



BORDEN SCHOOL

Achieving Success Together

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Dear Borden School Families and Supporters:

The first month has flown by here at Borden School! The beautiful autumn is taking an early turn for the frigid, so please keep the weather in mind for your child(ren). In the first month of the school year, we have already witnessed so much to be proud of and to celebrate! Our Borden Bruin students continue to impress, astound, and progress right before our very eyes.

Every year, each class takes on a dynamic, collective personality. In the first month, teachers are busy either establishing or re-teaching classroom norms, routines, and expectations. Each staff member is also on the look-out for some targeted work to implement our **Yes, they can!** school goal for their students. As a whole school, we are looking to build capacity around with a **Yes, they can!** approach for: washroom etiquette and expectations and transitions around the school.

Our early work with **Bruin Time** is also showing positive signs. Our homework board is sparsely populated (which is good news – it means the support is having an impact!). Moreover, many students are sharing positive feedback from the additional time provided to work on various projects and assignments, read for pleasure, or the various activities that are being led by adults around the building. I am very proud of Borden Bruins for their mature and responsible implementation of a new structure within the school day.

Our school has been fortunate to experience a handful of terrific events already this year. Our Terry Fox Walk event raised just under \$800 which is phenomenal for our school and community! Our Grades 4-6 had the chance to participate in Recess Guardians, and some of our students are actively seeking out additional leadership opportunities based on their experiences there. Charmain Laroque, a coordinator with Prairie Spirit School Division, also attended a day at Borden School to lead our Grade 8-12 students through *The Blanket Exercise*. The learning journey that Charmain guided us through was powerful and impactful.

To close this month's message, there are two final things we'd like to share. First of all, our next SCC Meeting will be October 8th starting at 6 PM. Secondly, we have worked out a way to have our gymnasium available for the community in the evening hours. We are able to hire a casual-time caretaker to open and lock the building and provide some cleaning. The minimum charge for gym access will be \$50. We are

currently exploring ways to bring this cost down, as we want our school facility to be a benefit for the whole community, but this is a positive first step. Please contact us if you have more questions about accessing the gymnasium (or other rooms) in the evening hours.

Thanks so much for your continued support and patience. 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!

The Admin Team

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