



June 3, 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, June 4

PAT Grade 6 Math

PAT Grade 9 Math

ECS Graduation

T/T-AM, W/F-PM

Thursday, June 5

PAT Grade 9 Social Studies

Friday, June 6

Last Day for BHPS Students

Awards/Picnic Day

Report Cards Sent Home

Tuesday, September 2

Students Return to School!

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 faspas on Sunday, June 15, starting at 4:00pm, on the school grounds under the new pole shelter. Please bring your lawn chairs, and a faspas item to share if you are attending.



Picnic Day Schedule

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



8:45am—Students in classrooms

10:30am—Awards assembly in gymnasium. Parents welcome!

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

11:30am—Picnic lunch



12:45pm—A variety of games have been organized for students and parents. There will be no water fight activity 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!

Awards/Picnic Day

We are hoping to have a positive 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 our annual Awards/Picnic Day. The school council members will be preparing hot dogs for lunch. We are asking that families contribute salads and desserts.

Last names starting with:

A—N bring a salad



P—Z bring a dessert



To keep our students with food sensitivities safe, we ask you to **clearly mark any salads or desserts which are gluten and/or dairy products free**. These will then be set out on a separate table, so we know which food options these students may eat.

Lost & Found



A reminder to check the Lost & Found table on Friday, June 6. Any items left after Picnic Day will be taken to La Crete Care & Share.

Should you forget something at school on June 6 you may come pick it up until 4:00 that day, or call 780-928-2282 on June 11 to arrange pickup.

School Rentals-Summer Break

Summer rentals will only be available in August after the school is cleaned during the months of June and July. All rentals will need to be finalized and paid for by Thursday, June 5. Requests for rentals after June 5 will not be taken.

All 2025-26 school rental bookings will start on Tuesday, September 2, at 8:30am.

Library Final Note—From Mrs. Janzen

A big thank you to both parents and other volunteers who have helped out in the library! I appreciate all the help I've received this year with shelving and laminating books. You make my job easier! There's no such thing as too many books! Have a great summer.

Our Mission

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

Keeping Your Children's Records Current Re-enrollment in myFVSD

Every school year students need to be re-enrolled. This requires that their information be reviewed and signed by parents. Before this year, this was always done on paper forms. As you did last summer, going forward, parents will be able to re-enroll their child(ren) online. Around mid-June an email will be sent out to inform parents when the forms are ready for review and to be signed in myFVSD (myfvds.ca).

Letters with additional information for parents will be enclosed with the year-end report card envelope. Your child's ASN, which is required when doing the updating through the text messaging option, is provided in these letters as well. If you have questions or experience problems when doing the updates during the summer, please contact the FVSD Essential Services office at 780-928-3860.

If parents complete the re-enrollment online it does save us a significant amount of time in the office but if you prefer, parents or guardians can also choose to review and sign a paper copy in early September.

FVSD Jr. High Track and Field Divisionals Report

Junior High students participated in the divisional track and field meet in High Level on Thursday, May 22. The following 16 students participated in the event:

Eric Fehr (9)	Jermey Martens (9)
Tyrone Unruh (9)	Avery Neudorf (9)
Alex Froese (8)	Scott Goertzen (8)
Jason Krahn (8)	Jamie Teichroeb (8)
Emerson Unrau (8)	Trenton Wiebe (8)
Luke Wiens (8)	Alexa Janzen (8)
Alyssa Wolfe (8)	Waylon Penner (7)
Tamika Loewen (7)	Heidi Martens (7)

The team did extremely well in many different categories. Thank you to our Bison students as they represented the school very well.

2025-26 BHPS Staff List

Mr. Benny Dick– Custodian
Mrs. BettyAnn Dick– Custodian
Mrs. Rosanne Paul– Student Support
Mrs. Lana Halladay– Student Support
Mrs. Shakira Giesbrecht– Student Support
Miss Susie Dyck– Student Support
Mrs. Angie Wolfe– Student Support
Mrs. Katharine Neudorf– Student Support
To Be Determined- Student Support
Mrs. Kathy Janzen– Librarian
Miss Margaret Wiebe– Secretary
Mrs. Yumiko Hache– Casual Secretary
Mrs. Robyn Carey– ECS
Mrs. Anika van der Walt– Grade 1
Mrs. Karen Keefe– Grade 1 (AM)
Mr. Dean Keefe– Grade 1 (PM)
Mrs. Rachel Magalona– Grade 2
Mrs. Cathy Wiseman– Grade 2
Miss Florine Oosterink– Grade 3
To Be Determined– Grade 3
Mr. Aaron Diver– Grade 4
Mr. Jonathan Hache– Grade 5
Mrs. Melissa McDonald– Grade 6/Inclusive Education/
Literacy Coach
Mrs. Shannon Peters– Grade 6/ Assistant Principal/
Numeracy Coach
Mr. Trent Kenyon– Junior High Math/Physical Education
Mr. Darian Goertzen– Junior High Social Studies/
Physical Education
Miss Kalaina Haag– Junior High Language Arts/Science
Mr. Chris Fehr– Principal/Physical Education

On behalf of all staff, we would like to express our appreciation to all families for supporting us as a staff. We feel appreciated and cared for by parents!

We would like to wish BHPS families a wonderful summer together!

Should parents have questions during the summer months, please feel welcome to contact Mr. Fehr at 780-841-2939.

Students return to school on Tuesday, September 2.



Buffalo Head Prairie School Council Meeting

May 26, 2025

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

1. **Call to Order:** 7:17 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **M/S Mike/Ryan** that the agenda be approved. *Carried.*
4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting (April 28, 2025):** Read by Maria Wieler.
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes – M/S Ryan/Frank** that the previous minutes be accepted as presented. *Carried.*
6. **Chairperson Report:**
 - Larry Goertzen reported that he had spoken with Bruce Harder, who confirmed that the blueprints were ready to begin the engineering phase for the portable. The foundation work will begin right after the school year ends, with the goal of having the portable ready for use at the start of the new school year in September.
7. **Principal's Report:**
 - Mr. Fehr expressed appreciation for the supportive parents, amazing staff, and students who are helping make the end of the school year go smoothly, especially with all the upcoming tests.
 - Projected student enrolment for the upcoming school year is 295 students.
 - The class placement parent meetings went very well, and class lists have been finalized. Parents with students in primary grades will know which class their child is in by looking at the teacher's name on the supply list that is provided to parents in the family envelope.
 - Mr. Dale Driedger (new school Principal at LCPS) gave a presentation to the junior high students about high school. Some parents were also in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions about La Crete Public School.
 - **ECS Orientation** is scheduled for **Friday, May 30th.**
 - **ECS Graduation** will be held on **Wednesday, June 4th.**
 - **New Shop Update:** Mr. Ernie Kroeker and his son Rodney generously donated a dust collector for the carpentry shop—this is greatly appreciated by the school. An additional \$10,000, which was provided from central office, was spent by the school on new carpentry, construction, and mechanics tools.
 - **Provincial Achievement Tests** for Grades 6 and 9 are coming up on **May 28th** and from **June 2nd–5th.** Students are encouraged to be well rested and be in attendance on these dates.
 - Buffalo Head Prairie School will be getting its own trustee to represent the school starting next year. The candidate must live in the Buffalo Head Prairie district. If you know someone who is passionate about the school and cares deeply for the students, staff, and community, please encourage them to apply. The election will take place in **October 2025.**
 - **Staffing Update:**
 - o Mrs. Martha Harms is resigning from her part-time EA position after this school year. An advertisement has gone out and applications are currently being accepted for this position.
 - o Mrs. Shannon Peters will be moving to Grade 6 to fill Mr. Acreman's position. Mrs. Peters and Mrs. McDonald will be team teaching the Grade 6 class next school year. The school is currently looking to hire another teacher for Grade 3. Following this, all hiring should be complete.
8. **Financial Update:**
 - A budget review indicates that spending is on track.
9. **Trustee Report:**
 - Trustee not present.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: Next school year!