



**Bon Accord**  
Community School



# **BEAR FACTS**

# **JANUARY 2010**

[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. Our Sub Sales by PSS will continue until January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for Feb.17, 18 & 19. 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, 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 directly to the classroom. The office staff will call the homeroom teacher to welcome you. Please do be a part of the action and education.

Mr. Propp

## From the VP's desk

Welcome to 2010 and the beginning of a new decade. I trust everyone had time to spend with those special people in our lives and to touch base with those we don't often get to see.

With winter still nipping at our noses and toes please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We still have students arriving without proper head gear, no mitts or gloves, and sometimes arrive wearing only runners.

Thank you to the many parents and community members that are using our parking lot to the north. It is a safe place to either drop off your child or pick them up rather than walk between buses and cars to get to our front door. This truly is a safety issue and we encourage everyone to model, by positive example, for our students.

On January 13, which is early dismissal, the torch relay will be passing by Sturgeon Composite and Namao School. If you have free time, take your children to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity. The torch bearer should be passing by between 2:30 and 2:45 approximately. It might be wise to check the time closer to the date.

**Please be aware that our paper recycling bin is for school use only.** On our return to school in January it was found full of household packing materials and as a result we are not able to do our normal recycling. Our school must then pay extra to have it emptied when it is not our regular pick up.

Merry DeChamplain  
Vice Principal

## School Notes:

- 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, 2010 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.
- Bus Drivers will not be allowing skates on the bus with plastic bags. They need to be transported to and from school in a durable bag that the skate blades can not poke through.
- January 20th is fast approaching for our deadline for sub sales. There will be prizes awarded to the top three sellers, pizza party for the top 20 sellers and a sundae party for the top selling class. If you have not signed up to volunteer please do so by contacting the school.
- Please remember to update your information at school. Please notify the office if you have moved, have a 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 [rosenridge@sturgeoncounty.ab.ca](mailto:rosenridge@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
- 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 Bon Accord Community School (there are SO many!), please let us know!

▪ **Excellence in Teaching Awards Program**

**Nominate him or her for a 2010 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 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award. 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 2010 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 27th.

### 1. Library News:



Welcome back everyone. Students are eagerly taking out books after the break and enjoying the time to just sit relax and read. All students were given book bags at the beginning of the year or if they arrived late, upon their arrival. We expect these will be used for their library books to keep them clean and protected. Thank you to PSS for supporting this initiative. If they lose the bag, unfortunately, they will need to purchase a new one from SAVE-ON or bring \$3 to replace it. Books are expensive to replace and we need to avoid having to do so.

Library Duo  
Mrs. DeChamplain and Mrs. Hodge

### Music Notes:



### Music write up

Congrats to everyone on the fantastic work at the 2009 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.

Music Teacher  
Mr. Sales





- 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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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Welcome Back	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Assembly 9:00am  Hot Lunch	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 11:53  	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Hot Lunch	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Sub Cut off 12:00pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Hot Lunch	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Kindergarten @ 5:30 School Council @ 6:30 P.S.S 7:00	<b>27</b> Fundscript Orders Due	<b>28</b> Hot Lunch	<b>29</b> PD Day No Classes	<b>30</b>
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7	8	9	<b>10</b> Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 11:53 	11	<b>12</b> Hot Lunch  Assembly 9:00am Wear pink or red Day 	13
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