



BORDEN SCHOOL

Achieving Success Together

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Dear Borden School Families and Supporters:

Welcome back to school!! The Borden School staff is so excited to be back working alongside our Borden Bruin students! We've missed the excitement and joy of watching them learn, grow, and succeed right before our very eyes. We'd also like to thank all of our Borden School families and stakeholders for your steady and gracious support of our school.

As a school staff, we are pursuing a simple goal this year: **Yes, they can!** Our goal this year is all about building capacity and empowering our students. We believe that all of our students are highly capable, and we believe that high expectations coupled with the right and timely supports will see all of students flourish and excel. So please join us in instilling in our students the belief and mindset that **Yes, they can!** Please keep an eye out for our progress on this goal in the monthly messages throughout the year.

We are also implementing a change to our bell schedule. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of every week we are shortening our first period by 10 minutes, and periods two and three by 8 minutes each. These 26 minutes are then going to be built into a slot we are naming **Bruin Time**. During this time, our students from K-5 will have exposure to various enrichment activities, skill building, and targeted instruction. Students from grade 6-12 will have embedded time to complete homework (overdue assignments or completing tests, etc.). Students that do not have homework will have the choice to either read, create (write, draw, paint, sculpt, program, etc.), work on school approved activities or clubs, or join a high-interest activity led by a staff member. We made this switch to embed this additional homework support within the school day for 2 major reasons. First of all, by embedding these minutes in the instructional time of the day, we expect students to attend. We saw last year too often that senior students would leave the school when their homework support was available, so this change will correct that issue. Secondly, we believe that happiness, connections, and joy are important for all students. Because we ran our homework support through the lunch break, some of our students consistently missed their time for a break and to socialize. We believe that breaks are vital to rejuvenate and refocus students, so those that were consistently missing their breaks were disadvantaged. Again, this change in scheduling eliminates that issue. As with all new initiatives, we anticipate learning and growing as we gain experience and remain open to making

adjustments and improvements as we go. In the meantime, we are grateful for your support in implementing this change.

In terms of our student conduct, we have laid out the following priorities this year. As a school, we have laid out 3 callings to our students. We have called our students to make our school safe, comfortable, and accepting. Although these are fairly simple words, they are challenging callings. We are excited to work alongside our students throughout the year to live up to these essential beliefs.

Lastly, we are hosting a Welcome Back Potluck on Tuesday, September 10th which will be followed by an SCC Meeting. We would like to invite all of our families and community members to join us for a meal on the evening of the 10th. Our SCC will be providing hotdogs and buns, and we are inviting families to bring a side-dish or dessert to add to the potluck. The meal time will be between 5:00-6:30PM and the SCC Meeting will immediately follow the meal. On that note, we are also inviting any interested parents or community members to join us for our SCC Meeting. The SCC (School Community Council) is a body that strives to improve the learning opportunities for students at our school. We meet 8-9 times a year and discuss a wide variety of topics and initiatives. The meetings are open to anyone to attend, and our membership is always open to expanding. We hope to see you there!

Thanks so much for your continued support and grace. 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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