.
 - c. School Goals for 2017/18 – literacy at or above grade level as measured by CAT4 and Fountas & Pinnell, and to increase enrollment.
 - d. IMPACT Team Meetings – every month teachers meet (K-3, 4-6, 7-9) to discuss teaching strategies and topics relevant to their students.
 - e. Student Council Updates – All the positions are filled along with a great staff support team.
 - f. Enrollment & Budget discussion – enrollment was up 14.5 from projection, total of 158 students.
 - g. Clubs & Activities – Peace Country Gleaners was a great event, sewing club starting tomorrow, Lego club starts next week, cross country tomorrow, shinny hockey when it's cold enough.
 - h. Discussion of School Rental Funds – currently have 3 EA's directly tied to children. Would like to increase the half time EA's from 15-21 hours per week so that there is some classroom support throughout the week, partly using the school rental funds. Would cost approximately \$12,000 for the year. Council was in support of this.

- i. Citizenship Update – the citizenship program will go ahead with the grade 9's this year. Not sure how this program will evolve, it will be dependant on who is hired for that position. Would it be possible to get the BLAST bus to come and do citizenship with the boys one afternoon a week? Or possibly spend a dads/sons weekend working on a building project?
- j. Staffing Update – some potential candidates but no one has been hired for the Jr. High position.

- k. Trustee's Report

Next meeting date: October 30, 2017

Moved to adjourn by John at 9:38 p.m.