



BORDEN SCHOOL

Achieving Success Together

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Dear Borden School Families and Supporters:

Spring is here!! This time of year is exciting for all of Borden School's stakeholders, students, and staff. Renewal, rejuvenation, and new beginnings abound and optimism is palpable across the entire school. In terms of the school year, April is a great time to slow down and reflect on all the amazing growth, experiences, and learning that we've all had over the school year so far – so thank you to all our community supporters for providing us this wonderful year of learning and success so far!

As a staff, we are busy working away on several initiatives and projects as well. Our work on intentional and explicit teaching on math processes continues – we are working toward our students being able to explain and show the *why* behind what they are doing in math across all grade levels. In addition, we have put into place literacy plans for our students from Grades 1-9 moving forward. The staff is confident that these plans will ensure that struggling readers will receive the instruction and skill-building that they need to achieve even more success as readers throughout their school experience. We are striving to give our students a passion and love for reading that will serve them well past their days at Borden School.

Our staff has been working on enhancing our Mental Health Literacy and capacity. To that end, 3 staff members (MacKenzie Fisher, Gina Smith, and Brody Morris) attended a Mental Health professional development course during the last week of March. These 3 staff members are now trained as "Go To Educators" at Borden School, so please encourage your child(ren) to seek one of these 3 out if ever they need support, help, guidance, or just a listening ear for their health and well-being. It is exciting that in May we will be sending a team of staff and an SCC member to the *Educator's Conference: Brain-Based Learning, Behavioural Challenges & Mental Health Conference*. As a staff, we are working intentionally to develop the skills and training to support our students throughout all 4 of their domains (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual).

Lastly, the staff at Borden School will begin the process of purposeful reflection – looking at successes to celebrate, learnings to take away and implement, and areas for growth moving forward. We invite all our families and stakeholders to engage in these conversations with your child(ren) as well. It is also the time of year where our staff will begin planning and programming for the 2019/2020 school year. Our goal is

to be intentional and thoughtful in our planning, scheduling, timetabling, and configurations for next year so that all Borden School students will have the best possible access to their personal success.

As always, I'd like to encourage anyone with questions, wonderings, or concerns to reach out to the school. The easiest ways to do so are to call us at 306-997-2090, email me directly at brody.morris@spiritsd.ca, or set up an appointment to meet in person.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

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