



# Bison Bits

Buffalo Head Prairie School

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## Coronavirus Information for Families

The Coronavirus situation in the world today has no doubt been a topic of conversation for many of you. As you are aware, on Sunday, March 15 an announcement was made to indefinitely cancel all classes for students in the province of Alberta in an attempt to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus. BHPS will be moving forward through the guidance of Central Office and through requirements of the Alberta Government. We will make every effort to minimize impacts on our families.

Please note that there are many differing viewpoints on this current situation and how to best respond to all that is happening. This is normal and it gives each of us an opportunity to share our thoughts and opinions as well as consider the thoughts and opinions of others. As a school, we are trying our best to make safety a priority.

As you are reading this, you have received learning materials for each of your children. We as a staff are committed to supporting you as you work through this material with your children. Thank you for your efforts in this. Please look over the materials today. You can expect a phone call from your child's teacher tomorrow. They will be happy to answer any questions you have.

The only work that will need to be sent back for assessment is grade 9 math and language arts. Only send back work for these subjects that has been labelled, "Send back to school!"

You can be assured that your child's grade placement for next year will not be affected by this situation.

### Gym Rentals

For the foreseeable future, there will be no gym rentals at BHPS. Refunds will be given to those who have already paid for rentals.

### Superintendent School Consultation

Mr. McMann's school consultation visit that was scheduled for March 26, 2019 has been cancelled.

### Staffing Update

We would like to share our very best wishes with Mrs. Colbourne who has left BHPS on her maternity leave. Mrs. Lucy Wiebe will be replacing Mrs. Colbourne from March 20 until the end of the school year. Some parents will remember Mrs. Wiebe (formerly Lucy Wolfe) from her time as a teacher at BHPS seven years ago. We welcome Mrs. Wiebe back for the remainder of the school year! She will be the grade 6 teacher contact.

### Communication

In a situation such as this, we at BHPS believe it is very important to stay in contact with our families. Teachers will be available to be contacted by parents during the hours of 9:00-12:00 and 12:30-3:00. If you have questions or need assistance with your child's work, please feel free to phone the school.

### Math- It's Important!

Is Math important and necessary in real life? That is the question we often hear students asking in school.

We would like to extend appreciation to several BHPS parents who have recently provided or shared information to support our focus on math at BHPS. At the January REACH assembly, Mrs. Mary Klassen provided information about the value of using math in her work at Buffalo Head Prairie Coop. At the February REACH assembly, Mr. Mike Friesen shared with students the many ways he uses math in mechanics, directional drilling and farming. We are grateful for the parent support we receive at BHPS!

While your children are home, consider playing some math games. Uno, Skip Bo and Dutch Blitz are all excellent for developing math skills.

### Read, Read, Read

As your children are home, please make sure they are reading every day. Reading is an important everyday skill that your children will use for life. More reading = better readers!