



BORDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Borden School Families,

We have returned from the February Break and resumed the important work of learning and growing without really skipping a beat! Ongoing Telemiracle fundraising has brought positivity and excitement to the school and students across all grades are working incredibly hard in order to improve academically, socially, and physically.

In this update, I will share information on: 3-Way Conferences, Badminton, Grade 1-8 Progress Reports, SCC Meeting, Kindergarten Registration, Immunizations, Masks, Illness at School, and Important Dates.

3-Way Conferences:

We are planning to host 3-Way Conferences in-person. The specific details around date and time will be sent out on Tuesday of next week (March 8th). We will be able to begin booking conference times next week.

Although we are planning to host conferences in-person, it is important to note that we will arrange digital or phone appointments for any/all families who are not comfortable meeting in-person at this time. Also, when the dates and times are finalized, we also want all families to know that the Borden School teacher team is eager to meet (or speak to) any families who are unable to connect on the conference dates. Be on the lookout for additional information early next week. Feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Badminton:

Throughout this week, sign-up sheets have been going around for both Jr. and Sr. Badminton. The Junior Grades are 7-9. The Senior Grades are 10-12.

Additional information will be heading out to families from the coaches of each squad early next week. If you want to ensure that your child(ren) is/are signed up, please feel free to reach out and let the coaches know.

Sr. Badminton Coaches: Mr. Chase Fouhy (skills and strategy) & Mr. Brody Morris (a warm body)

Jr. Badminton Coaches: Miss Rebecca Gudnason (Head Coach) & Miss Taylor Smith (Assistant Coach)

*If there are community members interested in getting involved in a coaching role, please reach out to the school.

Grade 1-8 Progress Reports

Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 will be going home with students on Friday, March 18th. As always, parents are encouraged and welcome to reach out to the teacher(s) of their child(ren) with any questions at any time. We always welcome the dialogue, especially if there is confusion, worries, or questions that we can address.

SCC Meeting:

The Borden School Community Council has its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 PM. SCC Meetings are 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.

Please be aware that parents/families are encouraged to send questions or topics to the Borden SCC email account: bordenskscc@gmail.com

Kindergarten Registration:

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2022, you can register for Kindergarten now! Also, if you know of any families or community members who have children who will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2022, please encourage them to register or reach out to the school. We are always eager to get in touch with our newest crew of Borden Bruin students!

Immunizations:

Grade 6, 7, and 8 Immunizations will be held on April 12th. For more information, please reach out to Sarah Sokoluk with Saskatoon Health Authority @ 306-655-4282.

Masks:

As you are all well aware, masks in school are now completely optional. I am happy to say that to my knowledge so far, the individual choices of students and staff have been respected and accepted around the whole school. I view this as a sign of the amazing work by parents and the community to allow for open-minded thinking in our whole student body. As a staff, our goal is to create a safe place for all students, and this includes their choice to be masked or unmasked. We thank you for your continued support and acceptance in this regard.

Illness at School:

As the province has dropped covid restrictions, I thought it would be important to share one expectation that will continue at Prairie Spirit School Division schools. Students who are obviously ill and their symptoms cannot be explained (allergies, cold induced runny noses, or exercise induced coughing as examples) will still be sent home.

There are elements of professional judgement that go into this at the school level. Borden School staff will contact families when students self-report symptoms directly, or

if obvious indications of illness are persistent and incessant. Students are welcome to return to school as soon as they are symptom free.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we strive to keep everyone at Borden School healthy and safe.

Important Dates:

March 4 – Hot Lunch

March 7 – No Classes for K-12 (Prep Day)

March 10 – SCC Meeting

March 16 – Ski Trip (Grades 7-12)

March 18 – Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 go home

March 23-24 – Parent Conferences

March 25 – No School (Day in Lieu)

March 28 – Term 3 begins (Grade 1-8)

April 4 – No School for K-12 (Prep Day)

April 12 – Grade 6, 7, and 8 Immunizations

April 14 – Math Final Exam Grade 9-12

April 15-24 – No School (April Break)

April 25 – Classes resume & Quarter 4 begins (Grade 9-12)

April 29 – Grade 9-12 Progress Reports go home

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!

Brody Morris – Borden School Principal