



## **BORDEN SCHOOL**

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Dear Borden School Families,

The first month and bit of October has been pretty amazing at Borden School! The weather has been incredible and the Borden Bruin students continue to amaze with their enthusiasm, growth, and resilience.

- In this update I will share information on the following topics: Staffing Update, SCC Meeting, Breakfast Program, PowerSchool Parent Portal, Graduation Class Fundraiser, and Jr. Boys Volleyball.

### **Staffing Update:**

As we transitioned from September to October, Borden School has welcomed Miss Rebecca Gudnason (pronounced Gwen-a-son) as our Grade 1-2 teacher. Miss Kailey Barnstable had been the Borden School Grade 1-2 teacher to start this year, and we wish her all the best in her future. Miss Gudnason has enjoyed her first week with Borden School students and she is eagerly building relationships and carrying on the important work of learning and growing with our youngest students.

Another staffing update for now is that Mrs. Blair Biech will be moving away at the beginning of November. We have been blessed to have Mrs. Biech in our school, and we wish her every success with her family as they transition to life in Estevan. We will update families and the community when the next Grade 5-6 teacher is hired.

### **SCC Meeting:**

The Borden School Community Council has its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. SCC Meetings are typically open to the public. We have been meeting digitally during the Covid pandemic. Any parents/community members who would like to attend are welcome. Please let us know at the school so we can invite you to the meeting with a link.

Also, parents/families are encouraged to send questions or topics to the Borden SCC email account: [bordensksc@gmail.com](mailto:bordensksc@gmail.com)

### **Breakfast Program**

At Borden School, several staff members (spear-headed by Mrs. Troupe-Logue, Mrs. Yuskiw, Miss Logue, and Mrs. Lukan) have been working hard to provide a breakfast snack on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Although we are not in a position to take donations of home-made items at this time, we are able to accept donations of

pre-packaged goods, and we will be looking to do fundraising to support this endeavour in the future. We appreciate your support!

### **PowerSchool Parent Portal:**

For students and families from Grades 7-12, the PowerSchool Parent Portal will be open from October 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. These dates are a little bit past the halfway point of Quarter #1.

As a school, we are continuing to evolve our assessment practice from the traditional model of task completion to more of a holistic approach of evidence collection. The shift in assessment means that Gradebooks are more organic as the evidence provided deepens or changes. By opening the portal at specific moments, it provides the staff the time to collect evidence fully and apply their professional judgement (based on evidence) while determining achievement scores.

As a result of this evolution, Gradebook achievement scores may adjust as more evidence is collated. I have decided that having the portal open for windows of time would be better than having the portal open all the time and potentially causing confusion or distraction if/when the adjustments happen.

If you would like to discuss this more, please do not hesitate to reach out.

### **Graduation Class Fundraiser:**

The Graduating Class of 2021-2022 is doing a fundraiser through Cookie for Crumbles. This is a local company that specializes in frozen cookie dough, muffin mix, playdough, and dog treats. The fundraiser closes at 9 AM this Friday (October 15<sup>th</sup>). If you have any questions or would like to know more, please reach out to us at the school!

### **Jr. Boys Volleyball:**

I wanted to share how impressed I have been by the work and effort of the Junior Boys Volleyball team this year. Coached by community coach, Danika Pidwerbesky, the team is full of positivity, high-effort, and continual growth. Although a young team with developing skills, the Borden School Junior Boys Volleyball team has engaged every match as an opportunity to learn and improve while supporting one another with high-energy and encouragement. I have been so impressed by the team as a whole and I am eager for the remainder of the season with these young men!

### **Important Dates:**

October 12 – Jr. Boys V-Ball hosting Venture Heights

October 15 – Grad Class fundraiser Cooking Crumble Fundraiser closes

October 18-22 – PowerSchool Parent Portal active

October 19 – Cecile Smith guest at Borden School (Residential School survivor coming to share her story with students from Grades 3-12)

October 21 – Jr. Boys V-Ball hosting Hague

October 21 – SCC Meeting @ 7 PM  
October 26 – Jr. Boys V-Ball @ Warman Community School  
November 5 – Prep Day – No School  
November 9-10 – Quarter 1 Final Days for Grades 9-12  
November 11 – Remembrance Day – No School  
November 12 – Holiday – No School  
November 15 – Progress Reports for Grades 1-12 go home & First Day of Quarter #2 (Grades 7-12)  
November 17 – K-2 Wonderhub Field Trip  
November 24 & 25 – Parent, Student Conferences (times TBA)  
November 26 – A **regular school** day (no Kindergarten) – this was initially a Day in Lieu  
November 29 – First Day of Term #2 (Grades K-6)

**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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