



**Bon Accord**  
Community School



# **BEAR FACTS**

# **JANUARY 2009**

[www.bonaccordschool.ca](http://www.bonaccordschool.ca)

## **Principal Message:**

Happy New Year! BACS is excited about all our activities lined up for the New Year. Please do come to our Edmonton Opera presentation of Little Red Riding Hood on Jan. 16 at 1:30 where many of our students will participate in this drama production. Also our Sub Sales by PSS will begin with the PSS this month please mark on your calendars Feb.19&20. Many volunteers are needed to ensure great success for such a worthy project. BACS is a very friendly welcoming school and we hope that you will feel welcome when you come to volunteer in any way possible. Do sign in so we know that you are here (safety reasons). Also in the next few months we will practice school wide Lockdowns. This is another measure to ensure safety of all our students and staff. If you call the school or come to the school during our lockdown, please be aware that you may be delayed up to 15 minutes until we complete our practice. Also, if your child or another student at BACS is experiencing difficult times due to illness or bereavement, do let the office staff know so that we can distribute a BACS Bear. Such activities represent the varied educational experiences and our Safe and Caring School. Also to ensure safety of all students we ask all parents and guests to come to the office, not straight to the classroom, the office staff will call the homeroom teacher to welcome you. Please do be a part of the action and education.

Mrs. McWilliam

## From the VP's desk

I think I should resolve to live in a warmer place!

I don't know if anyone else has noticed, but it sure has been cold lately. Personally, I really don't like the cold. I prefer to be in a warm locale or at least a warm room. It's quite easy to spend time dreaming of getting away to warm places during the month of January. But if that's not going to happen, what better place to be than at the best school around? It's amazing how quickly students settle back into the routine. They might be a little more tired for a few days as they adjust to the old schedule, but they still show up ready and eager to learn. Routine is good for all of us, I guess. We tend to eat better, sleep better, and hopefully get more regular exercise when we are part of a routine.

I changed my mind, my real resolution will be to try to keep a good, healthy routine in my life. It sure can't hurt.

Darryl Propp  
Vice Principal

## School Notes:

- Safety is our number one priority of our students. For our students safety and your children's safety please refrain from walking in between the busses and the parked cars before and afterschool. We have noticed that this has been happening parents and students have been using the parking lot as a short cut since the fences have been removed. Please walk on the sidewalks designated for our students.
- **All school fees are now past due. If you have not made arrangements please do so as soon as possible all fees not paid by January 31, 2008 will be sent to collections.**
- Skating for grades 1-4 will start soon. Please ensure that your child has skates and a CSA approved helmet to wear. Children will not be allowed on the ice without a

CSA helmet and skates. Parent volunteers are always encouraged to come out and help tie skates so please come and join your child's class. Please let the teacher know if your child does not have skates and a helmet as soon as possible. Please be aware that bicycle helmets are not permitted.

- Please remember to update your information at school. Please notify the office if you have moved, have new phone number and child care information. It is important for the school to notify you in case if your child is ill or in the event of an emergency.
- Please be aware that our recycle bins are on school property belong to the school and should only be used by the school. Over Christmas holidays the bins were being used for personal use and now they are full and we can not use them for our recycle program at our school. Please refrain from using our bins for personal use. If you require information about Roseridge Landfill please contact them @780-939-5678 or email [roseridge@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca](mailto:roseridge@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca)

## **Did you know how are Parents involved in their children's Education at B.A.C.S.?**

Parents are an integral part of the day-to-day activities at BonAccord Community School. You may not even be aware of all the ways you can be (and are!) involved. Whenever you participate in any of the following activities, you are an active partner in your child's education.

- Classroom volunteers
- Roster parents
- Working on school projects from home
- Recycling help
- Classroom events
- Hot Lunch Program
- School Council
- Program Support Society
- L.A.C./Kindergarten Society
- Food Bank
- Donations—monetary and material
- Making food for children with forgotten lunches
- Sending nutritious snacks/lunches
- Volunteering for field trips
- Attendance at special events and assemblies
- Calling the absentee line

- Reading Newsletters
- Communication from home
- Attending Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Supporting your child with:
  - Homework
  - Home reading
  - Reading and signing agenda
  - Curriculum support
  - Education Week
  - PSS Sub making fundraising

This list is by no means all inclusive. If you feel we have missed another way in which you have been involved in your child's education here at BonAccord Community School (there are SO many!), please let us know!

▪ **Excellence in Teaching Awards Program**

**Treat your teacher like a star**

**Nominate him or her for a 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award**

We all know that one teacher who really stands out. She instills a love of reading in her students. He's passionate about science. They do more than just teach. They engage, inspire, and make a real difference in the lives of their students. And they deserve to be honored.

All Albertans are invited to recognize outstanding teachers and principals by nominating them for a 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award. Once nominations are received, 130 semi-finalists will be selected and considered for one of 23 prestigious awards.

Award recipients are treated like stars at an awards banquet and honored for their shining contribution to education.

**Nominate an outstanding teacher today!**

For a nomination package and complete details go to

**<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx>**

or call **1-866-590-1660**

*The 2009 Awards are presented by Alberta Education supported by Alberta School Councils' Association, Alberta School Boards Association,*

## The Board of Trustees

- Meet each fourth Wednesday of the month 4:30pm at the Board office in Morinville. Members of the public are invited to attend. Please note the next Board Meeting will be January 28th.

### 1. Library News:



New books are on the shelves every two weeks. Please come check them out.

Please check out [www.parent-institute.com](http://www.parent-institute.com) for tips on reading and free helpful resources for parents.

Library Duo  
Mrs. DeChamplain and Mrs. Hodge

## Music Notes:



### Music write up

Congrats to everyone on the fantastic work at the 2008 Christmas Concert. I was so proud of everyone and the great effort they put in. There are pictures on the school website for you to have a look at. ([www.bonaccordschool.ca](http://www.bonaccordschool.ca)) We are back into the swing of things again. One of our focuses in the grade one and two classes over the next week will be to make new O' Canada CDs for the morning announcements. Other than that we are looking at songs from a few different places around the world, and how music and instruments vary from one place to another.

Music Teacher  
Mr. Propp

- **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.**



## Community News:

- **Sturgeon School Division is in need of Caretakers at all schools.**  
Duties include maintaining cleanliness of the school by cleaning washrooms, mopping, sweeping and waxing floors, washing walls/lockers, and removal of garbage as well as vacuuming when necessary. Applicants must be able to lift 25lbs. Hours of work: Afternoon/evening shift hourly rate \$13.29-\$15.18. For more information go to [www.sturgeon.ab.ca](http://www.sturgeon.ab.ca)
- Bon Accord and District 4-H Sew and Sew are collecting used cell phones. If you have any cell phones that you would like to recycle please bring them into the school and put them in the box.
- **Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Grant** - There is a \$500 grant available for children born in the year 2005 (Alberta's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and \$100 grant available for children in the years they turn 8, 11 and 14 years old as of Jan.1, 2005 (the year they were born is irrelevant). Conditions are that the child's parent or guardian is resident of Alberta when they were born in 2005 or when turning 8, 11 or 14 and that they are an Alberta resident when the application is made. For the \$500 you need to register your child's birth, obtain a SIN and open an RESP account. There are no matching requirements on your part for the \$500. Conditions on the \$100 grant is that you also make at least a matching RESP contribution of \$100 in the 12 months before the application. For \$100 contribution - great return - you double your money. Applications are available at your local financial institutions. For more info go to [www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/aces](http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/aces) or call 1-866-515-2237.
- **The Alberta Child Health Benefit** - covers the cost of dental care, eyewear, prescription drugs, ambulance services, diabetic supplies for families with limited incomes. There is no fee to sign up. Children from birth to age 18 are eligible, and up to age 20 if living at home and attending high school. There is an income level chart to determine your eligibility and basically varies depending upon if you are a single parent or not and number of children you have. This benefit helps ensure children get the health care they need. For more information go to visit the Alberta Works website and go to Alberta Child Health Benefits or call 780-427-6848 (Edmonton) or 1-877-469-5467 (toll free).

▪ **Bus to Swim 6Years +**

Learn to swim by taking our Bus to Swim program. It is offered to provide swimming lessons as taught through the Red Cross Badge Program

Where: Harbour Pool, Ft. Saskatchewan

When: Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m

Date: February 23-April 27

Cancelled March 30 and April 13




Fee: \$65.00

Register by: February 15 (Late Registrations cannot be accepted)

Bus pick up Bon Accord 4:40 pm Bus returns 7:20pm






Gibbons School Bus Pick up 4:50pm Bus returns 7:10pm

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4	5	6	7	8	9 Assembly 9:00am  Hot Lunch	10
11	12	13	14 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 1:30  	15	16 Alberta Opera 1:30pm Little Red Riding Hood  Hot Lunch	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Hot Lunch	24
25	26	27 Kindergarten @ 5:30 School Council @ 6:30 P.S.S 7:00	28	29 PD Day No Classes	30 Hot Lunch	31

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