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Dear Borden School Families,

Returning from the April Break has brought Borden School into the final quarter of the school year. As we look back on the school year so far, there have been many highlights, obstacles overcome, and tremendous learning throughout the whole school. I am looking forward to the final months of the school year working alongside all our Borden Bruins!

In this update, I will share information on: Volunteers, Awards Night, Grade 12 Graduation, Track & Field, Pick-up Reminders, Boys Washroom, Mental Health Week, RCMP Visit, Breakfast Program Donations, SCC Meeting & Election, and Kindergarten Registration

Volunteers:

As we are nearing the time of year for Field Trips, we will be hoping to have parent volunteers attend and participate. It is crucially important that parent volunteers have their criminal record check and vulnerable sector check on file at the school.

In order to support this from the school, we have 2 avenues available for families. First of all, we have a letter that we can provide to parent volunteers which will prevent any cost to parents while getting these checks completed. We are also able to take completed forms, along with scans of a piece of photo I.D. + the volunteer's health card, in to the RCMP on your behalf. Again, this option would prevent any personal cost for parents who choose to do this.

I understand that this process is inconvenient, and we appreciate everyone who is able and willing to go through this process to volunteer at Borden School and for Borden School events/activities.

Awards Night:

Borden School is excited at the prospect of hosting an in-person Awards Night again! We have set the date for Wednesday, June 15th, 2022. More details will follow, but please save the date! We are hopeful to see as many of our families as possible!

Grade 12 Graduation:

The Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony is booked for Friday, June 10th, 2022 at the Borden Community Centre. The program is open to the whole community, and it will begin at 7:00 PM. There is a dance to follow the program. I hope it works for folks to come and celebrate the achievement of our Borden Bruin Grade 12 students this year!

Track & Field:

Preparation for Track & Field across all grade levels is going strong already! Our Elementary School Track Day is set for Wednesday, June 1st, 2022. As of typing this note, we are still uncertain if Perdue School will be attending, or if the event will be exclusively for Borden School students. Regardless, we are hopeful to have parents/guests attend and participate in the day! Be on the lookout for more information in the weeks leading up to June 1st.

For Grade 7-12, Track & Field practices are officially underway, and various events have been practiced in Phys. Ed class already. The Conference Meet for Grade 7-12 athletes will be on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. The event will be held at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex in Saskatoon.

Questions regarding elementary track would best be directed to Brody Morris.

Questions regarding Grade 7-12 track would best be directed to Nicole Kaufmann, MacKenzie Martell, or Rebecca Gudnason.

Pick-Up Reminders:

I would like to remind and encourage all families to continue the practice of communicating clearly with both classroom teachers and office staff regarding early pick-up times for students.

Communicating all student drop-off or pick-up times which are outside the usual times helps everyone be prepared and efficient. At this time in the year, surprises and disruptions, no matter how minor, can ripple through classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in maintaining the consistent and timely communication around student drop-off and pick-up.

Boys Washroom:

The Boys Washroom at Borden School is an area where we are looking for family support. For a wide variety of reasons, the boys bathroom is an area that is difficult to supervise directly. It is also a challenging area because at a small, K-12 school with only one shared washroom, the difference in age between students in the washroom can be very large. This is the help we are looking for from parents:

- Review urinal etiquette with students (some younger students are still going pants to ankles at the urinal).
- Review how to use stall locks, and review the importance of respecting that a person inside a locked stall needs privacy.
- Review that the shared washroom is not a play area (we have some students yelling, screaming, climbing, crawling, and generally making an environment which can be really uncomfortable for others using the washroom).

We are addressing these issues at the school when they come up. We would really appreciate additional support from home to reinforce the importance of appropriate behaviour in this area of our school.

Mental Health Week:

Our School Counsellor, Carmelle Blomquist, has provided an item for our newsletter connected to Mental Health. Please see the attachment connected to this email message to see what Carmelle has to share!

RCMP Visit:

On May 4th, 3 RCMP Officers were able to spend time at Borden School speaking with students. The RCMP Officers left feeling respected and valued, and our students from K-12 showed engagement and expressed positive comments about their time with RCMP Officers. I would encourage all families to ask about the experience your child(ren) had with the RCMP. I am grateful for the engagement of the Warman RCMP Detachment and their support of our students and school!

Breakfast Program Donations:

Our Breakfast Program which runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays has been a big success this year! Mrs. Troupe-Logue, Mrs. Yuskiw, Mrs. Mikituk, Mr. Morris and Mrs. Lukan work together to support this program. At this point in the year, we are able to take donations again. Assorted items like juice boxes, banana loaves, muffins, fruit, cheese, yogurt, assorted baking, and monetary donations would all be gratefully accepted.

We have already received gracious support and donations from a variety of families and institutions. We are thankful to be supported by such a giving and generous community!

SCC Meeting:

The Borden School Community Council has its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM. SCC Meetings are open to the public. We are beginning to meet in a hybrid style (both in-person with some members joining in virtually). Any parents/community members who would like to attend are welcome to join us at the school. Folks are also welcome to join in-person or let us know and we can send a link for a virtual invite.

The meeting on May 5th will also be the SCC Elections where new members are encouraged to join! Please reach out if this interests you.

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!

There has been a new step added for Kindergarten Registration by the ministry of education (which means this applies to all schools across Saskatchewan that have a Kindergarten program). Families are required to provide confirmation of either their Kindergarten Child's passport or birth certificate. This confirmation can be provided as part of the online registration (scanned and uploaded), or it can be provided in-person at the school with a visual confirmation by either Mrs. Angelena Lukan or Mr. Brody Morris. The reason for this is to guarantee birthdate and legal name for the ministry of education.

Important Dates:

May 4 – RCMP Visit at Borden School

May 5 – SCC Meeting & Election

May 13 – Prep Day (No Classes for K-12)

May 19 – Track & Field for Grades 7-12 at Saskatoon (Gordie Howe Sports Complex)

May 20 – Grade 7-8 Field Trip

May 23 – Victoria Day (No School)

May 27 – Track & Field Districts (Grades 10-12 in Saskatoon at Gordie Howe Sports Complex)

June 1 – Elementary Track (back-up date is June 3rd)

June 3 – Track & Field Provincials (Grade 10-12 in Regina)

June 6 – Prep Day (No Classes for K-12)

June 10 – Grade 12 Grad

June 13 – K-4 Field Trip

June 14 – Grade 9-12 Field Trip

June 15 – Awards Night

June 16 – Kindergarten Orientation

June 22 – Kindergarten Graduation

June 27 – K-8 Pike Lake Swimming

June 28 – Last Day of School

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