



## **BORDEN SCHOOL**

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Dear Borden School Families,

Welcome to February! It is hard to believe that we are in the second half of the school year already. This has been a year unlike any other in recent memory, and it has been a real honour to be on the journey alongside our Borden School families and students.

- In this update I will share information on the following topics: Staffing Update, Valentines Day, and Winter Gear.

### **Staffing Update:**

I have 3 pieces of information to share with everyone regarding staffing at Borden School. First of all, Miss Laura will finish her time at Borden School on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Miss Laura has been an amazing member of the Borden School staff and we all wish her the very best as she transitions to her new role at Hepburn School.

Next, Mrs. Allison Dyck will make her return to Borden School on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The entire Borden School staff and student body is eager for her return!

Finally, Borden School is part of a Prairie Spirit Initiative which will see us temporarily add a full-time teacher for February-June 2021. Nate Donauer has been hired as the additional teacher at Borden School. The initiative that Borden School is part of will see Mrs. Kaufmann and Miss Fisher engaging in resource development for the entire school division. Mr. Donauer will be picking up the following class load to enable Mrs. Kaufmann and Miss Fisher to tackle their new, temporary role: Science 5, Science 7-8, Math 6, Math 7-8, Phys. Ed 6, and Phys. Ed 7-8.

### **Valentines Day:**

This year, in response to the COVID restrictions, we will be adopting similar practices from Secret Santa for Valentines Day. That means that we are asking families not to send cards, treats, or other items from home for their child(ren) to distribute. Homeroom classrooms will plan alternative activities that align with safe health practices for this Valentines Day.

### **Winter Gear:**

The recent cold snap has yet again reminded us all of the importance of dressing for the elements. It is critical that students arrive at school with appropriate winter gear and accessories (jacket, boots, ski-pants, toque, mitts, scarves, etc.) on a daily basis.

In the age of COVID-19, sharing winter gear/clothing is not an option. Also, given the current restrictions, many staff members are actively seeking to take their learning outside when possible. On behalf of the entire school staff, I appreciate your diligence and mindfulness ensuring that your child(ren) arrive at school dressed for the elements.

**Important Dates:**

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Quarter 3 begins

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports for Kindergarten and Grades 9-12 go home

February 5<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day for Telemiracle

February 12 – PJ Day for Telemiracle

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentines Day

February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break (no classes)

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Pink Shirt Day

February 26<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day for Telemiracle

**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 [brody.morris@spiritsd.ca](mailto:brody.morris@spiritsd.ca), 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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