



Bison Bits

October 15, 2019

Buffalo Head Prairie School

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Dates to Remember:
October 16

***Hot Lunch- Beef on a Bun**

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***Lego Club**

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***Picture Day**

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***Club 50**
***Lego Club**

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***Hot Lunch- Hot Dogs**

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***Lego Club**

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***FVSD Iron Chef**

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***School Council Meeting 7:00p.m.**

30
***Hot Lunch- Spaghetti and Meat Sauce**

November 01
***REACH Assembly at 11:10a.m.**

A message from Mrs. Joch to BHPS Families:

I was privileged, honoured, and humbled by the outpouring of support and well wishes lavished on me during my recent visit to the BHP School & Community. The anecdotes. The memories. The stories. The laughs. The tears. The choir! So moving. So touching. So appreciated. Thank you! God's blessings! ***Mrs. Joch*

Picture Day

Both the individual pictures and class group photos will take place on Friday, **October 18th**. The order forms for individual student photos have been sent home and must be returned to school by Thursday, October 17th. You also have the option to preorder your child(ren)'s pictures online. For those students who have not pre-ordered photos there will be an opportunity to order online after you receive your proofs although a shipping charge may be applied to these orders.

Class group photos are complimentary for all students.

Note for parents of ECS students: T/T ECS students will need to be here for photos the morning of Oct. 18th. If your child is in the T/T ECS class, please send them to school on the bus that morning and parents will need to pick them up at 10:00 a.m. It is a regular day for the W/F ECS class.

Report Cards

Information for Parents From Central Office

Hello parents! We are contacting you today to let you know that you will see some changes this year in terms of how we report your child's progress.

Fort Vermilion School Division is moving Kindergarten to Grade 6 reporting periods from four times a year to three times a year.

The new dates that report cards will be sent home are: November 29, March 12 and June 19.

The reason for the change is to allow our educators more time to consider the real growth that happens in young minds from Kindergarten to Grade 6. By lengthening the reporting periods, your child's teacher will be able to provide you with a clearer picture of your child's progress! And in order to better facilitate parents' involvement in their child's learning, we are putting a real emphasis on our educators making contact with you in order to discuss your child's report card.

We want to talk to you about how your child is doing in school, and how we can be partners in supporting your child's education journey. One of the priorities at Fort Vermilion School Division is Connectivity! Thank you for taking some time to hear from us today, and hopefully we will be speaking with you soon!

Report Cards- Additional Information for Parents From BHPS

Parents, in support of the new FVSD focus on report cards, you will notice an important change as you will see fewer written comments in K-9 report cards. You will also notice that if you have not attended parent/teacher interviews, you will be receiving a telephone call from your child's teacher so you can have a personal conversation about your child's progress. The goal in all of this is to develop personal and real conversations about student learning.





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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child for the 2019 season has begun! If your family would like to take part in this event kindly write a note in your child's agenda asking for a shoebox and pamphlet to be sent home. When it is filled please return it to the school. Families can also use a shoebox or shoebox-sized container they already have at home. **There is also a \$10.00 shipping charge that needs to be included with every shoebox to help with the costs of the program.** Please do not seal/tape your shoebox closed, instead secure it with a rubber band so the items do not fall out. If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, please contact Mrs. Halladay or Miss Lawlor.

The deadline for shoeboxes to be handed in to BHPS is: **November 19th, 2019.**



Here are some ideas to get your family started:

Include Things Like:

- Small toys, stuffed animals
- Small musical toys
- Bar soap
- Hair brush, hair clips
- Washcloths, toothbrushes
- T-Shirt, socks, headbands
- Crayons, pencils, eraser
- Small notebook
- Colouring books

Items to Avoid:

- Candy
- Toothpaste
- Liquids/Lotions
- Food
- Toy guns/knives
- Camouflage Items



Thank you for your support of Operation Christmas Child again this year!

FVSD Connection Team

Attached to this letter you will find information about the FVSD Connection Team. This is a group of people who work hard to help support students in FVSD schools, including Buffalo Head Prairie.

Mom's Pantry

We will once again be promoting a Mom's Pantry fundraiser this year with proceeds going to the grade 9 farewell in June. An order form can be found attached to this newsletter. Please have all order forms returned to the school by **Thursday, November 1**. If paying by cheque please make cheque payable to Buffalo Head Prairie School.

Iron Chef

This year, led by Miss Neudorf and Miss Morgan, six BHPS students will be participating in the FVSD Iron Chef competition on Saturday, October 26th in High Level. The girls have been practicing after school and have shown that they have some amazing talents when it comes to preparing delicious food! We wish Mica Peters, Janae Wiebe, Avery Neufeld, Shaylyn Wieler, Jaedyn Wieler, and Damaris Unrau a wonderful day on October 26!



Thanksgiving

Thank you parents for your continued support of Buffalo Head Prairie School. As a staff we appreciate your support and care. There is certainly a great deal to be thankful for. We trust the Thanksgiving Holiday and this autumn season will be blessing for you and your families.

La Crete and Area Connection Team



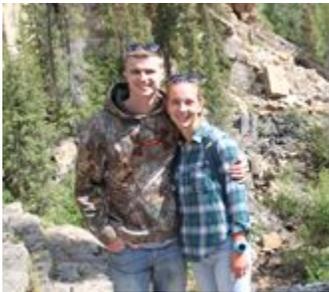
Child Circle Worker (CCW) – Skylar Braun

Skylar works in all six schools within the La Crete Area. Her role is to support students and families who demonstrate risk factors and to help those students and their families develop protective factors that can increase their potential for success. Her main focus is to provide in-home sessions and interventions and support carry through of strategies into the school setting. Skylar's main office is located at LCPS.



Student Wellness Coach (SWC) – Nick Gray

Nick's role is split between the communities of La Crete (3 days) and Fort Vermilion (2 days) for this school year. He will be working primarily in the La Crete schools (SHES, RCS, LCPS) and will be in the La Crete area on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. His role consists of providing supportive individual counselling to students on his caseload and doing universal and targeted programs within the classrooms. His main office is located at LCPS.



Student Wellness Coach (SWC) – Lindsey Bandy

Lindsey will be working in all the La Crete and area schools on a full time basis with a focus on BHPS, BHCS, HCCS. Her role consists of providing supportive individual counselling to students on her caseload and completing targeted and universal programs. Lindsey's main office is located at LCPS.



Student Wellness Coach (SWC) – Vanessa Steeves

Vanessa will be working in the La Crete area full time with a focus mainly on the three schools of SHES, RCS and LCPS and will travel to outlying schools as the need arises. Her role consists of providing providing universal and targeted programs and individual counselling services within each school. Vanessa's main office is located at LCPS.



Mental Health Therapist (MHT) – Leah Martens

Leah works within all six schools in the La Crete area as a MHT (0.6 FTE) on a Monday to Friday schedule. She provides individual counselling, universal classroom programs and staff and/or classroom presentations. The MHT is the team lead for the Connection team and supervisor for the Student Wellness Coaches. Leah's main office is located at RCS.