

Bon Accord Community School Newsletter

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Principal's News

I hope everyone had a great break, and is ready to get back to the old grind! I am pleased that a group of parents have organized a Lead-A-Thon at our school to help students set goals and practice the Seven Habits. We are working on teaching the habits every day and we know that buy-in and participation at home is a very important part of the big picture. I hope that everyone is taking time to discuss the Habits and what they mean; as well as looking for ways to use them.

I'm writing this entry just after eating my Friday Hot Lunch. I very much enjoy the day we get tacos. One of my favourites. Our parents really do make a difference at the school, and we appreciate the efforts you put in at home and around the school. We couldn't do it without you.

We're expecting some cold days coming up, let's make sure students are dressed for the cold weather. Hopefully we get enough snow to use our little hill on the playground.

Questions to discuss with your child.

1. What does proactive mean?
2. What activity will be happening in February that involves ice?
3. What is the Leadathon about?

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Vice Principal's News

Welcome 2012!

The New Year is underway and we are quickly into the swing of things. There are an incredible number of activities going on this month at our school. As Mr. Propp mentioned, none of these activities would be possible without the tremendous support we receive from our parents. We will be exploring Gymnastics and Skating this month. These adventures allow students to learn through unique experiences. There are, however, some important safety concerns to consider. All students require a CSA approved hockey helmet, properly fitted skates, and gloves or mittens to participate in skating. Arrangements can be made to borrow equipment from the school: we are here to

help when we can. Sizing and sharing helmets are always issues - personal equipment, when possible, is usually best. Adjustable helmets are a cost efficient option; these grow with our kids. We will be discussing the safe transport of skates (and equipment) with students. They will need to use a separate bag or backpack for their skates.

Through these activities we will be making many memories, learning new skills and, of course, sharpening our saws! January will be a month to remember.

Sturgeon River Pottery Guild

Parents - it's not too late to register for classes at the Sturgeon River Pottery Guild. Classes run from January 16th to March 24th on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings (depending on interest). The cost is only \$150 (plus clay and tools, an additional expense of roughly \$40) for 10 classes - not to mention the beautiful work you will produce. This is a great weekly three-hour break for Mums and Dads. For more information, call Natalie at 780.942.4797.

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

During the school day, all visitors are to report to the office and sign in. You will be given a visitor badge, the staff members and students will then know that you have been cleared to be in the school.

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.

Life has no
limitations, except
the ones you
make.



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 for students to carry over to the arena.

BACS News

At this time we have families that have not paid their children's school fees. Please note that fees that have not been paid by January 31, 2012 will be sent to a collection agency. Please phone the school to make arrangements.



Please remember when dropping and picking up students that the zone is at the end of the staff parking lot. Many people are dropping off students in the main parking lot and it is creating a safety concern when we have students walking when we have busses and traffic coming in and out. Please use the North Parking lot.

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

Library News

Just a friendly reminder that all library books should be transported back and forth in the green bag. This helps to keep our books clean and is an easy place to store books whether at home or at school. If the bag becomes soiled please feel free to wash it.

Please do not repair any books at home. Mrs. Hodge has special materials for that purpose. Just be so kind as to let the library know where repairs are needed.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our book fair. It was the best one so far in sales.

We will soon have our newly acquired books on the shelves for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking forward to our New Year and seeing everyone's smiling face.

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

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

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