

# Bon Accord Community School Newsletter

April 2011

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## Principal's News

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~ Doug Larson

When I read this quote I smiled because this is very true. After our cold weather, a shoe full of slush would be welcome! At least we know that the thaw is underway. As we look toward spring, we look toward Spring Break, Easter, Volunteer Appreciation and town wide clean up. A busy and productive time of the year! I would like to thank parents and guardians who were able to attend parent teacher conferences. It is always a pleasure to discuss learning achievements, and develop plans for learning challenges. If you were unable to attend, please contact our teachers

to arrange an alternate time. They would love to hear from you. Maintaining communication with your child's teacher benefits everyone involved. Our goal at BACS is to work with parents to maintain a safe and caring learning environment. Your input is valued. Remember to log on to Power School and check your child's progress. We know that our students work very hard and I am proud of them!

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- ◆ April 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday
- ◆ April 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- ◆ Swimming Lessons

## Vice Principal's News

Awesome! The BACS community was thrilled to be able to host the Alberta Opera's presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk on Tuesday, March 22. The company does a great job and includes students from our school in the production and presentation. The performance was awesome and we would like to thank PSS for sponsoring the event. Thank you as well to parents who were able to make it into Parent/Teacher

interviews and support our book fair. Every dollar spent helps our library to purchase resources. It was also good to see many parents that we only get to see on occasion. Thanks again for your involvement in the work we do here. So, we're now into the final stretch. Another year is slipping by. There has been so much learning on the part of the students and the staff. Let's look forward to finishing off with as much energy and enthusiasm as we've put into the last 7 months!

## PowerSchool



As a PowerSchool parent, you can check to see your child's attendance, possibly find out what tonight's homework is, and view your child's final grades as they exist in the teacher's gradebook at this very moment. You can also track the progress of your child's

performance on division standards, check our daily bulletin and review the comments from teachers, and much more. Log into PowerSchool today!

## Swimming Grades 1-4

The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live. ~Mortimer Adler

In April and May for the physical education component for grade 1-4 students will be going swimming to Fountain Park Pool. Children are required to have a bathing suit and towel in a separate bag. Teachers will be sending out schedules on what time the students will be swimming at the pool. The bussing for swimming lessons is paid for by BACS PSS.

Please do not bring any valuables to the pool as we are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.



What do you get if you cross a bee and a bunny?

A honey bunny ☺

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### Kindergarten

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."  
— Dr. Seuss

The Kindergarten classes participated in a Read-A-Thon for 2 weeks. They read 261 books and a total of 91.5 hours of reading and raised \$903.00. Congratulations to all our kindergarten students.

### Library News

Thank you to all the families that helped with hot lunch this year. Our staff and students appreciate you and will miss the warm and healthy lunches.

We had another very successful book fair and we would like to thank everyone who supported us through purchasing items for their classrooms, for their children or for their personal use. A special thank you to the students who were so very excited to attend this event. They look forward to seeing new books and specialty items.

We are looking forward to displaying our new purchases for our students to enjoy. If your child has not returned their library book before Spring Break, please ensure that it is kept in a safe place until they can return it after our break. Have a wonderful spring break, stay safe, and come back ready to learn and share your wonderful spring time experiences.

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Snacks to Grab and Go:

Baby Carrots and whole wheat pita triangles with hummus

Please check out this nutritional website  
[www.longlivekids.ca/play](http://www.longlivekids.ca/play)

Are you looking for **affordable child care for before and/or after school**? Check out the **Bon Accord Out of School Care** program. Children ages 5–12 are accepted into this program.

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Regular School Days:** 6:15am–8:30am; 3:00pm–6:00pm

**Early Out:** 6:15am–8:30am; 11:30am - 6:00pm

**Professional Development Days and Teacher's Convention:** 6:15am–6:00pm.

Our staff are all well trained and professional. They genuinely like children and are very good at what they do. This program has an open door policy, so that means that you can go and see for yourself how things are run. The staff would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

#### **Spring Community Clothing Swap**

April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 at Redwater School 5023-50ave. Beverages will be free but BYOB( Bring you own bag). Bring clean,gently used clothing to Redwater School now until April 15<sup>th</sup> to receive your shopping pass. Or bring a food bank donation on April 16<sup>th</sup> to shop-the-swap!

Contact Teena at 780-777-5051 or Niki at 780-942-3625 for more information.