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Dear Borden Bruin Families,

This update has information on:

- Staffing Update
- Dressing for the Weather
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Staffing Update:

Borden School will be going through a couple more staffing changes. We are very excited for Mr. Schulz who has accepted a position with the University of Saskatchewan. He is a brilliant teacher, and he will be greatly missed by students and staff. Replacing Mr. Schulz is Samantha Den Hollander. We look forward to her sharing her love of teaching and talents with us.

Dress for the Weather:

It is that time of year when temperatures will be dipping soon, and mornings can be a bit chilly – warm shoes, warm jackets, and even warm mitts at this time of year is not unusual. Students are expected to be prepared to go outside every day, and if there is ever an emergency in which students need to evacuate the building, students need to be prepared to go outside.

Safety Drills:

Throughout the year, our school conducts safety drills to ensure students and staff know what to do in the event of a situation. We will be conducting fire drills, lockdown drills, and hold and secure drills. A lockdown is activated when there is a threat inside or in the direct vicinity of the school building and there is an immediate risk. A hold and secure is activated when there is a serious emergency occurring outside the school and may pose a risk. When activated, staff and students follow the procedures they have been taught. Practicing is

important so that everyone knows what to do, where to go and what to expect for each drill. The safety of our students is our primary concern.

SCC Update:

On September 18th, the SCC provided and prepared delicious burgers, refreshments and fellowship with a welcome back BBQ! Students helped Mr. Gerwing cook, while other staff, SCC members, and students served and set up games. It was a great afternoon and evening, and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to come! Special thanks to our local Co-op for donating 3 boxes of burgers for this event.

The next SCC meeting is Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:00PM.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Activities are in full swing at Borden School with students participating in Cross Country, Junior Volleyball, Co-op Senior Volleyball, Co-op Senior Football, Yearbook and BSSC.

Coaches are helping students develop skills, learn sportsmanship, and create opportunities for students to learn and grow. It is a learning process. If you would like to discuss certain aspects of the game, how things are going, or an issue that you feel needs to be addressed with coaches, please reach out. However, we do ask that you practice the 24-hour rule before doing so; this process is recommended and supported by Prairie Spirit School Division. If you are new to sport and are not aware of what this is, it simply means to wait 24 hours before reaching out to coaches with your concerns.

Jr. Boys Volleyball:

The Jr. boys volleyball team have had 1 home game and 1 tournament thus far. The team won all their sets against "b" league teams and held their own against the "a" league teams they faced in the Hepburn tournament. We travel to VCA this weekend to play against "a" and "b" league teams. This will be a great test for the boys to see where they stack up between the leagues. We then travel to VCA on October 7 for a single away game.

Jr. Girls Volleyball:

The Borden Jr. Girls volleyball team is off to a good start this season. They have had one game in Maymont where they showed great teamwork as well as a good attitude. We look forward to playing plenty more exhibition games this season including home games on October 2nd and October 16th. The girls are also looking forward to competing in a tournament in Colonsay later this month.

Cross Country:

Our Cross Country athletes have had a busy month! We had a successful first meet in Langham on September 16th with seven athletes representing Borden. We have been working hard on improving our stamina and speed in preparation for the district meet this upcoming Wednesday, October 2nd. We are proud of the progress and dedication these athletes have demonstrated during this short, exciting season!

Co-op Teams:

Senior athletes are grateful for the opportunities to play the sports they enjoy, joining Hepburn for volleyball and Hafford for football. So far this season teams have shown a great deal of success. Keep up the hard work!

BSSC:

The BSSC has been off to a great start this year. We have had quite the turnout of members which is great to see. The BSSC did a great job of helping organize the Terry Fox Run this month and worked hard to handout supplies to the various grades as well as refreshments after the walk. We look forward to future school events and spirit days this year, so please stay tuned for future updates!

Yearbook:

Yearbook is underway! Stay tuned as they have a couple of fundraisers in the works to help reduce costs.

They are also looking for sponsorships. In exchange for investing a small sum of money, minimum \$20, your business will receive a promotion in the yearbook. A copy of your business card will be put on the "Sponsorship Guide" page along with other sponsors. Your brand will be advertised for the whole school/community to see through the Yearbook and our school's very own Facebook page. Please reach out to the school for more information on becoming a sponsor.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

We are excited to connect with students and families for the upcoming parent teacher interviews on October 24th from 3:30 to 8:30 for Miss Anderson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Baerg, Mrs. Janzen, Ms. Ekstrand, and Mr. Gerwing. Miss McGregor's interviews will be on October 22nd from 3:30 to 8:30.

Parent teacher interviews are intended for you, your child and your child's teacher to review your child's progress. We hope everyone will be able to attend. However, if these dates and times do not work for your family, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time.

Booking for parent teacher interviews will open October 10th by 11:00AM. Please click [here](#) for directions on how to book your parent teacher interview in Edsby. Kindergarten to Grade 6 interviews are held in student classrooms; grades 7 and up are in the gym.

Fundraising:

Stay tuned as Borden School will be running a few fundraisers throughout the year:

1. Mom's Pantry in October – this will be an online fundraiser for families and the community. Funds will be used for Outdoor Learning Spaces and Outdoor Education.
2. Purdy's Chocolates in November – this is an annual fundraiser for Borden School. Chocolates arrive just in time for Christmas with proceeds going towards our 2024-2025 yearbook.

Fees:

Student fees are due:

- \$55 for supply and activity fees
- \$20 for cross country
- \$30 for volleyball (jr. girls and jr. boys)

Dates to Remember:

2024-2025

Monday, September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)

Tuesday, October 1 – Last day to order school pictures (McMaster's)

Wednesday, October 2 – Cross Country Districts @ Langham

Thursday, October 3 – Last Day to Order Boston Pizza through Healthy Hunger

Wednesday, October 9 – Grade 6 Immunizations in the AM

Wednesday, October 9 – Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

Wednesday, October 9 – Fire Department Presentation in the Gym for K-6 @ 1:10

Thursday, October 10 – Parent Teacher Interviews open for booking @ 11:00AM

Friday, October 11 - Teacher Preparation Day (no classes)

Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Wednesday, October 16 – Picture Retake Day

Thursday, October 17 – Last Day to Order WokBox through Healthy Hunger

Tuesday, October 22 – Miss McGregor's Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 – 8:30)

Wednesday, October 23 – WokBox Hot Lunch

Wednesday, October 23 – SCC Meeting @ 5:00

Thursday, October 24 – Parent Teacher Interviews for all elementary and high school teachers, except Miss McGregor (3:30 – 8:30)

Friday, October 25 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

Thursday, October 31 – Last Day to Order Subway Hot Lunch

Wednesday, November 6 – Subway Hot Lunch

Friday, November 8 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Monday, November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)

Thursday, November 14 – Last Day to Order Taco Time

Wednesday, November 20 – Taco Time Hot Lunch

Thursday, November 28 - Last Day to Order Wendal Clark Hot Lunch

Monday, December 2 - Teacher Preparation/PD Day (no classes)

Wednesday, December 4 – Wendal Clark Hot Lunch

Friday, December 20 - Last day of classes before winter break

Monday, January 6 - Classes resume

Friday, January 31 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Friday, February 14 - Last day of classes before February break

Monday, February 24 - Classes resume

Friday, March 7 – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

Monday, March 10 - Teacher Preparation/PD (no classes)

Thursday, April 3 – Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 – 8:30)

Thursday, April 17 - Last day of classes before spring break

Monday, April 28 - Classes resume

Friday, May 9 - Teacher Preparation (no classes)

Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day (no classes)

Friday, June 13 – Grade 12 Graduation

Thursday, June 26 - School year ends for students