



Bon Accord
Community School



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Principal Message:

Welcome back to school! It was wonderful to see so many happy faces on the first day of school. The teachers at BACS have done a splendid job of making the school and their classrooms warm and inviting. Our students have settled into routines and some serious learning has begun! This year Sturgeon School Division is launching a new report card that will complement and report on our assessment practices in the classroom. During this first month of school we have focused on learning this new reporting system. This has been challenging however we are making progress. In October parents will be able to access their child's progress on line. This is an exciting initiative. If at any time you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Enjoy the fall colors !



Mrs. R. Kuik

Principal

From the VP's desk

It's my third year at BACS. I find that hard to believe! I guess when you're part of a great staff, and work with amazing kids, the time is just going to fly by! I really do believe we have an Awesome School.

Our Theme for this year is the SCHOOL OF AWESOME. I am hoping that we, as a school, take lots of time to think about the awesome things that are going on every day. We have a blog - www.bacsblogofawesome.com where we are hoping students and staff can take time to submit things that have happened that they would like to share with others. We have started the blog, but are just getting into getting submissions from the students and staff.

We are also trying to update the school blog - www.bonaccordschool.blogspot.com, every week. Please check it out as well.

I am sure that this school year will be as AWESOME as the previous two!!

Mr. D Propp
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 due to financial difficulty please call Cindy Briggs at the office to set up a payment plan.
- 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.
- We have a great recycling club at BACS but we are starting to see a lot of waste with juice boxes. Can you please remind your child to finish their juice boxes or possibly send them with a smaller juice box?
- 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 and Fire Drill procedures periodically throughout the school year so all the children and staff will be prepared in case of an emergency.
- Hot Lunch is going to be starting this month on October 15th. 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 27th.

1. Library News:



On Oct. 25 our school will be hosting a storyteller by the name of Mary Hays. Mary is a freelance storyteller and consultant. She will light up our imaginations with her story telling skills. Each grade will have an opportunity to hear her and enjoy her presentation. Thank you to PSS for continuing to support our literary endeavors.

Outside of our school library there is a small table filled with our "well loved " books that we are no longer using. When you are at our school please take a peak at them and if you would like take a few and give them a good home.

Our book fair is scheduled for Nov. 24, 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.



Music Teachers
Mr. Propp & Mr. Sales

Counselling

Mrs. Merry DeChamplain is our school counseller. 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 is trying to avoid.

How can I help my child look forward to math?

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Your support and

encouragement are vital to your children's success in mathematics. The attitudes toward

math that you display are picked up by your child, even without you knowing!

Parents can help students see math as useful and necessary for life. Include your child in

activities with you that require mathematics, such as making purchases, checking the time, measuring ingredients for a recipe, writing a cheque and paying bills. In this way your child can see the relevancy and immediacy of mathematics.

Have a positive attitude toward math!

- Let your child know they can be successful in mathematics.
- Let your child know you see math as important.
- Be curious and excited about the math activities your child is involved in at school.
- Encourage your child to be persistent when the work becomes difficult.
- Remain patient and give praise when your child shows effort.
- Avoid negative comments and criticism.
- Don't underestimate your own math abilities.
- Don't say "I was never good at math"

How might I support or promote a math environment at home?

- Play games and puzzles with your child that deal with things such as logic, reasoning, estimation, direction and classification (Concentration/Memory, Chess, Checkers, Othello, Sudoku puzzles, Crib, Clue, Card Games, etc.).
- Do math problems together! This could include problems such as mixing juice crystals with water, figuring out how long to cook a roast or turkey,

determining how to set the table for a certain number of people, etc.

- Involve your child in daily activities that require the use of mathematics. This may include brushing teeth for a certain amount of time, folding or sorting laundry, feeding pets, checking the television schedule, determining driving routes for errands, etc.
- Make familiar objects (toys, blocks, buttons, measuring devices, etc.) available so that your child can use them to help solve problems.
- Provide materials such as pencils, paper, calculators, and scissors to use for study or creative play.
- Listen carefully to your child's explanation of what he or she is learning.

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:

Coronado United Church Christmas Is Coming Bazaar and Tea
Saturday, November 6, 2010 1:00pm-3:00pm

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Items for sale will include crafts, baking and homemade Christmas cake. Enjoy Coffee, Homemade 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.

Gibbons / Bon Accord Catholic Catechism Classes

Registration is October 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Held at the Sacred Heart Parish Church in Gibbons

Classes from Grade 1-9 are offered as well as Confirmation

For more information please contact Shawna Letwin (780) 923-3346

Skipping Club Grades 3-12

If you are in grades 3-12, you can skip, and you would like to learn how to do tricks with your jump rope, then join Gibbons Skipping Club. This is a wonderful cardio exercise that could help you with other sports, because it combines aerobics, synchronized dance, gymnastics, and break dancing all tied together with a jump rope.

Fridays October 8 to December 17 from 6-7pm at Gibbons School Gym. Please register by September 28th at Gibbons Town Office. Registration fee \$56.00

The CNN Spurs Atom A hockey team will be conducting a bottle drive in the afternoon of October 2nd in Bon Accord. Funds raised help offset the costs associated with running an effective, affordable hockey program. Any "empties" that you can donate would be sincerely appreciated. If you will not be home, please leave any bottles labeled CNN in your front yard, and we will be happy to accept them. Once again, thank you for your support!

Sturgeon Literacy

Please join us in celebrating an Open House Thursday, October 14th from 2 to 6pm.







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Drop by for refreshments and learn about Adult Tutor program, Learning English as a Second Language and The Family Literacy Program.

Call Nicole, Dyvonna or Anitta @ 780-921-3589 to RSVP.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Assembly 9:00AM Everyone welcome	8 P.D Day No Classes	9
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Dental Hygienist K-4 </div>			
10	11 Thanksgiving Day No Classes 	12 Atco Gas Safety Presentation	13  Dismissal @ 11:55	14	15 Hot Lunch Begins 	16
17	18	19 Bus Safety	20	21	22 Hot Lunch 	23
24	25 Author Visit Mary Hays	26 Kindergarten @ 5:30 School Council @ 6:30 P.S.S 7:00	27	28	29 Halloween Assembly @ 9:00 Am  Hot Lunch	30
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NOVEMBER 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4	5 Hot Lunch 	6
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 9:00 am Everyone Welcome 	11 No Classes Remembrance Day 	12 No Classes In Lieu of Parent Teacher Conferences	13
14	15	16	17 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal @ 11:55 	18	19 Report Cards Sent Home Hot Lunch 	20
21	22	23 Kindergarten @ 5:30 School Council @ 6:30 P.S.S 7:00	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM	25 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 PM	26 Hot Lunch	27
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