



April 15, 2025

Bison Bits *Buffalo Head Prairie School*

Bison Bits is published the first and third Tuesday each month to inform parents about school events and provide important

Upcoming Event

Wednesday, April 16

Twin Day

Find your twin and
come to school matching!

Thursday, April 17

Spring Concert at 2:00pm

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Spring Break Begins

Monday, April 21

Easter Monday

Monday, April 28

Classes Resume

School Council Meeting
at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 29

No Hot Lunch

Thursday, May 1

Pizza Orders Due

Friday, May 2

Grade 9 Farewell

Elementary Track & Field

Monday, May 5

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Farm Safety Presentation K-6

LCPS Presentation for Gr. 7-9

Tuesday, May 6

Pizza Lunch

(Last Hot Lunch This Year)

Wednesday, May 7

Parent Request Meeting
with Mr. Fehr
for 2025-2026 K-3 classes

2025-26 School Year Planning

Parents, we have been doing significant amounts of planning as we consider the 2025-26 school year. To make good, informed planning decisions, it is so very important to understand student enrolment numbers. If you, or someone you know, will not be back at BHPS next year, please inform us. In addition, if you happen to know a family or families that will be new to BHPS, please also inform us of this. Feel free to call the school at 780-928-2282 or Mr. Fehr at 780-841-2939. Thank you for helping us with our planning for the 2025-26 school year.

Spring Concert

BHPS students and staff are excited to share a celebration of Spring & Easter with our school community. There will be a gallery walk of seasonal artwork displayed in the gym, with the concert beginning at 2:00pm. Come out to see and hear an assortment of music and readings from our grades 1 - 9 students on Thursday, April 17th. We welcome parents and community members!



BHPS Elementary Track & Field

We are looking forward to our annual Elementary Track and Field Day on Friday, May 2. This is typically a full day with a lot of activity and fun! If any parents are interested in helping to volunteer in some capacity, please contact Mr. Goertzen or Mr. Kenyon at the school. Also, our grade 9 class will be running a canteen as a fundraiser toward their grade 9 farewell. Parents are welcome to come out and cheer on their children as they participate in this fun event.

Track & Field Canteen List

Hot Dog - \$3

Half-Jumbo Freezie - \$1

Chips - \$1

Powerade - \$3

Ice Cream Sandwich - \$2



Parent Requests—2025-26 ECS, Grade 1, 2, and 3

School administration will be taking parent requests into consideration as class lists are prepared for the upcoming school year. This opportunity is open to parents of grade K-3 students only (current year parents of Pre-ECS to grade 2), where each of these grades will have two classes. We ask that parents only make requests if the request is of high importance. Student learning needs, medical concerns, or student relationship considerations to support learning are all examples of what parents may wish to discuss. Buffalo Head Prairie School is expecting to have two classes in kindergarten, grade one, grade two, and grade three next school year. In these classes, parents may wish to come to a meeting to influence the class lists.

Parents that have requests to be considered when class lists are made for the upcoming school year must make an appointment to meet with Mr. Fehr on **Wednesday, May 7 from 1:00-3:00pm**. Meetings will take a maximum of 10 minutes and must be completed in person. Please call the school office at 780-928-2282 to make an appointment.

Our Mission

To be a caring and collaborative school community, fostering responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Staffing Update

We welcome several new teaching staff members to BHPS for the 2025-26 school year.

Miss Florine Oosterink will be joining us from southern Alberta. Miss Oosterink is a small town girl that has a strong understanding of country schools and country living. Miss Oosterink will teach grade 3 next school year for the full year (Mrs. Peters' maternity position).

Mrs. Anika van der Walt is an experienced teacher from South Africa who will be teaching grade 1 next school year due to Miss Dalke's decision to move on. Mrs. van der Walt comes to us with highly positive references from her past work as a teacher. We would like to sincerely thank Miss Dalke for her dedication to the students in her care over the past 5 years!

Finally, we welcome Mr. Dean Keefe back to BHPS. Mr. Keefe will be sharing a full time role with Mrs. Keefe, both teaching half time. Mr. Keefe is excited to be a Bison once again!

Last Day of Pre-ECS

Tuesday, April 15, was the last day of Pre-ECS for this school year. We have been so fortunate to have kind, caring, organized leaders from our community leading the program again this year. Many parents have expressed their appreciation.



A huge thank you to Mrs. Darlene Wieler & Mrs. Trudy Klassen for their leadership and dedication to this year's Pre-ECS program.

FVSD Shorter School Year & BHPS Events

With the final day of school for students being June 6 this year, we are realizing that there will be many activities and events coming up in a short amount of time throughout the months of April and May. Some of the activities traditionally completed in June will now be happening earlier. We encourage parents to keep reviewing the monthly school calendars and bi-monthly school newsletters to be aware of special events that will be taking place prior to year-end.

School Volunteers–Field Trips

We appreciate parent volunteers who assist with field trips. **Vulnerable Sector Checks** and **Intervention Record Checks** are required for school volunteers (including parents) **IF** they have unsupervised access to students at any time during the field trip. Vulnerable Sector Checks can be done in the Mackenzie County office in La Crete. Intervention Record Checks (IRC) need to be requested via email. The application forms for IRC requests can be found on the FVSD website or picked up in the office at BHPS. Once completed, the IRC application, along with two pieces of ID, need to be emailed to: cs.hladmin@gov.ab.ca. Parents that will continuously be part of the whole group throughout the field trip do not require these checks to be completed.

Volunteer Appreciation Supper Report

On Thursday, April 10, many school volunteers came out for supper to celebrate the selfless efforts of parents and citizens in our community. There are so many school activities and events that could not run without our amazing volunteers!!



As school staff, we are incredibly thankful for our kind and caring volunteers. Your efforts have allowed us to provide additional opportunities for students and staff!

Community Cook-Off Report

The Community Cook-Off was a huge success. \$1207 was donated and will be given to La Crete Support Services. A big thank you to Mr. Hache, Mrs. Hache, and the grade 5 class for their fantastic work on this classroom leadership project.

Cook-Off Winners:

Pasta: Alyssa Wolfe, Alexa Janzen & Avery Neudorf (#3-Lasagna)

Pizza: Brandi Knelsen & Peyton Teichroeb (#2-Chicken Pizza)

Drink: Roseann Nickel & Bethany Peters (#2-Raspberry Lemonade)

Meat: Connor Wolfe & Liam Neudorf (#1-Brisket)

Dessert: Jessica Wolfe & Amy Friesen (#2-Brownie with Chocolate Sauce & Whipped Cream)

Congratulations to all trophy winners, and a big THANK YOU to all who participated!

