

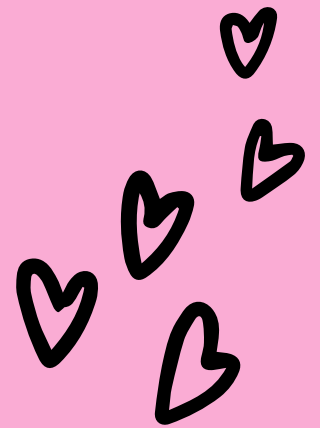
# BACS BULLETIN

## February 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 1 - Winter Walk Day

Feb 2 Hot Lunch

Feb 8- No Classes for  
Pre-K students

Feb 9 -10 - Teacher's  
Convention

Feb 14 - Valentines Day

Feb 20 - Family Day (No  
School)

Feb 21 - Pre-K Case  
Conferences

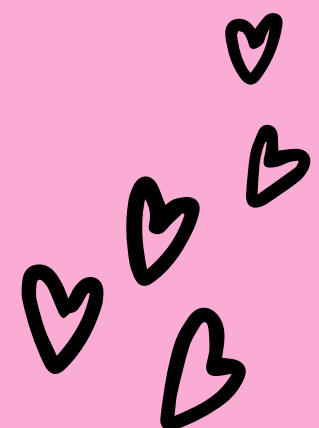
Feb 22 - Pink Shirt Day

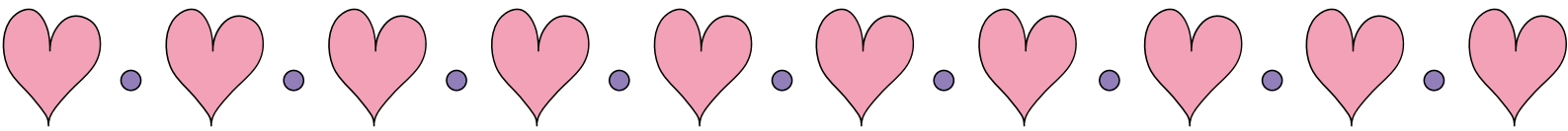
Feb 23 - Pre-K and KG  
open house 6:00 and  
6:45pm

Feb 21-24 - Random Acts  
of Kindness Week (All  
Grade's involved)

Feb 24 - Assembly and  
Family Literacy 2pm

Feb 28 - School Council  
and PSS meeting 6:30pm





# from the principal

Dear Bon Accord Community School Families,

Can you believe we are already half way through the year!?

January was full of exciting events for our students; Puppet Treehouse for Kindergarten, Grade 1 assessments, Grade 2 literacy and numeracy centers, rocks and minerals for Grade 3, archery club for Grade 4 and assembly, Family Literacy Day and Dress as Your Favourite Book Character for our whole school! What a busy month!

We also had two parent engagement sessions from the Internet Child Exploitation Unit as well as SAFFRON. They presented essential, yet frightening information about the realities of what our students are engaging in on line at younger and younger ages. I am hopeful that the safe relationships we build with our students will empower them to make good choices, be self aware and know they have a trusted adult who can help them and a soft place to land when they make mistakes.

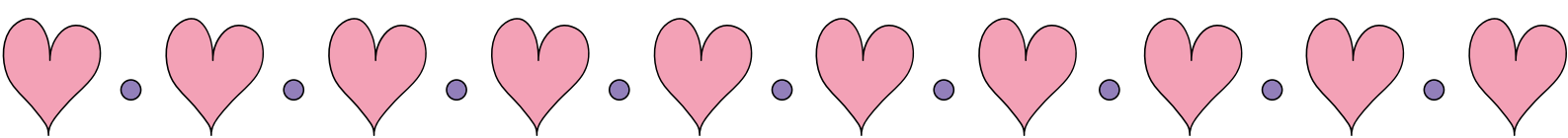
We are looking forward to starting our planning of our outdoor classroom! Mr. Chabot and I will be bringing our plan and vision to the next School Council and PSS meeting; make sure to attend either in person or virtually!

The Alberta Education Accountability Measures surveys will also be sent out to parents/guardians of grade 4 students via mail.

Please watch for these and complete the survey as it informs my planning for the 2023/2024 school year.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or even positive feedback, we love to hear from you!

Wishing you Kindness in February,  
Ms. Brenneis





**We had a special visit from Superintendent Warren. She loved getting to see what our students are working on and accomplishing.**

**Please ensure your children have proper winter gear to play outside during the day. We love to play on the big snow hills and dig tunnels!**



**A BIG thank you to the Gibbons Dart Club from the Legion for their generous donation of new toques, mitts and other winter gear for our students!**

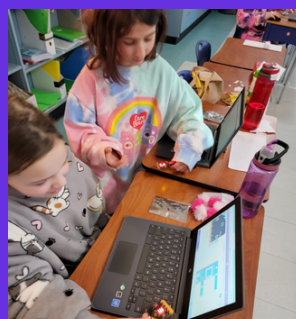
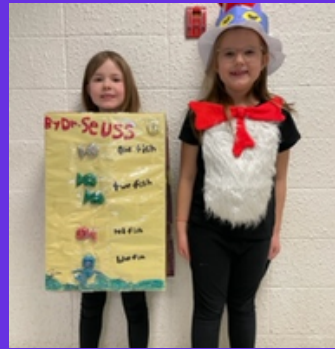


**A big thank you to our BACS families for helping us collect and donate 565 pounds of food plus our silver collection. Way to go BACS!!!**





# January Highlights





# Family Literacy Day

We had a great time reading with our special people!







**Bon Accord**  
Community School

# Pre-K & Kindergarten **OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, February 23**

**Pre-K:**

**6:00PM to 6:45PM**

**Kindergarten:**

**6:45PM to 7:30PM**



**Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now  
OPEN!**

New and returning K-4 students can register at  
<https://www.bonaccordschool.ca/registration>





# MIKISIWI-PÎSIM EAGLE MOON

PRONOUNCED- MIK-SOO-EE-PEE-SIM

Soaring into February to welcome the Eagle moon. This is the moon where the eagle returns and begins to build or repair their nest in preparation of mating season. Since eagles are such large birds their nests are often 4-6 ft long and 2-4 ft deep!  
The eagle is a very special bird and also brings us the teaching of love.

The eagle represents love because they have the strength to carry all of the teachings in their sacred wings. The eagle has the ability to fly highest in the sky and closest to the Creator. It is said that the eagle can take our thoughts and prayers up to the great spirits. The eagle also has the eyesight to see everything on land from great distances. The eagle views all things with unconditional love. Try the eagle eye this month and view all things with unconditional love.



Created by: Indigenous School Counsellor Katie Holubowich





**MORE THAN 29 MILLION REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ARE RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN ANNUALLY.**

**That's over 563,461 reports per week.**  
**[www.thorn.org](http://www.thorn.org)**

## **Stay informed and educated**

### **Common Sense Media**

**\*\*This is the best place for parents and teachers to get the most up-to-date and easy to understand information about kids' games, apps, movies, TV, etc**  
**<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>**

### **Canadian Center for Child Protection**

**\*The Canadian source for internet safety and awareness of child exploitation**  
**<https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/>**

### **Thorn Research**

**\*Comprehensive, research based information about online exploitation**  
**<https://www.thorn.org/about-our-fight-against-sexual-exploitation-of-children/>**

### **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (USA)**

**\*Educational material and information for parents and teachers**  
**<https://www.missingkids.org/home>**

### **Snapchat Parent's Guide**

**Comprehensive guide that can be downloaded from this page**  
**<https://snap.com/en-US/safety/safety-education>**

### **Instagram Parent's Guide**

**Comprehensive guide that can be downloaded from this page**  
**<https://about.instagram.com/community/parents>**

### **Discord Parent's Guide**

**<https://discord.com/blog/parents-guide-to-discord>**

### **TikTok Parent's Guide**

**<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>**

### **Twitch Parent's Guide**

**[https://safety.twitch.tv/s/article/Guide-Parents-Educators?language=en\\_US](https://safety.twitch.tv/s/article/Guide-Parents-Educators?language=en_US)**

### **Omegle Information for Parents**

**<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>**

### **SAFFRON Presentation**

**Foundations of Connection: <https://youtu.be/W2XG-K-xotk>**





## Wanting to Volunteer?

### Get Involved!

- Help out Mrs. Mercer with Breakfasts
- Join a committee on our Program Support Society
- Volunteer to help with Hot Lunches
- Volunteer in Classrooms (criminal record check required)
- School council and PSS Meetings held the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

Contact our front office for more information!

**Be sure to attend our monthly School Council and Program Support Society meetings, held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. In person and virtual attendance options available!**

# Stay Informed!

**There's always something happening in  
Sturgeon Public School Division!**

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR DIVISION NEWSLETTER

<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/>

[See our school Education Plan here](#)

## SPS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Excellence in Teaching

Shared Responsibility

Mutual Respect

Belonging

Learning Choices

Communication

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community



[Read the January Trustee Talk Here](#)



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**Organization is underway in the community for both soccer and baseball for the spring season, starting May 1.**

**The volunteer group is targeting soccer divisions U5, U7, U9 and U11 with potential for U3 or higher levels depending on interest. Also currently exploring interest in t-ball and coach pitch baseball also.**

**Please reach out to [bonaccordsports@gmail.com](mailto:bonaccordsports@gmail.com) to express interest and to volunteer.**



# Community Supports



<https://www.bonaccord.ca/>



## **Bon Accord Gibbons Food Bank**

The mission of the Bon Accord Gibbons Food Bank is to provide help to individuals and families in crisis by providing clients with quality, nutritious food. If you or someone you know requires assistance, please contact us at 780-923-2344. Messages are checked daily and all inquiries are answered within 24 hrs.

**Did you know that Sturgeon Public School Division also has access to Social Workers?**

**They can help connect families to various community supports, mental health supports, navigating new systems, and many other areas.**

**Contact the school for more information.**