

BACS BULLETIN

May 2024

Important Dates:

- May 1 - Hot Lunch (EDO JAPAN)
- May 3 - Town Wide Clean UP 2pm
- May 5 - Red Dress Day
- May 6 - PreK IPP planning
No Classes
Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 7 - Volunteer Tea 1:30pm
- May 8 - Hats On! For Mental Health
- May 9 - PreK IPP planning
No Classes
Hot Lunch - (DQ)
- May 11 - Moose Hide Campaign Day
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 15 - International Day of Families and Family Numeracy afternoon at 2pm
- May 17 - PD DAY
NO SCHOOL
- May 20 - Victoria Day
NO SCHOOL
- May 22 - Grade 4 Track and Field
- May 23 - Grade 3 & 4 STEAM Games
Hot Lunch (PIZZA HUT)
- May 24 - Grade 2 Field Trip to Telus World of Science
- May 28 - School Council and PSS AGM
- May 29 - Hot Lunch (HOT DOG)
- May 30 - LS Grade 5 teacher visit
- May 31 - PreK Case Conferences
NO Classes



HWY 28 RR 240
Box 300 Bon Accord, AB
TOA 0K0
www.bonaccordschool.ca
T: (780) 921-3559

**Week at a
Glance**



From the Principal



Dear Bon Accord Community School Families,

As we step into the merry month of May, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and important reminders from our BACS community.

Upcoming Events:

1. Family Numeracy Afternoon: Come join us on May 15th at 2Pm for an assembly and then to play some math games with students. We will have games set up around our school for you to play!
2. Field Trips: We have some fantastic field trips planned for our students this month and into June. Please ensure that permission slips are signed and returned promptly to guarantee your child's participation.

Important Reminders:

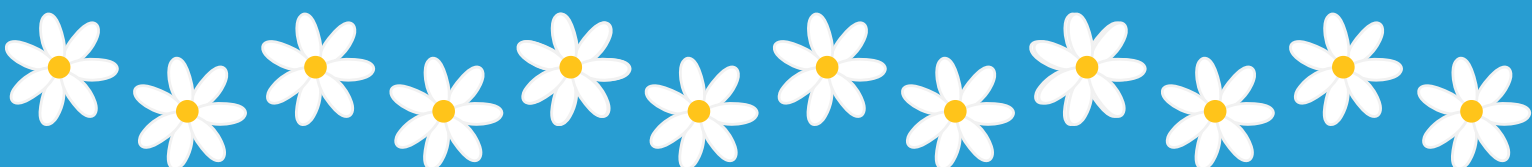
1. Spring Weather: With the unpredictability of our Alberta weather, it may be beneficial to send an extra pair of clothes for your child. The unexpected snow was fun to play in, but caused some wet pants and socks!
2. Testing Season: As we approach the end of the school year, our students will be participating in various assessments to measure their academic growth. Encourage your child to do their best and remind them that their hard work pays off!

Community Spotlight: I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible efforts of our parent community. Our volunteers, School Council and PSS work tirelessly to support our school and our students. I am beyond grateful for how active this parent community is. We could not bring the educational experiences that we do to our students without you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school office.

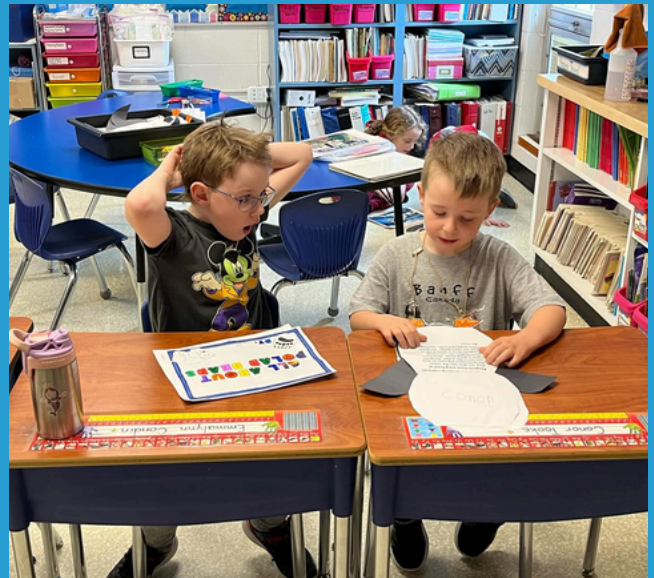
Wishing you a wonderful month filled with joy, laughter, and learning.

Ms. Brenneis





April Highlights





"Kid, you'll move mountains"

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

**BACS FULL DAY, EVERY DAY
Supplemental Kindergarten
Program**

Everyone a Teacher
Everyone a Learner

**More Information and
Register Here Today!**



**Sturgeon
Public Schools**

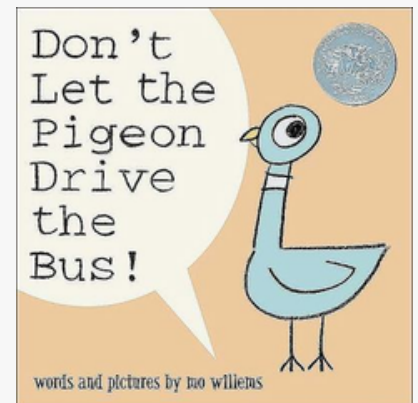


In Our Library

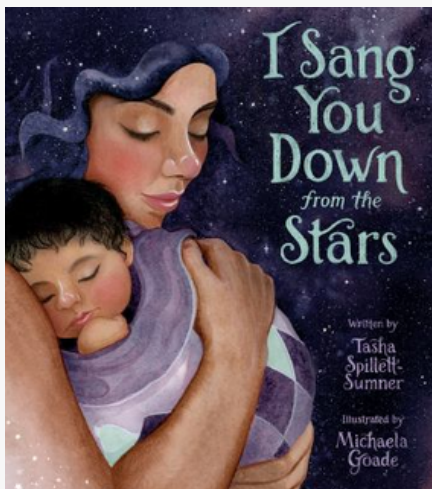
We aren't SHELF - ish... Come check out our books!

Bus Driver Appreciation is May 6!

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place.



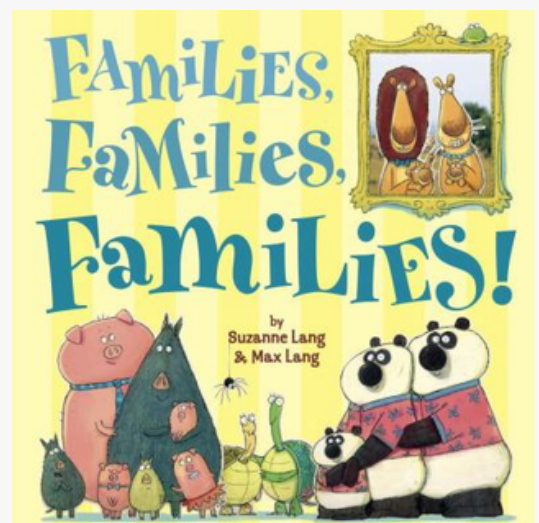
Mother's Day is May 12



The story takes inspiration from Spillett's cultural heritage and the Inniniwak belief (also believed among other Indigenous peoples) that babies choose their parents before they are born. Following a child on its journey from sky to earth, this simple, welcoming story offers parent and child a moving reminder of just how loved, valued and important a baby is, both within an individual family and in the wider community, through the creation of a traditional medicine bundle, gifted to a baby upon their birth. It is a story of love, giving, and belonging.

International Day of Families is
May 15

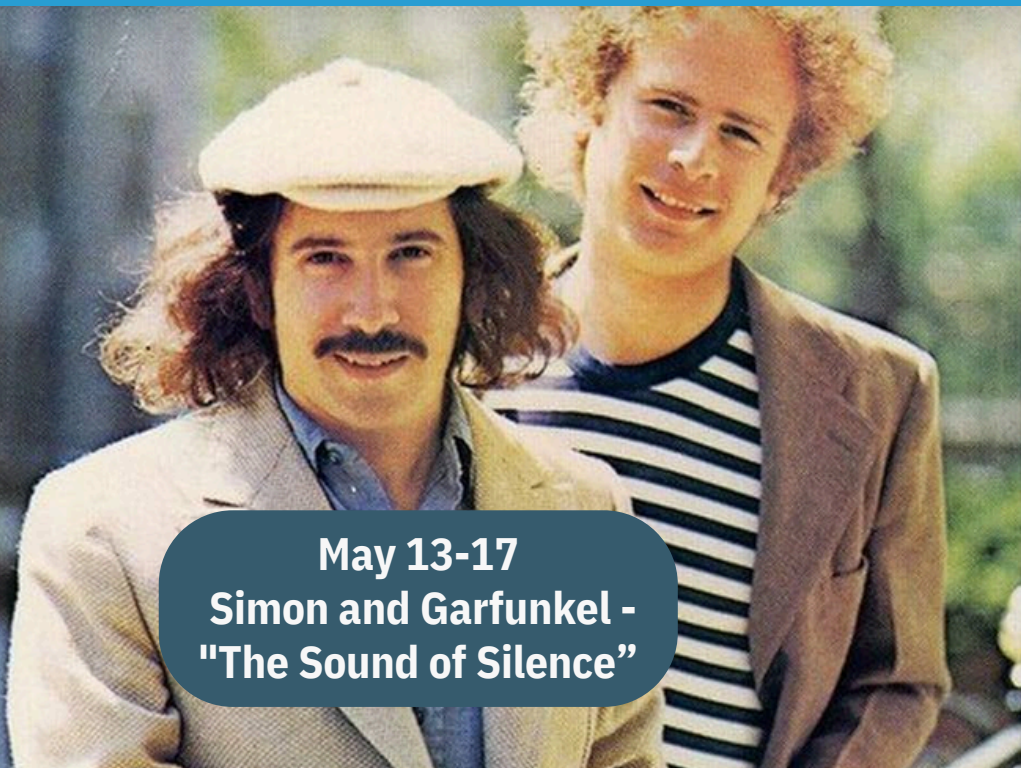
A host of animals portrays all kinds of non-traditional families.





THE CURE

May 6-10
The Cure - "Friday I'm in Love"

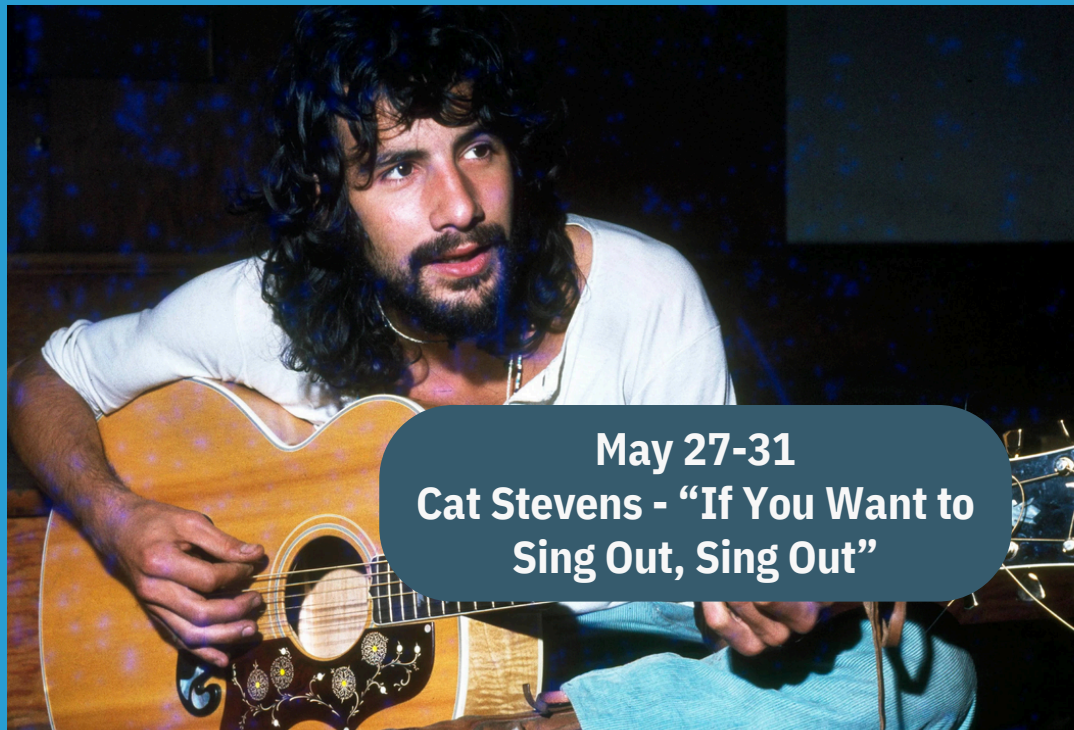


May 13-17
Simon and Garfunkel -
"The Sound of Silence"

May Artist of the Week



May 21-24
The Cult - "She Sells
Sanctuary"



May 27-31
Cat Stevens - "If You Want to
Sing Out, Sing Out"

sâkîpakâwîpîsim

Leaf Budding Moon

Pronounced- Sah-ghee-pug-ah-wee-pee-sim



The leaf-budding moon is one of my favorites! The earth continues to wake up and become lush and green. We notice the buds on the trees appear and then transform into bright leaves that adorn the trees with color. The berries and flowers are starting to form, and we hear the playful chirps of birds playing outside. Bees are also very busy at work during this moon. Bees are extremely important because they pollinate plants and food crops! Bees teach us that all living things big and small play an important role in taking care of the Earth.

Fun Facts About Bees

- 1) One honey bee makes less than 1 tsp of honey in its lifetime.
- 2) Bees are very efficient creatures. They use the hexagon shape in the hive to optimize storage and have no wasted space.
- 3) Bees have 5 eyes! There are 2 large eyes, and three smaller ones on the top of the head.



The challenge this month is to research how we can protect the bees!



Miyo Okâwîmâw-kîsikanisik

Happy Mother's Day!

Created By: Indigenous School Counsellor Katie Holubowich

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

The 2024 School Council
and PSS AGMs
will be held on
Tuesday, May 28th
at 6:30pm.
All are welcome!

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

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Gibbons School

We're All About Kids

To whom it may concern,

On May 21st, 2024 we are excited to welcome Les Redick to our school for a presentation about "ADHD Across a Lifespan." The presentation will run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Parents are led through a discussion of how ADHD presents itself from early elementary school through to adulthood. Parents are shown what ADHD looks like at home and how it may look different at school. Parents are given strategies on how to manage ADHD at home and how to support teachers in the classroom. As a parent of a severe ADHD child, I will speak to topics like: Time Blindness, Poor Social Skills, Emotional Outbursts, Homework Issues, Poor Problem Solving/Time Management, Drug Use and Medications.

Les Redick, Personal Bio:

For over 30 years I have taught ADHD and LD students from grades 4 through 12. In addition to my professional experience, I have personal experience as my son, daughter and I have ADHD. This combination of professional and personal experience has given me an excellent perspective on ADHD, executive functioning issues and motivation. I have been speaking professionally on the topic of ADHD for 18 years. I recently finished my M.Ed. in Educational Research with a focus on ADHD through the University of Calgary and I currently work at North Point School teaching High School Bio/Chem and Outdoor Ed.

All are welcome to attend and childcare will be provided for children ages three and up. Please rsvp by May 16, 2024 using this [form: RSVP&Childcaresignup](#)

Gibbons School

Principal: Deborah Clark | Vice Principal: Jeff Aarts

Box 840, Gibbons, AB T0A 1N0 Phone: (780) 923-2240 www.gibbonsschool.ca



Stuff-A-Bus

Town Office Parking Lot

Serving the communities of Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal and Sturgeon County

ACCEPTED DONATIONS INCLUDE:

- Cash donations
- Non-perishables
- Non-expired
- Soup
- Cereal
- Kraft Dinner
- Peanut butter
- Instant potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned meats
- Deodorant
- Fruit & pudding cups
- Crackers
- Granola bars...and more!



HOW TO DONATE: Fill your Fortis bags and drop off at the Town office. **(No pick up this year.)**

Drop your donation off on your way to work and grab a free coffee! We will have **coffee, lemonade, and cookies available all day.**

The bus will be onsite all day, as we try to stuff it full of donations by 5:30pm. **Cash donations also accepted.**

For **every grocery bag donated**, your name will be entered for a **chance to win one of many prizes!**

Donations can also be dropped off at the Town office anytime during the **week of May 6**

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

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

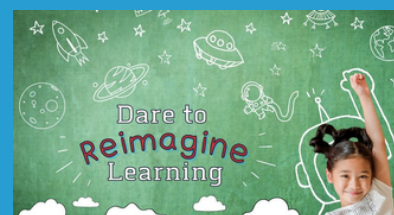
STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUSTEE TALK
Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community



[Read the Trustee Talks Here](#)



[Follow SPS on Instagram](#)



[Follow SPS on Facebook](#)



[Follow BACS on Instagram](#)



[Follow BACS on Facebook](#)

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK

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



Budget Assumptions: 2024-2025

Each year, in line with the Education Act and the Division's Education Plan, the Board of Trustees set budget assumptions to ensure the effective stewardship of resources. By May 31, the Board prepares and submits a budget for the fiscal year starting September 1.

The budget approval process includes setting priorities and adhering to the approved budget assumptions. The Board reviews and approves the budget annually. To view the approved budget assumptions for the 2024-2025 school year, click [here](#).

MPS Name Change

At the April 24th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the renaming of École Morinville Public School to Morinville Public School.



Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees would like to announce that a Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for May 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. regarding the 2024-2025 Budget.

2024 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Gathering

In partnership with Alberta Education, the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), hosted the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Gathering April 24-26, 2024, at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. The theme was "Kinship Relations for Student Success".

We are excited to announce that Elder Adam North-Peigan was selected to attend as a guest of CASS. Elder Adam and several Sturgeon Public leaders joined a diverse range of school authorities to engage in cultural dialogues and explore strategies to enhance kinship and Indigenous ways of knowing, supporting the holistic growth and success of students.



Month of the Military Child

This month, our Division celebrated the Month of the Military Child. To honor and recognize the resilience and strength of military children across our schools, we gathered at Guthrie School to celebrate "Teal Up" Day. The event included a pancake breakfast and featured exciting displays such as military vehicles, a weapons display and a helicopter landing. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff, students and military personnel whose efforts made this day possible. For more insight into the significance of Teal Up Day, we invite you to watch a special [video](#) featuring our Guthrie School students.



MAY

BON ACCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	29 PD Day NO SCHOOL	30 Grade 2 Roots of Empathy Family Visits	1 Hot Lunch EDO JAPAN	2	3 Town Wide Clean Up 2:00pm	4
5 Red Dress Day	6 Pre-K IPP Planning NO Pre-k CLASSES Bus Driver Appreciation Day	7 Volunteer Tea 1:30-2:30pm	8 Hats ON! for mental health Mental Health Week	9 No PreK Classes Hot Lunch Dairy Queen	10 Footloose Musical at MCCC for Grade 4's	11 Moose Hide Campaign Day
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 International Day of Families Family Numeracy 2pm	16	17 PD Day NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	21	22 Grade 4 Track and Field	23 Hot Lunch Pizza Hut Grade 3 & 4 STEAM Games	24 Grade 2 Field Trip to TWOS	25
26	27	28 School Council and PSS Annual General Meetings 6:30pm	29 Hot Lunch Hot Dogs	30	31 Pre-K Case Conferences NO Pre-k CLASSES	

Week at a Glance