



May 20, 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, May 21

Grade 7 Swim Trip

Thursday, May 22

FVSD Jr. High Track & Field
Divisionals in High Level

Grade 3 Swim Trip

Friday, May 23

All Library Books Due

Monday, May 26

Final School Council Meeting
at 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 28

PAT Gr. 6 LA Part A

PAT Gr. 9 LA Part A

ECS Field Trip-Both Classes

Thursday, May 29

Ascension Day

Friday, May 30

2025-26 ECS Orientation

No School for 24-25 ECS Classes

FVSD Elementary Track &
Field Divisionals
at Ridgeview School

Fri.-Sat., May 30-31

Jr. High Track & Field Zones
in Grande Prairie

Monday, June 2

PAT Gr. 9 Science

Tuesday, June 3

PAT Gr. 6 LA Part B

PAT Gr. 9 LA Part B

FVSD Jr. High Track and Field Divisionals

FVSD Track & Field Divisionals will be taking place in High Level on Thursday, May 22. Over the last few weeks, students from BHPS have been given the opportunity to practice and prepare for the divisional meet during lunch recesses. The team will be coached by



Mr. Goertzen. For your information, junior high track & field zones will take place in Grande Prairie on May 30-31, for those eligible to attend after viewing the results of the divisional track meet.

Note from Mrs. Janzen

As the end of the year is fast approaching, I will be wrapping things up in the library. The last day for students to sign out library materials was Friday, May 16. Please ensure that your children's library items are returned to the library by the coming Friday, May 23. Some parents have communicated with me throughout the year regarding their child's overdue books and I appreciate the support you've given to ensuring items are being returned. Thank you!



Final School Council Meeting



This year's final School Council Meeting will take place at 6:30pm on Monday, May 26. This will be an appreciation supper and meeting for our excellent parents that have given of their time and energy to the council this year.

2025-26 ECS Orientation

Parents, please note that the BHPS ECS Orientation will take place on **Friday, May 30**. Orientation will provide next year's kindergarten children with an opportunity to spend time with Mrs. Carey in the kindergarten classroom, which should help them transition to school in the upcoming school year. Please note that current year ECS students do NOT attend school on this day.



Awards/Picnic Day 2025

We are hoping to have a fun day during the final day of school for students, which is June 6. Parents, please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of the school year with an Awards/Picnic Day. The school council will be providing hot dogs and all the fixings for lunch. We are asking that families with the last name starting with

A—N bring a salad

P—Z bring a dessert

Staffing Update

We would like to inform parents that Mrs. Harms and Mr. Acreman will be leaving BHPS at the conclusion of this school year. Although it is always difficult to see staff members leave, we wish both Mrs. Harms and Mr. Acreman the very best in their new adventures next year. We appreciate their contributions to BHPS in past years! Please note that Mrs. Peters will move into co-teaching grade 6 with Mrs. McDonald. As a result of Mrs. Peters moving to grade 6, we will hire a new grade 3 teacher for next school year.

On the following page, you will see an advertisement for Mrs. Harms' part-time position. If you know a caring, hard-working person that enjoys working with children, please encourage them to apply.

Our Mission

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

Picnic Day Schedule

Following is the agenda for picnic day, Friday, June 6:

8:45—Students in classrooms

11:00—Awards assembly in gymnasium. Parents welcome!

Parents, please pick up report cards between the conclusion of the awards ceremony and 1:00

12:15-Picnic lunch

12:45—A variety of games have been organized for students. However, there will be no water fight this year.

2:40—School yard clean-up and prepare to go home

2:50—Board buses, prepare for home

We welcome all parents and look forward to spending time together as a school community during picnic day!

Miss Vandervalk/Mrs. Davidson Orr Visit

Miss Joanna Vandervalk and Mrs. Aileen Davidson Orr (former teachers at BHPS) plan to come to La Crete for a few days in June, attending a friend's wedding. They would love to see as many people as possible, including former students and parents, in the short time they'll be here. On that note, you are welcome to join us (them) for fasma on Sunday, June 15, starting at 4:00pm, on the school grounds under the new pole shelter. Please bring your lawn chairs, and a fasma item to share if you are attending.

Educational Assistant, Part-Time Position (0.6 FTE)

School & Student Support

Location: Buffalo Head Prairie School

Competition #: 18982

Date Posted: May 15th, 2025

Closing Date: May 27th, 2025 - 12:00am

Additional Information:

Buffalo Head Prairie School is hiring a part-time Educational Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Educational Assistant is part of a school team effectively supporting students in the Divisional priorities of Numeracy, Literacy, and Connectivity. Educational Assistants work with students in classrooms, individually, and in small groups as directed by School Administration.

The current role of this position is to provide student learning supports and interventions. Duties are assigned according to student needs and will change accordingly.

Schools within the Fort Vermilion School Division follow an inclusive education model. Students with diverse learning needs are included within the regular classroom setting wherever possible. Targeted and specialized supports and services are provided as required by individual students either within the regular classroom or in a specialized setting.

Please contact Principal, Chris Fehr, at ChrisF@fvds.ab.ca for more information.

Start Date: August 27th, 2025

End Date: June 8th, 2026

Hours per week: 20 hours

Preferred Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Educational Assistant Certificate or equivalent
- An ability to build positive student relationships and genuine care for children with unique learning needs.
- Experience working with students in school or alternate setting
- An ability to work collaboratively with school staff and parents in a confidential manner
- Evidence of successfully passing the Police-Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)
- Evidence of successfully passing the Alberta Children's Services Intervention Record Check (IRC) if you have/had children

Salary & Benefits:

- Salary will depend upon qualifications and experience
- This position does qualify for benefits

Application must include: a cover letter, resume, and a minimum of 2 references

Vulnerable Sector Check & Intervention Record Check:

- The VSC dated within 6 months, may follow your application, and must be presented as a condition of employment
- The IRC dated within 6 months, may follow your application and must be presented as a condition of employment only if it is applicable to you
- [Record Check information can be found at https://www.fvds.ab.ca/careers/record-checks](https://www.fvds.ab.ca/careers/record-checks)

Email Application to: hr@fvds.ab.ca

Deadline: Open until filled