

BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families,

There are a few items to share in a second June update:

• In this update I will share information on the following topics: Staffing Update, School Supplies, and Dress Code Survey.

Staffing Update:

I'd like to start by wishing Graydon Stebanuk all the best in his future teaching. Graydon has worked as an I/A teacher for Borden School students the past several years. Graydon is moving to Cut Knife in a full-time position.

It was initially reported that Laura Tebay would be returning to Borden School next year. This is no longer the case. New opportunities have taken Laura in another direction.

Rebecca Gudnason (last name is pronounced "Gweneson") has now been announced as the 1-2 teacher for next year. Rebecca is currently working at Laird in a K/1/2 classroom and comes to us with a terrific reputation. We are all very excited to welcome Rebecca to the team and community!

We are also pleased to announce that Borden School is set to receive an EA increase. We operated in the 2020-2021 school year with 1.5 EAs, and next year the EA allotment will be 2.2 EAs.

School Supplies:

After generating some feedback from families, we have decided to run a hybrid system for supplies. Each homeroom will share a supply list with families that includes 3 sections:

- 1) Family Supplied Items
- 2) School Supplied Items
- 3) Optional Supplies

Homerooms have prioritized items based on their needs, and we have worked with our staff to stay under a tight budget. We will be seeking to collect a \$25 supply fee per student next year.

Dress Code:

Members of the Borden School Community Council and Borden School Staff have recently formed a committee to re-examine the Borden School Dress Code. We have looked at a variety of dress code documents from schools in our area and from farther away. As a first step, our committee has chosen a document that most closely aligns with our current vision and values. A current, tentative draft of the document is being sent with this message.

We also recognize that feedback from our parent and student stakeholders is critically important. So, we will be sharing a survey with families and students to generate feedback and input.

Our committee has identified several key areas that we are seeking specific feedback on. Those issues will be addressed in the survey that will be sent out. The survey is short (only 11 questions). The questions are pulled using language from the current draft, so reading the draft will be an important part of responding to the survey.

The target for implementation of a revised Borden School Dress Code is September 2021.

I appreciate your time and energy reviewing the current draft of the Dress Code document and your input and feedback response on the survey.

Important Dates:

June 24, 25, 28 – High School Final Exams

June 28 – Progress Reports go home for grades K-8

June 28 – Last day of school

June 29 – Progress Reports for pick-up grades 9-12

September 1 – First day of the 2021-2022 school year!

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, 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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