



September 16, 2024

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, September 17

Individual Student Photos

Thursday, September 18

Individual Student Photos

Saturday, September 20

FVSD Divisional
Cross-Country Run
Grades 3-9
@Rocky Lane School

Thursday, September 25

Family Ice Cream Night &
Annual General Meeting/
School Council Elections
7:00- Ice Cream & Visiting
7:30- AGM in School Gym

Friday, September 26

First Day for Students to Achieve
Reading Club 25

Dress in School Colors or
Bison Wear Day

Terry Fox Run - 2:20 pm

Tuesday, September 30

No School
National Day for Truth &
Reconciliation

Saturday, October 4

FVSD Super Saturday Soccer
Grades 4-6
@BHPS

Monday, October 13

No School
Thanksgiving Day

Individual Student Photo Days

Wednesday, September 17 & Thursday, September 18



This year, FVSD EDGE Photography (instead of Lifetouch) will be serving our school communities while providing opportunities to grow the skills of FVSD students. BHPS individual student photos will take place on Wednesday, September 17 and Thursday, September 18. Unfortunately, we do not know how many classes will have their pictures taken on Wednesday. Please ask your child(ren) if they had their picture taken Wednesday, if it was not done Wednesday, it will be done on Thursday. Class pictures, ECS graduation photos, and sports team photos will be taken in the spring which will be communicated to parents at that time. ***Due to Green Screen technology being used by the photographers, students may NOT wear GREEN clothing on photo days.*** Please note that there will not be a prepaid ordering option this year and that more photo ordering information will be shared when the photo proofs are ready.

Family Ice Cream Night, AGM & School Council Elections

Thursday, September 25

7:00pm Ice Cream (families) 7:30 pm AGM (parents)



Parents, please join us for our annual Family Ice Cream Night on **Thursday, September 25** at 7:00pm. We look forward to getting together to celebrate a great start to the year as a school community.

This event will be followed by a parent-only Annual General Meeting beginning at 7:30pm. At this meeting, school council elections will take place to fill the positions of members whose two-year terms have been completed.

Children will be able to play outside or watch a family-friendly movie in a BHPS classroom after dark. We appreciate the opportunity to spend time with parents.

Student Profiles/MyFVSD.ca



If you have not already done so, please be reminded that we need student profiles reviewed and submitted by **Monday, September 22**. To view students in your family, go to my.fvsc.ca and review their profile or complete the paper copies sent home last week and return them to school.

There are two ways you can sign into MyFVSD:

1. Using a Google (@gmail.com) or Microsoft (@outlook.com) email account.

OR

2. Through text messaging which will require you to enter the Alberta Student Number (ASN) for one of the students you are associated with. A student's ASN can be found at the top of their report card, on the student profiles sent home, or by calling the school office.

Our Mission

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

Oral Health Program

Alberta Health Services offers two free fluoride varnish applications to K-6 students. Fluoride varnish is a safe way to make teeth stronger and prevent cavities. A consent form for each child in grades K-6 will be sent home with this newsletter. Interested parents may fill in and sign the form and return it to school by September 22.



Note from the Library

In addition to students signing out library books, all parents are welcome to sign out books as well. These can be for yourself or your children. Come into the library and I will create a library account for you. - Mrs. Janzen

Terry Fox Run/Walk & School Colour Day!

Students and staff will be involved in our annual Terry Fox run on Friday, September 26th at 2:20pm. Students are encouraged to bring in a *Toonie for Terry* which will be donated for cancer research. We welcome and encourage parents to join us for this event if interested.

Special thanks to the Grade 7 students and Mr. Kenyon for organizing this event! This is a grade 7 leadership project.



Family Breakfast and Open House

We are grateful that so many parents could attend this year's Family Breakfast and Open House on September 5. This provided families with an opportunity to enjoy breakfast together and tour classrooms, while also visiting with school staff. Thank you for attending!

2024-25 BHPS Yearbooks

The 2024-25 BHPS yearbooks will be available for sale starting Friday, September 19. They can be purchased in the school office for \$20 per book with cash or cheques. The yearbooks will also be available for purchase on SchoolCash Online (fvsd.schoolcashionline.com). If you do purchase yearbooks online please ask your child to pick up the yearbook in the school office. There are 90 copies available. Yearbooks will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



School Trustee Nomination and Election

The school trustee nomination deadline is at 12:00pm on September 22. This election will occur at BHPS on Monday, October 20. For those unaware, school board trustees are local politicians elected by, and accountable to, the community they serve. This year, Buffalo Head Prairie will have one Trustee, which is highly positive for our school.

Junior High Programming and CTF Update

This year, junior high students at Buffalo Head Prairie School have the opportunity to be involved in some new programming at school. All students will receive instruction in Character Education, Service Learning, and Health.

In addition, CTF courses once again provide students with opportunities that support the FVSD Collegiate and a focus on careers for the future. Students will all have the opportunity to be involved in three different CTF options throughout the school year.
