



Bon Accord Community School

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Principal's Report February 2009

1. Calendar of Events:

- Feb 24 – Pizza Party for sub sales winners for PSS at noon
- LAC, School Council, PSS Meetings
- Feb. 25 – Board Meeting at 4:30 – BACS presenting on Roots of Empathy program for grade ones.
- March 3 – 3K win a Sundae Party for sub sales for PSS at noon
- March 4 – Case Conferences for Kindergarten in the morning and Headstart in the afternoon
- March 6 – Beach Day Assembly – wear summer wear for the beach
- March 13 – Report Cards come home
- March 17 – Special Ed Meeting (Mrs. McWilliam)
- March 17 – 24 – Book Fair in Room 111 (beside Library)
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – wear GREEN
- March 18 – Admin Council Meeting (Mrs. McWilliam)
- March 18 and 19 – Parent Teacher Conferences from 5 – 8 pm
- March 20 – no school for students (PD Day)
- March 23 – Principal's Meeting with the Superintendent
- March 27 – April 5 - no school because it's Spring Break
- April 6 – Classes resume
- April 28 – Kindergarten LAC, School Council, PSS Meetings

2. PD Days –

- Feb 25 – School Leadership Team Meetings (Mrs. McWilliam, Mr. Propp, Miss Gilpin, Mrs. DeChamplain, Mrs. Garvin)
- Feb. 26 – O/M on Safety Meeting (Mrs. McWilliam and Mrs. Chretien)
- Feb. 27 – PD Meeting for Edmonton Region (Mr. Propp)
- March 2 – Principal's Meeting on AISI
- March 4 – Vice Principal's Cohort meeting (Mr. Propp)
- March 6 – Grade 4 Math PD (Mr. Morin and Mrs. DeChamplain)
- March 13 – Professional Development Conference in Edmonton (Mr. Propp)
- March 20 – Support Staff PD Day at Lilian Schick School and Teacher PD at BACS
- April 8 - Grade 3 PD Meeting on PAT's
- April 14 – O/M Meeting at CO (Mrs. McWilliam and Mrs. Chretien)
- April 21 – Special Ed Meeting – (Mrs. McWilliam)

3. **Roots of Empathy** – Mr. Propp, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. McEachren and Mrs. McWilliam will be doing a Presentation to the Sturgeon School Division Board of Trustees at the Feb. 25 meeting at 4:30. For those who are new, Roots of Empathy is a program designed to teach children to be empathic and kind towards one another by learning about proper care development of a baby from their community. We have two babies who visit the grade one classes each month. The students have lessons structured around themes. Be sure to look at the ROE Bulletin Board outside the counselor's office in our north wing.
4. **Report Card Changes** – grade ones are piloting a new assessment scale and modified report card for March. Feedback will be collected to see if parents prefer this report card to the fall one. The staff spent time on their PD Day in January discussing Assessment and Reporting with Mark Lockwood and hope that these modifications will be easier for parents to understand. The grade 2 – 4 report card cannot be modified until the end of the school year because all data on the fall report card would be lost.
5. **Alberta Education Accountability Pillar** – grade four students and the teachers completed on-line surveys as part of the Government's mandate. The information collected will be reflected in Bon Accord's report card which will be issued in the fall. The Leadership Team uses the data collected to help determine our annual goals for BACS.
6. **PSS Submarine Sandwich Sales** – over 13,000 submarine sandwiches were made on Feb. 19 and 20. Special THANKYOU to the parents, grandparents and PSS who came to volunteer in this huge fundraising project. The grade fours from BACS and Leadership class from LS volunteered as well as many staff members. Many hands make light (fun) work. Congratulations Terry Cruesot and your PSS executive. We hope that next year even more parents will get involved so that their children can benefit from this event.
7. **Beach Day** – March 6 is Beach Day at BACS so dress your children in their beach wear (no bikinis please).
8. **St. Patrick's Day** – March 17 students, staff and volunteers are invited to wear GREEN.
9. **Reading Enhancement Program** – this term grade 3 two students receive one on one assistance with their reading during DEAR time. Each student has made grand progress. The teachers in this program include Mrs. Garvin, Mrs. DeChamplain and Mrs. McEachren. Next term grade threes will be get assistance.
10. **New Furniture** – several more desks and horseshoe tables have arrived for the classrooms. Our goal is that most of the classes will have new furniture in the next two years.
11. **New Technology at BACS** – we currently have one Promethean board (interactive white board connected to a computer). Another has just arrived and is awaiting installation. The grade 4D's love to use this system with Mr. Propp. Teachers are in the process of learning to use the equipment.
12. **Kindergarten General Meeting for 2009-10** – will be held on April 22 at 7 pm. Please invite any parents who want to enroll in BACS for next year to attend. We welcome their registrations beforehand. Birth certificates are essential.