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Dear BACS Families,

Welcome back to the 2020/2021 school year! I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to implement the recommendations outlined as Guidance for Re-entry by Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services.

As the start of the school year is upon us, I would like to welcome our new families to BACS! We have many new families throughout our classes and we welcome each of you into our community. Thank you for choosing Bon Accord Community School!

On behalf of all our staff, I hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and are staying safe and healthy. We can't emphasize enough how exciting it is to have students back in our building this week.

Thank you again for your understanding as we work through a very fluid and constantly changing situation and strive to ensure that we are prepared to offer our students and staff a safe and positive school environment where each learner continues to improve and achieve.

Please monitor the school website, your email, and our Facebook page for up-to-date information on all aspects of the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I wish each and every family a fantastic start to the school year.

Stay safe,

Aaron Chute
Principal



Upcoming Events

September 1

First day of School!

September 7

Labour Day – No Classes

September 9 & 10

Student Photos

School Photos

We are happy to announce that school photos will be taking place on September 9 and 10!

More information will be provided as we are able.

Please note that at this time, we are only able to offer school photos to students who are enrolled in the in-person learning at attend BACS every day.

Class Lists

All class lists have been posted to PowerSchool. Please login and check who your child's teacher is before September 1. On the first day of school, we will have staff members with lists to help guide everyone to their appropriate entrance and class.

If you require support accessing PowerSchool, please call the school office at (780) 921-3559.

Morning Drop-off of Students

All students have been assigned their own entry door around the school based on their class cohort. This information was included in the Return to School Handbook. The Entrance Map can be found at the end of the newsletter.

We ask that no students are brought to the school no sooner than 8:30 am. If you walk your child, or drive them, we ask that you either wait in your vehicle, or wait outside at our 'Parent Zone' while physically distancing from others.

Entry into the School

At this time, access to the school is limited to staff and students only. If you require access to the front office, you will need to call ahead and make an appointment.

At the front door of the school, all visitors must scan a QR code to complete a health check survey. Then they must go directly to the front office where they will sign in. Once they have completed their visit, there will be another QR code that they will scan on the way out.

Masks

Students in Grade 4 and all adults are required to wear masks when in common areas within the school. Grade 4 students can remove their masks while they are sitting at their desk. If they get up, they must put their mask back on.

We have received masks from the Government of Alberta and will provide them to students when they come to school. They have been separated by student and placed in individual bags.

All visitors must always wear a mask while in the school building.

Hand Sanitizers

The school has hand sanitizing stations located at every entrance and at key locations throughout the school. All students will be taught how to use the sanitizer stations and how to sanitize properly. Students will be expected to use hand sanitizer stations every time they are about to enter a room.

Students are not required to bring their own hand sanitizer.

Student Illness

If your child has any pre-existing medical conditions, please ensure that the school and your child's teacher are aware of it.

Students or staff who have allergies or ongoing health issues and who are exhibiting COVID-like symptoms must be tested at least once according to Alberta Health Services. This will establish a baseline for the individual. If symptoms change (worsen, additional symptoms, change in baseline) the individual must stay home and be tested and cleared. Schools will track typical symptoms that may be confused for COVID-19 for students as they would with other medical conditions.

Should a child need to stay home for a period due to illness, classroom teachers will provide key work for the student to be able to work on while at-home. Homework bundles or tasks would be provided to the student by the regular teacher, but they would not be engaging in at-home learning as was provided through Continuity of Learning.

School Programs

Breakfast Program

We are happy to announce that the breakfast program will be returning for the 2020/2021 school year! There will be some changes to how it looks, but we are working to get it up and running as soon as possible. As soon as we have more information, we will let everyone know.

Student Leadership Programs

For the immediate future, we will not be able to run our Student Leadership Programs due to the limits based on student cohorts. When adjustments to cohort guidelines are adjusted, we will be able to revisit our Student Leadership Program.

Makerspace

Our Makerspace program will be taking place again this year! It is still in the planning stage, and we will let you know once it is ready to go! There will be new activities and engaging projects for all students! We know it is a great way to start a week and we would like to continue this wonderful opportunity for our students to learn through.



