

**Bon Accord Community School  
School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 27, 2022  
Teacher Report**

**Mrs. Oulton – Pre K**

Pre K has been busy working on classroom rules and routines! Our littles are doing an awesome job to learn to walk in a line in the hallway!

We read Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Who do you See? Then made our own version with pictures of all of the kiddos in class to get to know each other's names!

We are looking forward to a leaf hunt at the end of the week, if the weather holds!

**Ms. Hall/Ms. Thomson – Kindergarten**

Kindergarten has spent September establishing routines and settling in. We started with some activities around our names and the fall season. We have just begun working on learning letters and sounds and patterning. October will bring themes of Fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween. In mid-October, we will be starting our number sense unit. In gym we have been working on running and completed our own Terry Fox Run.

**Mrs. McEachren/Mrs. Roe – Grade 1**

Grade 1s are settling into our routines and procedures and are working very hard at being in charge of themselves. We have been reviewing beginning consonants and numbers to 10. We have also begun reading poems using familiar colour words and learning the difference between letters, words and sentences.

Students are beginning to develop the confidence to try new and sometimes challenging tasks. We have also begun the Incredible Flexible You program and have talked about how our thoughts and feelings not only affect ourselves but others around us. This has led into our discussion around being a part of a Group Plan. Grade 1s will begin their Brown Bag presentations over the next couple of weeks and are looking forward to learning all about their friends! In Science, we have begun our discussion about seasonal changes and are excited to find the signs of Fall all around us.

**Mrs. Gagnon – 2G**

The grade twos have booked the outdoor class on October 3 and are looking forward to the Christmas fused glass art project in November.

I have also borrowed a free resource from the SPCA called Animal Tales which uses 5 story books about animals to discuss and foster empathy for both animals and humans for the week of the 3rd.

This goes with our little introductory pet unit.

- Children brought in pictures of their pets and shared them to build community and foster relationships in class.

These will be posted in class.

-We started off Truth & R week by reading an indigenous age appropriate story and will be completing the various activities suggested.

-we have a new student leader each day and other students interview them. I record their answers and kids use these to write a journal entry about that child.

-Mrs. Fleury and Ms. Thomson cover my class in the afternoon until further notice.

**Ms. Tower – 2T**

During the month of September, the students from 2T have been settling into their school routines, getting re-acquainted with friends from last year and making new friends. Students have been learning all about small crawling and flying animals, particularly insects. They created habitats for bugs they found in the school yard, such as grasshoppers, ladybugs, beetles and ants, and observed them. 2T has also been busy learning all about shapes through construction, drawing, designing and building. After reading the story, "With Our Orange Hearts" by Phyllis Webstad, students designed their own stained-glass style hearts to display in our classroom window and created the lettering for a banner to accompany their display.

**Ms. Gilpin – 3G**

In 3G we have been working on establishing routines with Words Their Way and learning about Genres of Books (Narrative vs Informational / Expository). We finished the Government Testing (CC3 and Numeracy Screener). We have been exploring materials and getting ready to design and build in Science after establishing what the Scientific Method is (how labs and experiments are setup). In math we are working with patterns and are ready to begin looking at place value soon. In Social Studies, we have been exploring maps, the compass rose, continents and now the 4 countries we will focus on this year. In art we have looked at line, pop art, and had a chance to paint with Ms. Hall's Kindergarten class to create fall leaves. We have been playing and learning the Omnikin Ball Game (Giant Ball) and learning to work as a team.

**Mrs. McNeil – 3M**

Grade 3 has been working on patterning and place value in math. Structures and materials in science. Learning about maps in Social.

**Miss Hand – 4H**

Student who qualified are participating in the Divisional X-Country run on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Echo Glen Park in Gibbons. Grade 4 Rec. Academy starts next week on Tuesday for students in 4H and 4M who have signed up! We are going to work on outdoor endurance games for the first week, go swimming on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Servus Place in St. Albert, then have an Ultimate Frisbee I-School session by the Ultimate Player's Association for the last week of October.

We have started Words Their Way, Literacy Centres, Numeracy Centres, and hands on activities in science, such as cleaning out our class flower bed to prepare for winter. We have been learning about the 7 sacred teachings - Courage, this month and how we can demonstrate this in all aspects of our life. We have used a sharing circle and talking stick to facilitate discussions about the 7 sacred teachings.

**Mr. Sales – Counselling/Music**

Ukulele club will begin next Thursday for Grade 3 and 4. This will take place at lunch time.

This is the link to Mr. Sales' Google Classroom for Counseling. If families have any questions or concerns regarding mental health or crisis they can access information there or call him directly at the school [\(780\) 921-3559](tel:7809213559). "Mental health problems don't define who you are. They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and you feel the rain, but you are not the rain." -Matt Haig

Google Classroom Link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDg5Nzc2Njl3ODEz?cjc=2puroxy>

**Mrs. McGuire – Rec Academy**

Here is a quick Rec Academy update:

- We have 40 grade 4 students registered for Rec Academy.  
Mrs. McGuire and Miss. Hand will be the teachers.  
Starting in October and runs every Tuesday afternoon 1:10-3:00pm  
We are planning on some activities to take place at the school and some off site field trips.  
October Calendar:  
Oct 4 – Introductions/ Outdoor endurance activities  
Oct 11- PD Day  
Oct 18- Swimming at Servus Place  
Oct 25 – Ultimate Frisbee @ BACS. Session provided by Edmonton Ultimate Players Association.

**Terry Fox Run**

A big thank-you to our school community for once again supporting our Terry Fox Run! We surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1000 and raised over \$1500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank-you as well for sharing our information with your family and friends! We had donations from all over the country in support of our run. The theme of this year's run was "I am not a quitter", we are happy to support a cause that teaches resiliency, perseverance, determination, kindness and the support of others.

