



Bon Accord
Community School



BEAR FACTS

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Principal Message:

As a school division we are focusing on two areas as part of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI). AISI is a project started by the Alberta Government a number of years ago to fund initiatives in schools and school divisions to promote growth and learning. Sturgeon School Division is focusing on two areas, technology and assessment. We will soon have all classrooms equipped with a Promethean (interactive whiteboard) as part of the technology aspect. Teachers are working on improving assessment in math and working on how assessment can be used to improve the learning of students. For more information on what assessment for learning is, check out the following website: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assessment_for_Learning

Mr. Propp
Principal

From the VP's desk

Our school year is off to a fine start and we all settling into new routines and expectations. I look forward to getting to know each and every child a little bit better over the school year. Each and every child is so unique and it is wonderful watching them grow, learn and mature.

Thank you to those parents who have come to volunteer in so many different aspects whether it be clean up after our meet the staff or helping count money for our Terry Fox Run. Volunteers truly help make our school so special.

Live life without fear, confront all obstacles and know that you can overcome them.

Merry DeChamplain
Vice Principal

School Notes:

- Thank you to those families that have paid their school fees for the school year. If you have not paid the school fees please forward fees as soon as possible to the school office. To make payment arrangements please call the office.
- Please remember to check our website for updates of information and pictures and our weekly blog from Mr. Propp
- If you have any changes with contact information please notify the office so we can update our files.

- The parking lot on the north side of the school is a drop off zone for parents to drop off their children. This area is also for visitor parking throughout the year. Please do not park in the driveway to stop the flow of traffic. For safety reasons please do not walk your child through the parking lot with the busses. Use the sidewalks provided.
- Please note that some students have allergies to peanuts & or nuts. We are striving to be nut free school.
- The school gymnasium is a great place to have your child's birthday party. To inquire about booking please call the office.
- Our school will be practicing a lockdown procedure periodically throughout the school year so all the children and staff will be prepared in case of an emergency.
- The Program Support Society Fund Scrip fundraiser is going great thank you to all the families that have participated. The next collection days are October 14, 28, Nov. 10, 25, and Dec. 2.
- Hot Lunch is going to be starting this month on October 23rd. We would like to thank the Hot Lunch Committee for providing these lunches to our students and all the hard work that is associated with preparing these lunches.



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 Board Meeting in October will be held on October 28th.

1. Library News:



Each child will receive a book bag for their library books to keep them clean and safe from accidental spills in backpacks. Please help your child to bring their books back on a regular basis. This allows for more students to enjoy popular books.

If books are lost or destroyed it is expected that the replacement cost will be paid by the child's caregiver so that we can purchase a new book.

As soon as schedules are settled, students will be taking books out to enjoy. Please help us keep our books safe and clean by using the library bag.

Our Author visit is scheduled for Oct. 8th and our special guest is Lorna Bennett .

Our book fair is scheduled for Nov. 25 & 26th during our Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs.DeChamplain & Mrs Hodge

Music Notes:

The BACS music department would like to welcome everyone back for another school year. We are off to a harmonious start. Grades 2-4 have recorded their versions of O Canada for the morning announcements and we are sounding great. Ms. Gilpin and Mr. Sales are looking forward to a great year and we hope to see you all at our performances throughout the year.



Music Teachers
Mr. Sales, Ms. Gilpin

Counselling

Mrs. Merry DeChamplain is our school counsellor. If your child is experiencing difficulties with friendships or personal problems, please call or send in a note. Mrs. DeChamplain is willing to provide guidance & or referrals for help.

Regular attendance can help build reading skills

It's important to get your child into the habit of attending school every day and getting there on time. After all, reading skills build day by day. Your child can't learn if he/she is not in class! Here are some tips for getting your child out the door and ready to learn every day: • **Help he/she get organized so**

he/she is never late. Take a few minutes at night to help your child lay out clothes and load her backpack. • **Avoid scheduling** doctor and dental appointments and vacations while school is in session. • **Never make up a false excuse** for your child to miss school. That will only serve as a bad example for your child.

• **Don't let your child** stay home for any reason unless he/she is sick. If he/she makes up excuses, work with the teacher to solve the problem he/she trying to avoid.

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:



- The annual Bon Accord Community School Craft Fair will be held on November 15 from 10:00 am- 4:30 pm please call Trish @ 780-921-3968 or Cindy @ 921-3559 to book your table.

October is Library Month.

- For the entire month of October, the Bon Accord Public Library will waive all overdue fines for anyone bringing in a donation for the food bank. While at the library, make sure to get your copy of our 2010 calendar on sale for \$10 each.
- The Gibbons 4-H Sew & Sos have re-organized and are hosting their next meeting on October 8, 2009 at Bon Accord Community School at 7 p.m. This year we will again be doing the "Explore 4-H Project" with some of our projects including woodworking, what's Under Your Engine, Cooking and many others. We will be going for a weekend camp, and hopefully again travel out of Alberta -we went to the Yukon Watson Lake in August! You will work on a Project Book and take part in a Communications Activity. If you are 9 years old by January 1, 2010, and interested in joining, meet us at Bon Accord School. For more information, call Leona Petherbridge at (780) 921 - 2140.
- Coronado United Church Christmas Is Coming Bazaar
Saturday, November 7, 2009
1:00-3:00pm
Christmas Cakes, Crafts, Gifts, and Bale Sale.
Enjoy Coffee, Pie and Ice Cream! (At minimal cost)
Contact: Sandra at 780-998-3108 or Karen at 780-942-2099.
Coronado United Church is located 4 miles North of Gibbons on Highway 28 and 1/2 mile East on Twp 570.
- Redwater Zorya Ukrainian Dance Club invites you to come out and join them in Ukrainian Dance. Wednesday October 7th ages 3-6 at 5:30, ages 7 and up at 6:00pm at Ochre Park School in Redwater.

OCTOBER 2009



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Rain out day for Cross Country Run Grade 4	2 Assembly	3
4	5	6	7	8 Author Visit	9 P.D Day No Classes	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day No Classes 	13	14  Dismissal @11:53 Bus Safety Presentations	15 HOJA Performance @1:30 Everyone welcome to attend.	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Superintendant Visit	23	24
25	26	27 Kindergarten @5:30 School Council @6:30 P.S.S 7:00	28	29	30 Halloween Assembly @ 9:00 Am 	31 
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1	2	3	4	5 Picture Retakes	6	7
8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am 	11 Remembrance Day  No Classes	12	13	14
15 Craft Fair 10-4:30	16	17	18 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 11:53 	19	20 Report Cards Sent Home 	21
22	23	24 Kindergarten @ 5:30 School Council @ 6:30 P.S.S 7:00	25 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM	26 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM	27 No School	28
29	30					
						

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