

BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families,

Time flies when you're having fun! We are transitioning over to Quarter #2 at Borden School. It is equal parts amazing and impressive how far the Borden Bruins have come in the last 2 months. We are on the journey and Learning Everywhere Together!

 In this update I will share information on the following topics: Remembrance Day, SCC Elections, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Progress Reports, and Picture Day.

Remembrance Day:

This year, there will be no formal Remembrance Day service hosted at Borden School. Cohorts and classrooms have been learning about, discussing, and honouring the spirit of this date through the first days of November.

Moreover, many Borden School students are contributing to Remembrance Day services in the community by building/creating posters. Mrs. Yuskiw and our staff have also displayed various posters and images around the school. As a school, we are disappointed that we cannot more formally honour this date. Our students and staff have done a remarkable job bringing awareness and respect while paying tribute throughout the first two weeks of November.

Borden School, along with all schools in the Prairie Spirit School Division, will not have classes on November 9th, 10th, and 11th.

SCC Elections:

SCC elections will be held between November 30th and December 11th. In the past, SCC elections have been conducted in-person. This year, all schools have been told that the election process will be done digitally via email. The following excerpt is from an email sent to all administrators last week:

To align with COVID-19 guidelines the voting will take place by email ballot, as opposed to a traditional in-person vote. This is a new process, and we're in the process of creating supports for this.

In the coming weeks, more information about SCC elections will be shared as it arrives.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Borden School has contacted families to begin booking times for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are looking forward to connecting and sharing with our parents and families. If the dates and times that are available for Parent/Teacher Conferences do not work for your family, please reach out to either Mrs. Lukan or the teacher(s) of your child(ren) to make alternate arrangements.

Also, November 23rd is a Day in Lieu for Borden School. This means that there will be no classes on November 23rd.

Progress Reports:

On November 13th Borden School will be sending Progress Reports home for the first time in the 2020-2021 school year.

For students in Grades 1-8, the achievement scores are based on year-end outcomes. Areas on progress reports with an entry NT have not been taught yet. These boxes will be filled with an achievement score in the second or third term. This is a common practice at Borden School.

Students in Grades 9-12 will receive their final marks in their English and Science class. The Phys. Ed mark will be a midterm grade as Phys. Ed carries on through the end of Quarter #2 (end of January).

All staff at Borden School are eager to meet with families to discuss progress reports in more detail during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Picture Day:

The Borden School picture day is scheduled for November 13th. Only individual photos will be taken. LifeTouch has provided their plan for a safe process complete with disinfectant routines to ensure that all students are safe throughout this event.

Please reach out the school if you have questions.

Important Dates:

November 3rd – Driver' Ed from 12:30-1:20

November 5th & 6th – Grade 9-12 Q1 final exams

November 9-11 – Remembrance Day Break (No School)

November 17-19 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 23 – No School (Day in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences)

December 18 – Last day of school before the 2-week Holiday break

Conclusion:

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have questions or would like to speak about anything at Borden School, please reach out to me. I can be reached

by email at <u>brody.morris@spiritsd.ca</u>, a phone call to the school at (306) 997-2090, or you can call or text my cell phone which is (306) 371-2888. Your gracious support and kindness are always appreciated!

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