

# Bon Accord Community School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Staff Meeting
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- ◆ No Hot Lunch on Feb. 18
- ◆ Family Day
- ◆ Bake Sale

## Principal's News

This month saw record snowfalls in our area. Although the snow made travelling difficult and roads precarious, it had wonderful benefits. Our students came through the doors each morning exclaiming how beautiful it looked outside, and there were days when the scenery did resemble a postcard. They could not wait to get outside and play. During the cold inside days they told me of various building projects that would put into place as soon as the wind chill left us. When I looked at the weather through their eyes I saw a winter wonderland. Other benefits that I saw were the many stories of people stopping to assist one another when vehicles

were trapped in the snow. Neighbors shoveled driveways for those who were overwhelmed by the snow. Owning a snow blower made people very popular! February is Random Acts of Kindness Month however kindness is not dictated by a month but a need. As adults we are role models for our children because we are their heroes. When they see adults stop their busy day to assist someone in need they see compassion in action. It becomes real to them. Thank you for being role models for your children and helping them grow to be compassionate people.

## Vice Principal's News

The time for our annual Teachers' Convention quickly approaching. For the students, that means a short week. For the teachers, it is an opportunity to attend some interesting and inspiring sessions. I always look forward to this opportunity to spend time with other teachers who I may only see once a year, and to catch up on what's going on in their schools and

their lives. Teachers Convention is a time to attend a variety of sessions that provide information we can bring back and implement in our classes. I hope the two days are an opportunity you can use to strengthen family and enjoy spending time together. Happy February!

## PowerSchool



Grades and  
Attendance



Attendance  
History



Email  
Notification



Teacher  
Comments



School  
Bulletin



Account  
Preference



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!

## Skating Grades 1-4

In February for the physical education component for grade 1-4 students will be going skating to the arena. Children are required to have skates and a CSA helmet. Students also need to transport their skates in a separate easy to carry bag (not plastic) that will not tear. The homeroom teacher will be sending the schedule home with the student at the end of

January. If your child does not have skates or a helmet please let us know as soon as possible because we do have some extras at the school. Please be aware that bicycle helmets are not permitted.

*"What the mind can conceive and believe, and the heart desire, you can achieve."*

What is the difference between a tortoise and a turtle?  
Send your answers down to the office

If busses will not be running due to weather and road conditions it will be announced on the Sturgeon Webpage plus on radio stations CFCW, K-Rock, Mix 96, Power 92, CFBR (BEAR), CBC, and TV stations Global and City TV.

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We would like to wish Mr. Morin all the best on his retirement. "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to meet again"

We would like to welcome Mrs. Dechaine to our staff at BACS.

## Excerpt from: Accountability Pillar Jurisdictions Surveys, Alberta Education

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're 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. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all

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.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2011, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

## Library News

Mrs. Hodge continues to renew our library with new finds in literature. Some of our much loved old books are being recycled and are available for children to take home if they see one of interest. These books are just outside the library door - please take one if you so desire.

Research for classes will be an ongoing activity over the next few months. Please remind your child to continue to bring their library books back in their green bag on their allotted day.

It is always wonderful to see the young ones so excited to take out a book and the older children finding a special book of interest or old favorite to re-read.

Happy Reading!

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Snacks to Grab and  
Go:

Fresh Fruit or  
individually packed  
containers of Cut-up  
fruit

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.

#### **Coronado United Church Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

All you can eat pancakes, sausages, ham and dessert. Everyone is welcome.

For information call Karen Frey at 780-942-2099 or Sandra Shaw at 780-998-3108. Coronado United

Church is located 4 miles North of Gibbons on Highway 28 and 1/2 mile East on Twp 570.