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Dear Parents and Guardians of potential Kindergarten Students for the 2022-2023 school year,

Sent in collaboration with Bon Accord Community School Parent Council

Kindergarten Enrichment Program Proposal for 2022/23 School Year

The BACS school council has formed a committee to explore the potential of offering a Kindergarten Enrichment Program for students enrolled in Kindergarten at Bon Accord Community School for the 2022-2023 school year. We are exploring this program as an option to give our young learners enhanced opportunities in fields of study that are not covered in the curriculum. Programs like this have been successfully implemented at other schools in our division and have resulted in a greater retention of local students in their local school as well as giving learners more face to face time with certificated teaching staff.

What is an Enrichment Program?

This would be a teacher-led and instructed extra-curricular program to be implemented on the days and times opposite the regular curriculum-based Kindergarten.

Programming would be exploratory, and project based and would likely follow a structure of different monthly-themes such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Land-based Learning, Open Air, Early Coding etc.

How is this program funded?

Under Alberta Education's current funding model, Kindergarten is only allocated funding for students to attend school for 50% of the division's instructional days. This means that any enrichment program offered by Bon Accord Community School must be 100% cost recovery for the division and all funds required to staff the program need to be paid or fundraised by families looking to enroll their child(ren). As the staffing costs would be mostly known upfront, the higher the enrollment, the lower the cost for families. Ideally, with enough students enrolled the costs could be lower than some current childcare arrangements that families have in place.



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Questions for families?

Ms. Brenneis has created a google form asking BACS families a few questions regarding the cost range that parents would be willing to pay for the enrichment program, as well as the support level that their child may require to participate and if transportation (bussing) would be required to attend the program on the additional days.

We would greatly appreciate your feedback on the [google form](#) as we work together to determine if this is a viable program to promote for our school community.

Thank you,

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