



# Bison Bits

Buffalo Head Prairie School

March 3, 2020

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## Dates to Remember:

### March

#### 4-Wednesday

Scholastic Book Order Due

#### 5-Thursday

Hot Lunch: Pizza

1:50 Dismissal

Staff Meeting

#### 6-Friday

First day of Pre-ECS

9:00-11:00am

#### 8-Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

begins-set clocks ahead 1hr.

#### 10-Tuesday

Figure Skating Club

3:30-4:30pm

#### 11-Wednesday

Pre-ECS

#### 12-Thursday

Hot Lunch: Taco in a Bag

Second Report Card Sent

Home (K-6)

#### 13-Friday

PD Day

No School for Students

#### 14-Saturday

Shinny Hockey Tournament

hosted by Hill Crest

#### 17-Tuesday

Green Day

Figure Skating Club

3:30-4:30pm

Parent/Teacher Interviews

6:30-8:30pm

#### 18-Wednesday

Pre-ECS

Parent/Teacher Interviews

3:30-5:30pm

### Green Day

Students are encouraged to dress in GREEN on

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday,

March 17th!



### Superintendent Community Consultation

On Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm, Mr. Mike McMann will be at Buffalo Head Prairie School for a community consultation meeting with parents. This meeting will address any specific questions that parents may have about anything related to Buffalo Head Prairie School. He will also answer questions about Fort Vermilion School Division processes.

Parents, this is an opportunity to share your voice with the Superintendent. Do you have questions? Concerns? Current wishes for the school or dreams for the future? Do you wonder about why certain things are the way they are?

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Fehr will be in attendance as well and may be able to answer questions you have. Come share your questions and suggestions in an effort to make BHPS the best school it can be for your children!

### Winter Carnival

An exciting day is planned for K-6 students on Friday, March 20th. Students will once again be involved in fun events that promote positive relationships through activity. Parents, feel free to join us!!

### New Playground Update

As you may be aware, school council and school staff have been involved in planning for an additional playground structure in hopes of adding to the aging playground that currently sits at BHPS. At a recent soup/auction community fundraiser \$13,456 was raised. An additional \$15,000 of school generated fundraised dollars have been allocated to the playground fund. Currently, a playground proposal is being developed in an effort to tap into a School Improvement Fund from central office that may provide additional funds.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

After consulting with school council and school staff, the decision has been made to have two sessions of parent/teacher interviews on back to back days. The next parent/teacher interview dates will be on March 17th from 6:30-8:30pm and March 18th from 3:30-5:30pm. Parents may now begin calling the school for interview times.

### Art Gallery

Buffalo Head Prairie School will once again be accepting submissions for the Student Art Gallery. Submissions must be shared with Miss Vandervalk by Monday, April 6th. Please see the document on the back of this newsletter for all details.

STUDENTS'  
ART  
GALLERY

### Pre-ECS Update

We currently have 25 students signed up for Pre-ECS! It looks as though there will be a large group of Kindergarten students at BHPS again next year!

### Thank You!








School staff were recently treated to lunch on behalf of school council. We are grateful!

# BHPS ART Gallery

Submissions Invited for  
2019 – 2020 School Year



In celebration of artistic talent at BHPS, students are invited to submit artwork for the 2019-2020 BHPS Art Gallery.

-  Any student from grades K-9 may submit their original artwork
-  Art may be completed at school or at home.
-  Art must be no bigger than 8.5" x 11"
-  Submissions are to be made to Miss Vandervalk
-  DEADLINE for 2020 submissions:
  - Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
-  Winner will be announced at the Spring Concert:
  - Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
-  No pictures on lined paper. No commercial characters accepted (Garfield, Snoopy, etc.)

**Buffalo Head Prairie School  
School Council Meeting  
February 24, 2020**

Present: Chris Fehr, John Harms, Mike Friesen, Mary Klassen, Brenda Wiebe, Sarah Lawlor, Peter Janzen, Wendy Morris, Ryan Knelsen, Chad Wiebe, John Zacharias

1. Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda  
**M/S Ryan K./Mike that the agenda be approved. Carried.**
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Brenda read the January 20, 2020 minutes.  
Junior High Ski Trip – went to Peace River last Friday, very good day on the hill.  
Pre-ECS – will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00 – 11:00. Children with older siblings riding the bus are welcome to come to school on the bus. Buses are not permitted to stop at homes not currently on the bus route.
4. Approval of Previous Minutes - **M/S Mary/John that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**
5. Chairperson's Report
  - a. Playground Supper & Auction - \$13,456 was raised and the school contribution will be \$15,000. Big thank you to the community for their support. Will send Dave Froese a thank you gift for coming to auctioneer.
  - b. Proposal for School Improvement Fund – Discussed the proposal document in order to apply for FVSD funding for the playground. School council consensus was to proceed with the application this year.
6. Principal's Report
  - a. Staffing Update – Miss Morgan resigned and has left. So far administration has been unable to find a suitable applicant. Until the position is filled, courses will be taught by Wendy Morris teaching Social 9, Brenda Wiebe (under the umbrella of Mrs. Morris) teaching LA writing 7-9, Chris Fehr teaching Social 7/8, Jamila Froese (under Mr. Fehr's guidance) teaching LA reading 7-9. The continuing goal is to find a qualified teacher to take this position.
  - b. Pre-ECS – 25 students are currently registered for Pre-ECS. Will be using the former grade 7 classroom for Pre-ECS.
  - c. P/T Interviews – scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2 hours each day.
  - d. Student Enrolment Projections 2020-21 - Conservative estimate is 206 students.
  - e. BHPS Community Consultation with Superintendent – March 26. Hoping to have as many parents as possible attend this meeting.
  - f. Civic Mirror – It is a computer program that supports Social Studies 9. A portion of this program is online, similar to AR. Students will only be able to access this site, not any other component of the Internet. 20% of time is spent on the computer and about 80% of the time is spent on class work. Compliments the curriculum well and engages students in the study of government. School council supports the use of this program.
  - g. Student Learning and the Internet (discussion) – discussed pros and cons of allowing junior high's Internet access.
  - h. Accountability Pillar Survey Completion – school council members completed the survey.
7. Financial Update
  - a. SGF Budget Review – report was distributed.
  - b. Operational Budget Review – report was distributed.
8. Trustee Report  
Board retreat this Saturday where they review long term goals. If school council has any ideas to present, contact John before Saturday. One suggestion is an expansion to BHPS.

Next meeting is March 30, 2020.

**M/S Mike/Ryan to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**