

BACS BULLETIN

April 2024

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Important Dates:

April is Month of the Military
Child

- Apr 1 - Easter Monday
NO SCHOOL
- Apr 2 - World Autism Awareness
Day - **WEAR BLUE**
- Apr 7- World Health Day
- Apr 14 - Teal Up Day
WEAR TEAL
- April 15 - Spring Photos for
KM, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 4
- Apr 16 - Spring Photos for
PreK AM, PreK PM and Gr 3
- Apr 18 - Creative Art Festival
SCHS 3:30-6:00pm
- Apr 22- Earth Day
Sturgeon Night of Music at
The Winspear Center
- Apr 23 - World Book Day
Bring your favourite book!
School Council and PSS Meetings
6:30pm
- Apr 29 - PD Day
NO SCHOOL



From the Principal



Dear Bon Accord Community School Families,

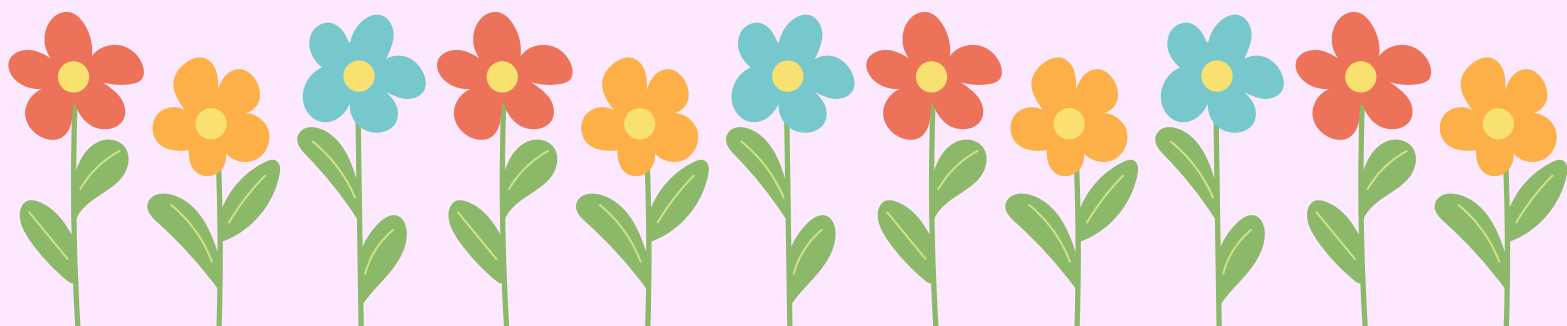
As we welcome the blossoming season of spring, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for your input and feedback at our parent engagement night. Your opinions and contributions help to shape our school priorities for the rest of the year and years to come.

First and foremost, our top priority remains the well-being and academic success of our students. We are committed to providing a supportive and nurturing learning environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential. To achieve this, we will continue to invest in programs and initiatives that promote student engagement, personalized learning, and holistic development.

Secondly, we are working toward making our outdoor spaces more conducive to learning and safer for our students. We are moving forward with the development of an outdoor classroom as well as our PSS has been applying for grants to update our playground. Right now, as the snow melts, we are in need of playground sand and pea gravel to build up our playground surfaces. If you have any connections to people or businesses who would be willing to partner with us in some way on any of these projects, please pass along their information and Mr. Chabot and I will happily connect with them.

I wish you all a happy spring, with hopefully, no more snow.

Ms. Brenneis



Landon will be competing in the 2024 ATV/UTV Triple Crown Race Series in Alberta and will travel to the Northern US to enter the QuadCross series!
Good luck Landon!



"Being his big brother means his fight is my fight, and my race, is his race!" - Landon



Last summer, Landon started his first season in the 2023 ATV/UTV Triple Crown Race Series; placing 2nd overall in the UTV mini class and 3rd overall in the ATV mini beginner class! This October, he took home the trophy for the 1st Alberta Annual Show & Shine event!

"My biggest priority is to represent my little brother who was diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder in 2022. He comes along to every single race to support me, although it is extremely hard on him to be on the road. I want to attend events that help raise awareness in the disability community and be the best role model that I can for him. He cheers me on in the backyard at home, covered in mud, and will always be my #1 fan so I want to dedicate this season to him!"





Ardie competed in his first Arenacross competition this March!

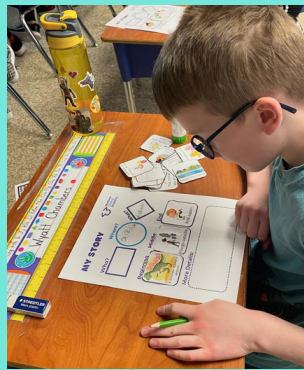
He placed second in his last race and third overall for the series!

He loved it so much he got a new bike and will be racing motocross all summer!

Way to go Ardie!



March Highlights





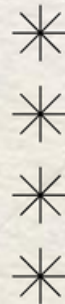
Creative

ART

Festival



April 18th
@SCHS, South
Gym
>>>> 3:30-6pm



\$0

PROMOTE VISUAL ARTS
INTERACT WITH FAMILIES
BUILD A COMMUNITY
COME BE APART OF IT ALL!



ADMISSION FREE



"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!

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Public Schools**



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 are due to the school by May 30, 2024.

Program Delivery and Activities

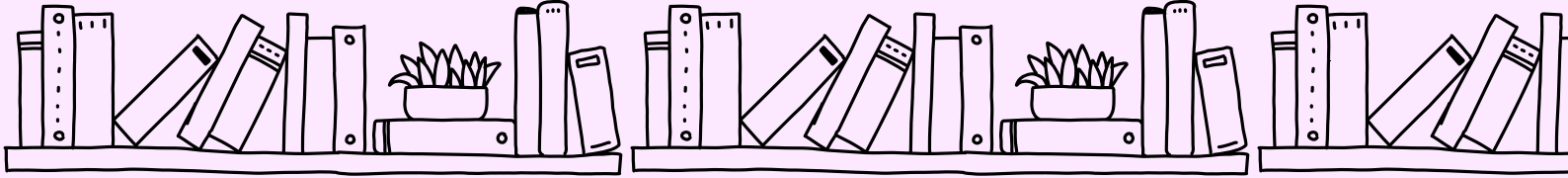
Organized activities within a structured play-based environment.

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.





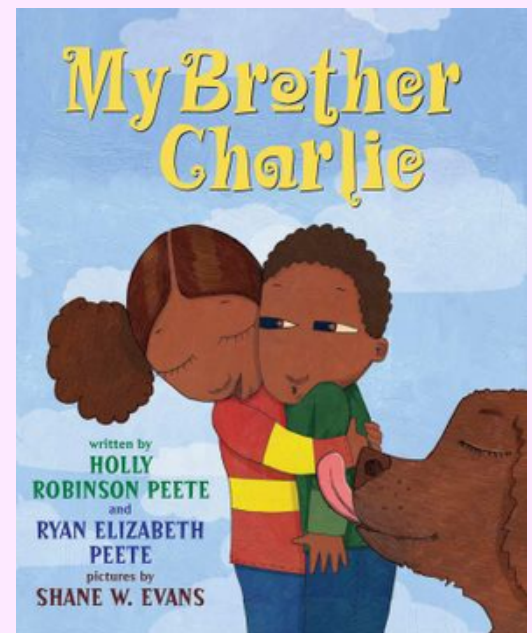
In Our Library

We aren't SHELF - ish...

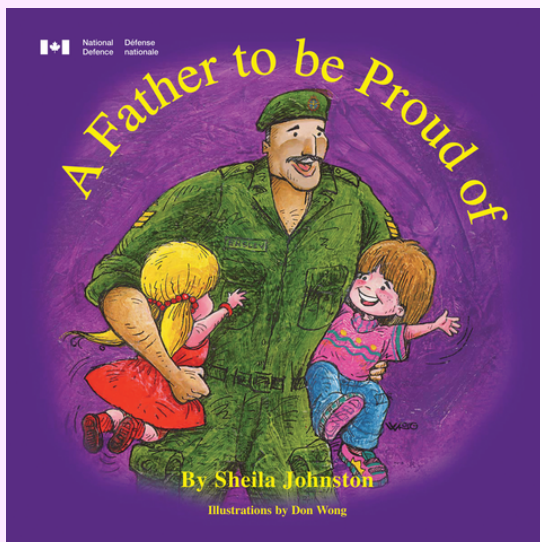
Come check out our books!

April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day!

A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother who has autism and sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words, but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy.

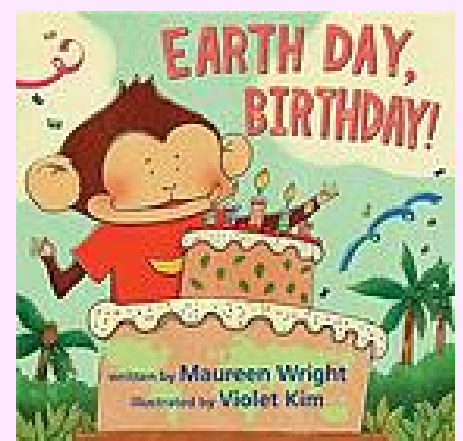


April is Month of the Military Child!



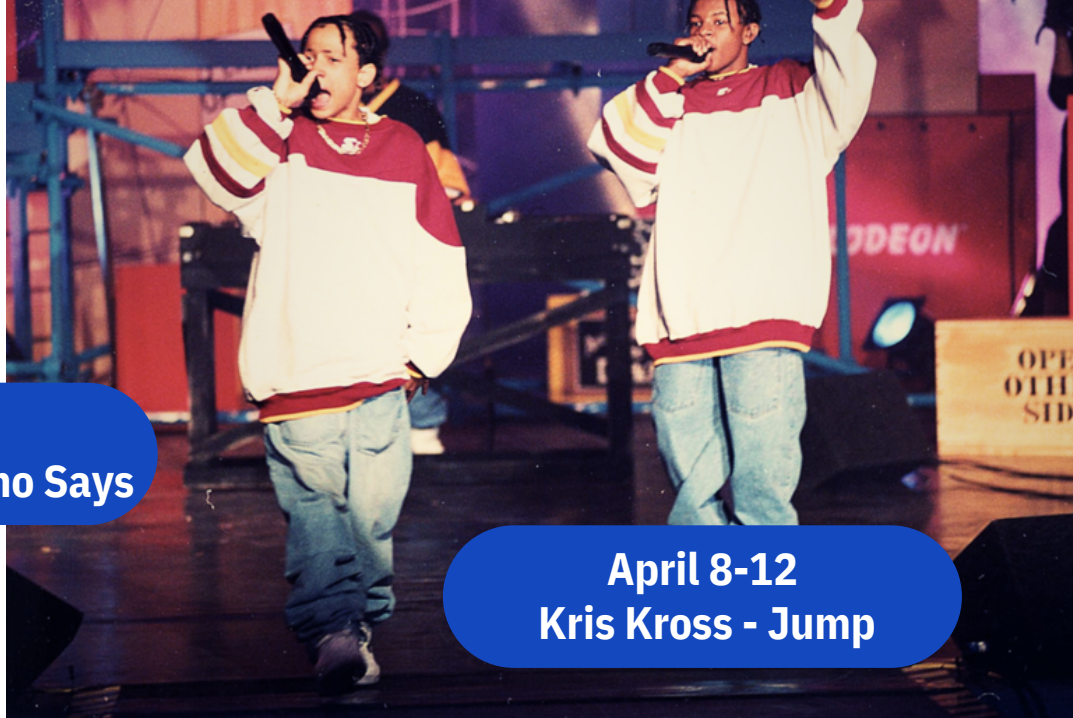
Jason and Shelia are two Canadian children whose dad is in the army. When they hear that he is being sent overseas, they're both terrified for him, but he shows them that being in the Canadian military can be fun.

When Monkey proclaims that it is his birthday, all the other jungle animals protest, claiming instead that it is Earth Day and telling Monkey what he should do to honor this special day.





April 1-5
Selena Gomez - Who Says



April 8-12
Kris Kross - Jump



April 15-19
Elvis - Can't Help Falling in Love

**April
Artist
of the
Week**



April 22-26
Evanescence - Bring Me to Life



April 29 - May 3
John Denver - Take Me Home Country Road

Ayîkipîsim- Frog Moon

pronounced- eye-ee-ghee-pee-sim



Together we greet this new moon and welcome the return of miyoskamin(Spring). We have lots to celebrate because Spring is a wonderful time of new beginnings. We find lots of new buds on the trees, and many different baby animals are being born. The weather is getting warmer and we see the water begins to thaw and lakes and rivers flow freely again. After the water is open frogs begin to wake up and sing their mating songs. Did you know that when frogs hibernate during winter their bodies create a natural anti-freeze that keeps them alive despite having frozen bodies? Keeping this amazing fact in mind we acknowledge that frogs offer us the teaching of adaptability. Frogs can survive in the water, on the land, and throughout the winter's freezing temperatures. How can we be adaptable in our own lives? This month's challenge is to go outside and make a list of all the new things you see growing around you. Study them throughout the month and notice the ways they grow as the month goes on.

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



Program Support Society (PSS)
 CASH CALENDAR 2024

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 \$75	2 \$25	3 \$75	4 \$100	5 \$150	6 \$25
7 \$100	8 \$200	9 \$25	10 \$75	11 \$100	12 \$150	13 \$25
14 \$100	15 \$25	16 \$50	17 \$200	18 \$25	19 \$100	20 \$50
21 \$100	22 \$75	23 \$25	24 \$75	25 \$100	26 \$150	27 \$25
28 \$100	29 \$25	30 \$150				

Thank you to everyone who purchased a BACS Cash
 Calendar!

Make sure to follow our Bon Accord Community School
 Facebook Page to see if you are a winner!

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

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

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 Spring Photos KM, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 4	15 Spring Photos PreK AM and PM, Gr 3	16	17	18 Creative Art Festival 3:30-6:00pm SCHS Gym	19	20
21	22 Earth Day Sturgeon Night Of Music	23 World Book Day Bring your Favourite Book Day School Council and PSS Meetings - 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 PD Day NO SCHOOL	30				

National Volunteer Week

MAY

BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Hats ON! for mental health	2	3 Town Wide Clean Up	4
5 Red Dress Day	6 Pre-K IPP Planning NO Pre-k CLASSES	7 Volunteer Tea	8	9	10 Footloose Musical at Camilla for Grade 4's	11 Moose Hide Campaign Day
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 International Day of Families Family Numeracy	16	17 PD Day NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Pre-K Case Conferences NO Pre-k CLASSES	

IN OUR COMMUNITY

**BON ACCORD & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY LEAGUE**



Soccer and Baseball
Registration [here](#)

ALL AGES!



Find Your Village

Sun, April 28 from 4 -7 p.m.

Bon Accord Arena

Dinner Served at 4:30 p.m

Door prizes!

Lasagna!

Connection!

Activities!

conversation!

Free! Registration required by April 23

[Link to register here](#)

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



[Read the Trustee Talks Here](#)



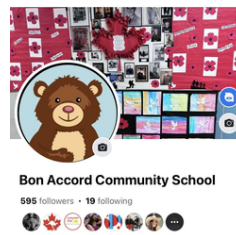
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STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK

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

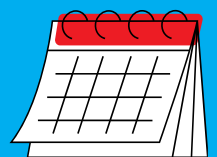


Capital Plan: 2024-2027

We are excited to announce the Division's Three Year Capital Plan, which is now ready for review and submission to Alberta Education. This strategic plan, shaped in collaboration with community members and stakeholders, outlines the funding and development of future projects, including new schools, additions, modernizations, replacements, and other solutions. It addresses key needs such as building conditions, community renewal, efficiency, enrolment pressures, functionality, programming, and health & safety. In line with Board Policy 225, our Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved this plan. To view the [Capital Plan](#), [click here](#).

Calendar: 2025-2026

At the March 20th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. To view the calendar, [click here](#).



Updates to Policy 110: Welcoming and Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Environments

At the March 20th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved *Board Policy 110: Welcoming and Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Environments*. This policy, part of our ongoing review process, has been updated to more broadly encompass all members of our school community, including volunteers, in line with our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights.

Significant updates include the enhancement of Policy 110 to foster environments free from harassment, bullying, discrimination and violence. Additionally, Administrative Procedure AP711 has been revised to align with these policy updates, ensuring a safe and respectful atmosphere for everyone in the Sturgeon Public School Division. Furthermore, a new Administrative Procedure, AP717, focusing on Workplace Violence and Harassment, has been established to reinforce our dedication to maintaining a secure and welcoming environment. To view the updated policy, [click here](#).

A Message from the Board of Trustees

As Easter approaches and we transition into the rejuvenating season of spring, the Board of Trustees extends warmest wishes to our Sturgeon Public community for a joyful Easter and a restful spring break.

This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect, recharge and enjoy the blossoming of new life and possibilities around us. We hope that the break provides you with ample time to relax, engage in activities you love and spend precious moments with family and friends.

May your Easter be filled with happiness and your spring break be a period of enjoyment and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed and ready to continue our journey of learning and growth!

