

# Bon Accord Community School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

This morning we held our Monthly assembly and we celebrated our Lead-A-Thon. I was very glad that lots of parents were able to attend. We had a few special guests attending the event as well. Congratulations to everyone who participated. We raised just over \$3200!! Setting goals and working to achieve them is a good activity for students, teachers, and all adults in which to participate. Goal setting is an important way for us to learn to work for what we want, and also to realize that sometimes we need to rethink goals that we do set. Children and adults can learn from what we attain, as well as from what we are unable to attain. We are going to start including photographs of things going on in the school in our newsletter on occasion. We

hope you enjoy that addition! We are also excited that we will be printing (at least some of the time) our newsletters in colour. There are many great things happening at the school, and the newsletter is just one way of sharing them with you.

Just a reminder, if you are on FaceBook, don't forget to search for Bon Accord Community School and "Like" us!



## Vice Principal's News

Our school community is amazing! I have been so impressed with the dedication of our parents and students throughout our Lead-A-Thon. Our tree is incredible; it is filled with leaves representing goals achieved by our staff and students. Each little leaf represents how small actions build to create amazing results. Special thanks to our parent leaders... without your dedication and selfless giving this project could not have been such a success. Our playground leadership group has filmed and shared the 7 Habits of a Happy Recess, and they will be sharing the posters they synergized to create with classes this month. They have been an amazing group to work with: thanks to Marty, Hannah, Abee, Cole, Dominic,

Madison, Derric and Brooklyn!  
I am humbled and energized by the contributions to our school!



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb.8- Staff Meeting Early Dismissal
- ◆ Feb.9- Teachers Convention no classes
- ◆ Feb.10-Teachers Convention no classes
- ◆ Feb. 20-Family Day no classes

## Soccer Registration

Bon Accord Soccer Registration Nights

Thursday Feb 23, 2012 5:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday Mar 1, 2012 5:30pm-7:00pm

Bon Accord Community Hall

Please bring Alberta Health Care card and 3 cheques or cash for registration.

For more info regarding soccer, please contact Michelle at (780)921-2418

## School Council and Program Support Society

School Council and Program Support Society meet the fourth Tuesday of every month to discuss items that affect our students in our school.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

## Visitors to the School

Life has no  
limitations, except  
the ones you  
make.

### Bon Accord Out of School Care Program

Providing Quality Before and After School Care in Bon Accord Community School

The Bon Accord Out of School Care Program is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to providing quality child care for children age 5 to 12, that is affordable and is offered in a safe and nurturing environment.

The program operates Monday-Friday 6:15 am-Schools Start and After School-6:00pm. Full day PD day and early out Programs Available.

### Inclement weather

Busses will not run if the temperature is -40 or colder. Announcements will be made over the radio and on the Sturgeon Website. On these days Hot Lunch will not be operating due to the weather as well. If you bring your child to school arrangements must be made for pick up at the end of the day.



### Skating

In February grade 1-4 classes will be participating in skating for their daily physical activity. Grades will be walking together to the Bon Accord Arena. Homeroom teachers will be sending the scheduled time that each class will be going. Each student will need to have a CSA approved skating helmet and a pair of skates. These items will have to be transported to school in a separate sturdy bag

## BACS News

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates and provincial assessments of student learning. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. Please take the time to fill out these surveys and mail them back to Alberta Education in the pre-addressed, stamped envelopes provided to you. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Results of these surveys are used to determine how we are doing in a number of areas. If you are uncertain about an answer to a survey question, please leave the question blank rather than checking "Don't Know" as the "Don't Knows" count as a negative against the school. A preferred alternative would be contacting us as we are always happy to provide further clarification about BACS programs and initiatives.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Thank you for participating in the survey process. Each year the results are reviewed at the school and the District level to guide us in establishing goals and strategies for ongoing school improvement.



February is HEART MONTH. In support of Heart Month, CUPE Local 4625 is heading the 'BARE NECESSITIES CUPE DRIVE' in support of the Bon Accord / Gibbons Food Bank. Many food items are donated over the Christmas season and this is so appreciated. But what happens after Christmas? The support staff from Sturgeon School Division are collecting HOUSEHOLD ITEMS for their community food bank during the month of February. In speaking to someone from the Bon Accord Gibbons Food Bank we were told that household items are what are needed now. Things such as diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste and brushes, hair brushes, cleaning supplies, shampoo, lotions, feminine products, shaving products and dish/laundry soap are a few examples. They need items for men, women, teens and young children. We are, once again, asking the community to help us help others. The collection box is set up in the Gathering Area across from the school office. Please send the items with your child or feel free to drop them off yourself. BACS support staff want to thank you in advance for your care and compassion. Bon Accord families rock!

"Use what talents you possess; The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

## Library News

Mrs. Hodge continues to add new books to our collection as she inputs them into our system.

Just a friendly reminder not to attempt to fix any rips or tears in our library books; let Mrs. Hodge know of the needed repair and she will do them. As well, please have your child carry their library books back and forth in the green cloth bag provided by the library. They do help us keep the books clean and are easy storage for us at school and at home. If the bags do become soiled please feel free to wash them. If at any time you would like to visit our library please feel free to do so. It is very busy with the computer lab and book exchange.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a month during the school year: on the second Wednesday, beginning at 6pm, and on the fourth Wednesday, beginning at 4:30pm. These meetings are open to the public and are held in the boardroom at the Central Office in Morinville.

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1. Be Proactive- You're in charge
  2. Begin with the end in mind- Have a Plan
  3. Put First things First- Work First- Then Play
  4. Think Win Win- Everyone Wins
  5. Seek First to Understand-Listen Before you talk
  6. Synergize- Together is better
  7. Sharpen the Saw- Balance Feels Best
- For more information on the book and for activities to do at home, visit [www.theleaderinme.org](http://www.theleaderinme.org)

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