

BACS BULLETIN

March 2024



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Important Dates:

- March 10 - Daylight Savings
- March 11 - PD Day NO SCHOOL
- March 13 - Hot Lunch Pizza Hut
- March 14 - PIE day
- March 15 - Green Day
St. Patrick's day activities
- March 19 - P/T Interviews
4:30pm-7:30pm
- March 20 - P/T Interviews
4:30pm-7:30pm
- March 21 -
World Down Syndrome Day
Wear Colourful socks!
Hot Lunch - Pasta
- March 22 - Day in Lieu
NO SCHOOL
LAST DAY TO BUY CASH
CALENDARS (4:30pm)
- March 23 - Spring Break Starts
- March 29 - Good Friday
NO SCHOOL
- April 1 - Easter Monday
NO SCHOOL
- April 2 - Classes Resume
World Autism Day
Wear Blue



Sturgeon
Public Schools

From the Principal



Dear BACS Families,

As we welcome the month of March, we also hope to welcome the promise of springtime and all the energy and renewal it brings to our school community. It's a pleasure to share with you the latest news and updates from our vibrant school.

As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, we are invigorated by the spirit of learning that permeates our halls. Our dedicated teachers continue to inspire and challenge our students, fostering an environment where curiosity flourishes and academic growth is celebrated. With spring break on the horizon, we encourage our students to stay focused and engaged in their studies, making the most of every learning opportunity!

March brings a host of exciting events and activities to our school calendar. From parent-teacher conferences to themed spirit days, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to check our school website and social media channels for the latest updates and information on upcoming events. We are also looking to offer a supplemental Kindergarten program next year. If you are interested or know someone you may be, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended our Parent Engagement night on February 27th. As Superintendent Warren said in her opening remarks, "our schools are not ours - they are the community's in which we serve". I cannot express enough how appreciative I am of your unwavering commitment and dedication to providing exceptional education to our students.

Finally, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our incredible students, families, teachers, and staff. Your unwavering support and dedication are what make our school truly special, and I am continually inspired by the passion and enthusiasm you bring to our community each day.

As always, my door is open, and I welcome any questions, feedback, or ideas you may have. Together, we will continue to make this school year a memorable and successful one for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead filled with joy, growth, and endless possibilities.

Ms. Brenneis



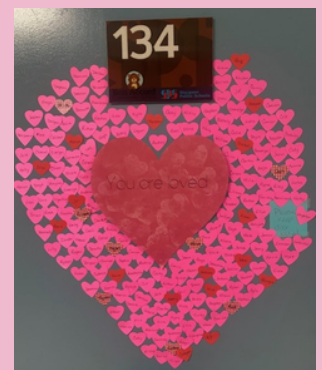
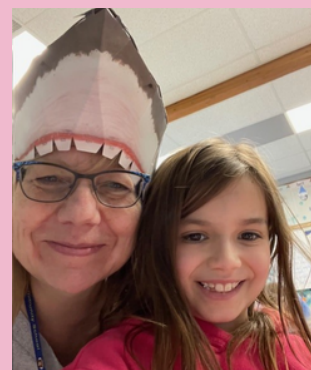


Grade 4 Archery club had competed in their first Archery Tournament on Feb. 23rd at Lilian Schick School. Congratulations to Mia who took home gold medal!



Congratulations to Auria in grade 3 who was caught being kind and had the closest guess for how many candies were in the jar! Thanks Miss Marnie for the challenge!

February Highlights





"Kid, you'll move mountains"

**– Oh the Places You'll Go
Dr. Seuss**

BACS Supplemental Kindergarten Program

Everyone a Teacher
Everyone a Learner

Register today!

Contact Ms. Brenneis to register!

kessia.brenneis@sturgeon.ab.ca

780 921 3559



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Funding and requirements

It is important to note that currently, the Alberta Government only funds half time Kindergarten.

This potential full-time option is a cost to parents and comes with no additional supports in the classroom.

Parents who choose to enroll children will be required to pay a fee; maximum **\$350/per month**. Higher enrollment reduces cost.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at least two afternoons each month.

The program requires a minimum number of registrants to make the program viable and there will also be a cap on enrollment to provide the necessary value to students.

The importance of exploratory learning cannot be underestimated. Providing opportunities to explore and learn through play is crucial for healthy brain development and social-emotional well-being. As kids follow their curiosity and try new things, they build strong neural connections that will play a key role in learning and behavior throughout life. And, equally important—exploratory learning is kid-driven and profoundly fun.”
(Galileo Learning LLC, 2021)

Eligibility

Children must be five years old on or before December 31, 2024 and live within the school's attendance area to be eligible for Kindergarten Programs.

Students should be able to independently dress themselves, use the washroom, and listen to directions as no additional supports will be available other than the teacher.

Completed registrations and a post dated cheque for \$350 are due to the school by May 30, 2024 after confirmation of registration.

*Should there not be enough enrollment, deposits will be refunded.

Program Delivery and Activities

Organized activities within a structured play-based environment.

Monthly themes to foster curiosity, innovation and creativity.

Hands on Learning

Outdoor and nature-based programming utilized frequently to foster healthy child development, connections to the land, and active, kinesthetic learning.



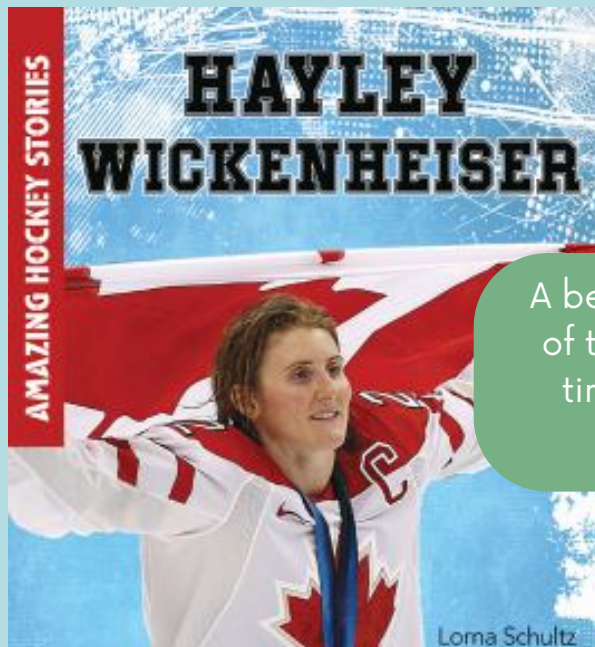
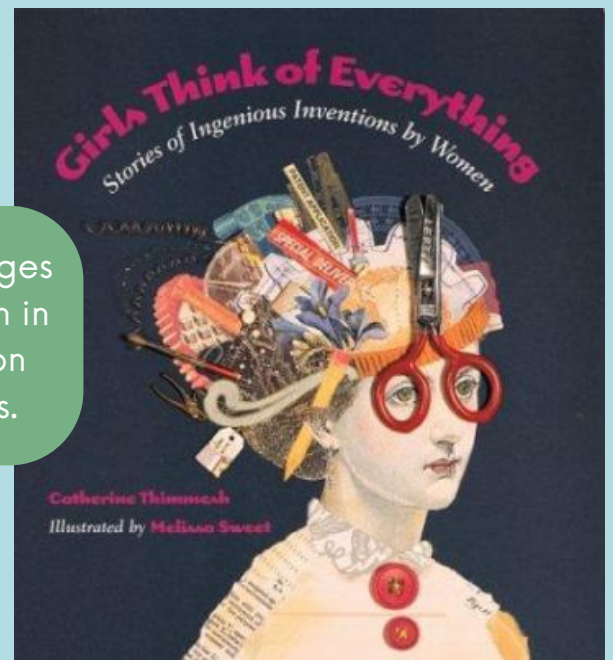


In Our Library

We aren't SHELF - ish...
Come check out our books!

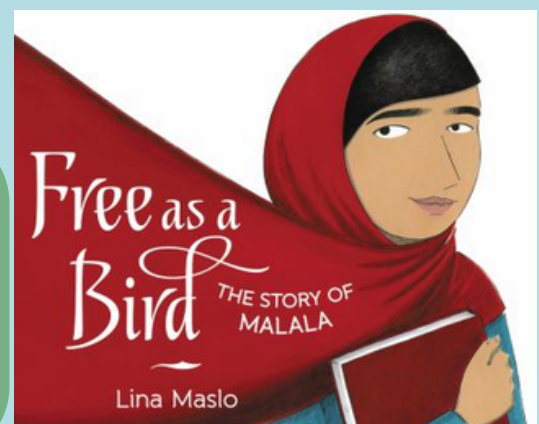
March 8th is International Women's Day!

Tells the story of how women throughout the ages have responded to situations confronting them in daily life by inventing such items as correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.



A behind-the-scenes look at the achievements of the greatest women's hockey player of all time, Canadian national team star Hayley Wickenheiser.

The inspiring true story of Malala Yousafzai, human rights activist and the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. In Pakistan, people said girls should not be educated. Malala's father sent her to school, and she spoke up for education in her country.



Niskipîsim

Goose Moon

Pronounced: Niss-Gee-PEE-SIM



The Goose Moon is a very exciting moon! As we welcome this new moon we can celebrate that the days are getting longer and we have more time with the sun. We also notice that the plants and trees are starting to wake up, new growth begins to appear. We also hear the familiar honking sound from the sky and we welcome the geese that are returning. When we see this, we know that Spring is right around the corner. In Cree, the word for spring is "sîkwan" which is pronounced see-gwan. One of my favorite things to do during this season is to plan my garden for the coming Summer. How do you and your family like to celebrate the return of Spring? What are some ways you can connect with the land during this season?

Come join the Gang
for the M&M's



FREE PROGRAMMING
5-12 YEARS

SPRING FLING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

9-11 AM - THE GOOD EGG
COME JOIN US

AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE,
SELF CARE & ACCEPTANCE.



1-3 PM- THE BAD SEED

JOIN US AS WE LEARN

THAT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR SELF IMPROVEMENT IF
WE SET OUR MINDS TO IT!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

9-11 AM - THE COUCH POTATO

COME EXPLORE WHY TOO MUCH TV/ SCREEN TIME
ISN'T THE BEST IDEA ... BALANCE IS ALWAYS A GOOD THING!



1-3 PM- THE COOL BEAN

GET SET TO LEARN THAT
BEING COOL HAS EVERYTHING
TO DO WITH KINDNESS AND
HELPING OTHERS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

9-11 AM - SMART COOKIE

COME JOIN US AS WE LEARN
THE POWER OF SELF CONFIDENCE



1-3 PM- THE SOUR GRAPE

SHOULD WE STOP HOLDING GRUDGES?
& LEARN TO FORGIVE... LETS FIND OUT.

WHERE:

BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

COME JOIN US DURING SPRING BREAK TO
MEET THE GOOD EGG AND HIS GANG! EACH SESSION WILL INCLUDE
A STORY, CRAFT, MINDFUL MOMENT AND FUN, MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE GYM!
ONLY 12 SPOTS EACH SESSION - REGISTER EARLY

THERE IS NO COVERAGE OVER LUNCH HOUR, HOWEVER CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND BOTH AM & PM PROGRAMS.

CALL OR TEXT: MARNIE- 780-719-3526 / JEN- 587-926-6278
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

OR
REGISTER HERE!



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[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DM6RSTK6XFTWLI5HAT](https://forms.gle/dm6rstk6xftwli5hat)

What's new with School Council and PSS

School Council Executive Members

Chair - Jared Thompson
Vice Chair - Carmen Siemens
Secretary - Katelyn Fleury
Officers - Christy Condin and Jessica
Kampjes

Program Support Society Executive Members

Chair - Carly Rigler
Vice Chair - Jared Thompson
Secretary - Brittany Zilinski
Treasurer - Kirsten Sorrell
Fundraising - Carmen Siemens and
Jessica Kampjes
Directors: Suzanne Bielert, Stephanie
Dawson and Christy Condin

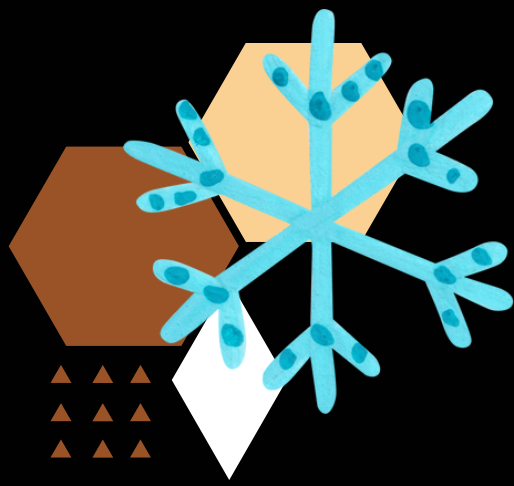


Thank you to our PSS for the contribution of \$600 for every grade to take a field trip!

Be sure to get your CASH CALENDARS before March 22!
Last fundraiser of the year!

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month starting at
6:30pm.

All our Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found [here](#).



Never Ending... Winter Reminder

Please ensure your children have proper winter gear to play outside during the day.

As per Admin Policy and Procedure 255: "The lowest temperature at which students will be required to go outside shall be -25 Degrees Celsius including wind chill and as determined by the Weather Network".



IN OUR COMMUNITY

BON ACCORD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY LEAGUE



Soccer and Baseball
Registration [here](#)

KIDS' *march* PD DAY CAMP

Ages 6-12 at the Arena Mezzanine

- Mon, March 11 from 9 - 3:30 p.m.
 - AM - Friends with Wings Day!
 - Beaverhills Birds Observatory ft. a special animal guest
 - Golden Gems Seniors drop by
 - Bird nests, bird puppets, bird feeders
 - A walk and birdwatching
 - PM - Movie, popcorn, games

\$15
per child

Questions? Contact Christina Fedorak, Community Services Coordinator, at 780-921-3550 or cscordinator@bonaccord.ca

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS

Ages 6-12 at the Town office/Library

- Fri, Mar 22 - \$10
 - Learn About Bon Accord Day
- Mon, Mar 25 - \$10
 - Grow Your Own Food Day
- Tues, Mar 26 - \$10
 - LEGO Day
- Wed, Mar 27 - \$10
 - STEM Activity Day
- Thurs, Mar 28 - \$10 (Town fee) + \$5 (Library fee)
 - Bug Appreciation Day

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION ONLINE!

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ALL AGES FIELD TRIP!

ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM

Senior 65+: \$30
Adult 18 - 64: \$35
Youth 7 - 17: \$25
6 and under: \$15

Sun, March 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Round Trip Bus Transportation and Entry Fee Included!

Register online at bonaccord.ca!

Questions? Contact Christina Fedorak, Community Services Coordinator, at 780-921-3550 or cscordinator@bonaccord.ca

Easter Egg Hunt

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

FREE! AGES 1 - 12 YEARS
BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG/BASKET & CAMERA FOR PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

LIMITED TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE:

- 1:00PM-1:30PM
- 1:45PM-2:15PM
- 2:30PM-3:00PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 22
REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL 780-921-3550

MARCH

BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Savings SPRING AHEAD	11 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	12	13 HOT LUNCH PIZZA HUT	14 PIE day	15 Green/St. Patrick's Day	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 PT Interiveivs 430-730pm	20 PT Interiveivs 430-730	21 World Down Syndrome Day Crazy Sock Day HOT LUNCH	22 Day In Lieu NO SCHOOL	23 Spring Break Begins
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	30
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SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES

APRIL

BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	2 Classes Resume World Autism Day Wear Blue**	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Teal Up Day Wear Teal!**	13
14	15 Military Child Appreciation Day	16	17	18 WOW Art Show	19	20
National Volunteer Week						
21	22 Earth Day Sturgeon Night Of Music	23 World Book Day Bring your Favourite Book Day Bus Driver Appreciation Day	24	25	26	27
28	29 PD Day NO SCHOOL	30				

BACS SCHOOL CLOTHING IS HERE!

<http://bonaccordcommunityschool.entripyshops.com/>



Shop by item, style, brand, or category!

We have partnered with Entripy.com, Canada's leader in custom apparel, and set up an online spirit wear shop to help students show their school spirit!

Our school's online shop features dozens of items—from t-shirts, to hooded sweatshirts, jackets, toques and even bags from name brands. Shopping is easy and convenient. You can order as few as one item, choose from a selection of pre-approved school logos, and even personalize with your child's name.

Entripy provides a 10% REBATE on Bon Accord Community School shop sales back to our school.

You can order at any time and the clothing is shipped directly to your door!

Stay Informed!

There's always something happening in Sturgeon Public School Division!

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR DIVISION NEWSLETTER
<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/>

SPS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Excellence in Teaching

Shared Responsibility

Mutual Respect

Belonging

Learning Choices

Communication

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community



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TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public School Community
February 2024



Welcoming Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Environments

The Board believes in the importance of, and is committed to, establishing, and maintaining a welcoming, inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. The Board is committed to providing environments that support the positive mental health of students and staff. The Board believes it is the collective responsibility of all those involved with the Division to create and maintain positive cultures in our schools and workplaces. ([Policy 110](#))

Pink Shirt Day

On February 28th, our Central Office staff and Board of Trustees wore their pink shirts to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to creating safe and inclusive school environments for all students. As a Division, we stand against bullying and choose to spread kindness, empathy and understanding. Together, we can create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.



Registration is Open for 2024-2025

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for both new and current Sturgeon Public Schools students!

Click [here](#) to visit our website and start the registration process.

Edwin Parr Award Nominee

We are thrilled to announce that Chris Jansen has been chosen as the Sturgeon Public School Division's nominee for the prestigious 2023-2024 Edwin Parr Award. This honour is extended by the Board of Trustees to recognize Chris's exceptional dedication and passion for education in his first year of teaching. Chris's commitment to engaging students and fostering a connection to their learning has distinguished him as an outstanding educator within our community.

His nomination has been forwarded to the Alberta School Board's Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 for further consideration at the provincial level. The Edwin Parr Award, established in memory of Edwin Parr's significant contributions to education, celebrates the excellence of first-year teachers across Alberta.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Chris Jansen on this remarkable achievement and wish him the best of luck in the next stage of the selection process. Your dedication to the educational development of our students truly embodies the spirit of the Edwin Parr Award.

