



May 6, 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

Mon.-Fri, May 5-9

Mental Health
Awareness Week

Tuesday, May 6

Grade 4 Forestry Field Trip

Wednesday, May 7

Hats On for
Mental Health Day

Career Tours for Grades 8 & 9
at LCPS

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

Thursday, May 8

Grade 2 Field Trip

Friday, May 9

REACH Assembly at 2:20pm

Don't Bully Day
Wear Pink/Red

Fri.-Sat., May 9-10

Jr. High Campout

Saturday, May 10

Club 250

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

Monday, May 12

Grade 9 Trip to High Level

Friday, May 16

Scholastic Book Orders Due

Last Day to Sign out Library Books

Monday, May 19

Victoria Day No School

Wednesday, May 21

Grade 7 Swim Trip

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) because 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.

To influence class list decisions, parents must make an appointment to meet with Mr. Fehr on **Wednesday, May 7 between the hours of 1:00-3:00pm.** Meetings will take a maximum of 10 minutes to complete and must be attended in person. Please call the school office at 780-928-2282 to make an appointment.

Hats on for Mental Health Day

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. Hats on for Mental Health Day is happening on Wednesday, May 7. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a hat to help raise awareness about mental health.



Career Tours for Grades 8 & 9

On Wednesday, May 7, Career Tours for Grade 8-12 students will take place at La Crete Public School. Grade 8 & 9 students at BHPS will have an opportunity to attend the career tours of their choice as they learn more about future opportunities for employment. This is a full day event and should be a valuable opportunity.



REACH Assembly-OUTSIDE!

The theme for the assembly on Friday, May 9, will be COMMUNITY and so, instead of going to the gym, all students and staff will work together to clean the school yard! This event will begin at 2:20pm and students are asked to bring a pair of gloves to school for the cleanup.

Parents are welcome to join us for this COMMUNITY assembly!



Don't Bully Day (wear Red/Pink)

"Don't Bully Day", is a school-wide event led by student council on Friday, May 9. *Bullying is defined as unwanted, repeated behaviour from one person or a group of people towards one or more others.* We would like our students to know that if they feel they are being bullied they need to first inform the other party to stop (to ensure the other person knows it is not wanted). If this does not solve the problem, they should ask an adult for help. **Students are encouraged to wear red or pink on this day!**



Our Mission

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

Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) Dates

This year, due to the piloting of new curriculum, the grade 6 PATs will be Language Arts and Math. Grade 9 students will write tests in all four core subject areas.

Grade 9:

Language Arts Part A-May 28

Science-June 2

Language Arts Part B-June 3

Math Part A & B-June 4

Social Studies-June 5

Grade 6:

Language Arts Part A– May 28

Language Arts Part B– June 3

Math Part A & B– June 4

Students in the FVSD will be writing their PATs digitally (on computers) this year, as they did last school year as well. Teachers have made efforts throughout the year to prepare students for such testing.

Junior High Campout

This year's junior high campout will take place on May 9 & 10. Students that have met all the guidelines to attend are welcome and will receive a consent form later this week. Guidelines for attendance include:

1. Students must be passing all their courses this term
2. Students must have 3 or fewer unexcused absences from school during this term
3. Students must have no more than one green incident form for misbehavior this term

Staff are waiting to see which students qualify prior to sending parent consent forms home. As junior high and administrative staff, we look forward to celebrating with students who have met their goals this term!

Grade 9 Farewell

On Friday, May 2, grade 9 students, staff, and parents spent time reflecting on grade 9 students and their time at BHPS. Many of these students have spent their entire school life at BHPS and it will be sad to see them go! We do wish our grade 9's the very best as they move on to grade 10 or the world of work. We greatly appreciate the contributions of our current grade 9 class!

Buffalo Head Prairie School Council Meeting

April 28, 2025

Present: Larry Goertzen, Ryan Knelsen, Frank Bergen, Maria Wieler, Tim Bueckert, Danny Teichroeb, Mike Friesen, Melissa McDonald, and Chris Fehr

1. Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. M/S Danny/Ryan that the agenda be approved. Carried
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 31, 2025): Read by Maria Wieler.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes – M/S Mike/Frank that the March 31, 2025, minutes be accepted as presented. Carried
6. Chairperson Report: No report.
7. Principal's Report:
 - Mr. Fehr expressed his appreciation for the supportive parents, school council members, amazing staff and students.
 - Feedback from the Spring Concert was shared by the council. Attendance was excellent, and the parents gave positive feedback.
 - The school expansion is still planned to begin within the next month.
 - Staffing Updates:
 - o Miss Florine Oosterink will be teaching Grade 3 for the 2025/26 school year, covering Mrs. Peters' maternity leave. She will remain for the full year to avoid a mid-year teacher transition.
 - o Mrs. Anika van der Walt will teach Grade 1 for the 2025/26 school year, replacing Miss Dalke, who will be leaving at the end of this school year.
 - o Mr. and Mrs. Dean and Karen Keefe will share a Grade 1 class next year. Mrs. Keefe will teach the core subjects of Language Arts and Math in the mornings, and Mr. Keefe will take over after lunch teaching other subjects.
 - Student enrollment is projected to be approximately 300 students for the upcoming school year.
 - May will be a busy month, with many events as we approach the earlier end to the school year.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - o Elementary Track and Field: Friday, May 2, from 10:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.
 - o Grade 9 Farewell: Friday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. Parents and siblings are invited.
 - o Junior High Campout: Scheduled for Friday, May 9. School staff will be present and actively involved throughout the event. Mr. Fehr noted this is a privilege that students must earn.
 - o Mental Health Awareness Week: May 5–9. Students are encouraged to wear hats on Wednesday, May 7, to show support for mental health awareness.
 - o **Class Placement Meetings:** Parents of students in Kindergarten–Grade 3 may request class placement by meeting with Mr. Fehr on Wednesday, May 7, between 1:00–3:00 p.m. Parents may have a learning or student connection reason for wanting their child in a particular class or with a connected peer. An appointment must be made for a meeting by calling the school secretary at 780-928-2282. Parent requests will not be accepted after that date.
 - o Provincial Achievement Tests (Grades 6 & 9): Scheduled for May 28 and June 2–5. These are important tests for students in grades 6 & 9.
8. Financial Update:
 - Budget review indicates we are on track and consistent with spending from previous years.
9. Trustee Report: Trustee not present.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2025 (final meeting)