

BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families and Supporters:

March weather has arrived with a pretty nasty blizzard, but there are lovely forecasts for the next days and weeks. We look forward to the refreshing energy of spring, and the Borden School staff is eager to carry on the exciting work of learning and growing together alongside our Borden Bruin students.

For this month's message, I would like to focus on communication. I know that as a staff we work hard to communicate with Borden School parents/families thoroughly and honestly. We rely on the monthly newsletter, reminder emails, school website (where weekly announcements are shared and a calendar is updated), and the signboard out front to share the big events and activities at the school. The majority of the personal communication from the school staff to families is typically spent sharing and debriefing challenging situations (most often behavioural or academic concerns) that our students are experiencing. Our system is not perfect, and there have been times when certain items/activities have been missed. Overall, though, we are working very hard to be as transparent and as honest as we can be about the activities and events that happen at Borden School.

For families that might have questions about an event/activity or are seeking clarification about an event/activity, we would always appreciate hearing from you directly so that we can clear up any confusion. Moreover, if a family/parent would like to speak with a classroom teacher as part of a general check-in, we would always be happy to have those sorts of conversations as well.

In situations where a parent/family would like to make a complaint or grievance, the first step is to have a conversation with the staff member that is the primary adult involved with the complaint or grievance. If parents/families request support, school administration may be present and a part of the first conversation. There is an Administrative Procedure that applies to this that will be included with this month's newsletter.

On a similar note around communication, our Grade K-7 students will be receiving their progress reports March 13, 2020. 3-Way Conferences are scheduled for March 25, 2020. These conferences are a great opportunity to reconnect and share growth and areas for further improvement. As always, families that are unable to attend are encouraged to contact us to make an alternate plan for a meeting which we would

always be happy to accommodate. We encourage families to reach out before or after progress reports to clarify any questions that they may have.

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 <u>brody.morris@spiritsd.ca</u>, or set up an appointment to meet in person.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

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