

Bears Newsletter

May 8, 2024

Burton Elementary School

Volume 9

Dear Bear Families,

As we enter the month of May, I am delighted to share the latest news and updates from our lively Bear's Den!

First and foremost, I want to extend heartfelt compliments to all our students on their incredible growth and achievements this school year. Witnessing their dedication, creativity, and resilience inside and outside the classroom has been inspiring. From mastering new skills to embracing challenges with courage and determination, our students continue to shine brightly, and we couldn't be prouder of each of them.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, and families. Your unwavering support and collaboration have been instrumental in our students' growth and achievements. Together, we've created a nurturing environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Your commitment to our Bears truly makes a difference, and I am immensely grateful for your partnership.

Student-led conferences will be held later this month and are a unique opportunity for our students to showcase their learning journey. These conferences, where students take the lead in discussing their progress, achievements, and areas for improvement, are a testament to their growth and development. Students develop essential skills such as self-reflection, goal-setting, and communication by actively participating in these conferences. We encourage you to attend these conferences and engage in meaningful discussions with your child about their learning. An email will come out next week from Jess with the booking link.

Mr. Tim Van Brummelen is excited to join the team next year. We plan to have him visit the Bear's Den a few times over the next few months to meet everyone and experience this great learning environment. His first visit is scheduled for May 21st.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. Your feedback is invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in education and student support.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and here's to a joyful and fulfilling month of May!

Warm regards,

Brent



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Please
remember to
notify the office
when your
child(ren) will be
absent from
school



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- May 20th:** **Victoria Day– No School**
- May 24th:** **School in-session– last Friday in-session!**
- May 28th:** **Wild Voices Presentation for students**
- May 30th:** **Assembly/Open House @ 2:45pm**
- June 6th:** **Fish Release**
Mr, K's last day with the Intermediate class
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- June 13th:** **Intermediate Track & Field day @ NES**
- June 17th:** **Grade 7 Grad** 
- June 20th:** **Indigenous Day at NES**
- June 27th:** **Last day of classes! Report cards come home**

Hot Lunch/Breakfast Menu

Week of:	Tuesday- Hot Lunch	Wednesday- Hot Breakfast	Thursday- Hot Lunch
May 14th:	Hot dogs	Pancakes & Smoothies	Baked Macaroni
May 20th:	Greek pasta salad	French toast casserole	Chicken Caesar wraps
May 27th:	Chicken burgers	Baked oatmeal	Corn Dogs
June 3rd:	Grilled cheese & tators	Bacon & egg McMuffins	Spaghetti
June 11th:	Hot dogs	Pancakes & smoothies	Baked macaroni

Seamless Day After School Care



Seamless Day After School Care

Come have fun with Ms. Lora Mae during our after-school care program at BES. It runs Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Registration is now open to all BES students from K-7. Full-time and part-time spots are available: \$15/day.

Please contact the office or Lora Mae directly to register.



Leadership

The Buffalo and Respect by Elise Hall and Eli Kirwin

Last month in Leadership we focused on the Grandfather Teaching of Respect. Respect is represented by the buffalo. Respect is showing honor, kindness and acceptance to your peers and elders by listening to them and appreciating their strengths. Respect is also knowing your own strengths and things you need to work on.

The Buffalo showed deep respect for the people by giving its life and sharing every part of its being. Because every part of the buffalo was used when hunted by Indigenous tribes, it provided the people an abundance of resources. The buffalo gave all of itself to better the people, and reminds us to be grateful for all we have.

The buffalo lives in grasslands and is very important to the plants and animals that live there. The way they stomp on the ground and roll around on the ground helps to create wetlands that brings lots of other life to the grasslands. They also keep trees from taking over the grasslands by using their horns to break them down.

In conclusion, the buffalo reminds us to show respect to the land, ourselves, and others. It also reminds us to give back to our land and the people and appreciate what is given to us!

The Raven, Sabe & Honesty

This month we will be focusing on the Grandfather Teaching of Honesty which is represented by either the Raven or Sabe. Both the Sabe and Raven remind us that to truly see oneself we must first be honest with oneself. It is then that we will be able to accept ourselves for who we are and walk our true path with integrity.



Illustrated by
Kindergartener
Matteus



School District 10 (Arrow Lakes)

2023-2024 School Calendar

4 Day Week

Weekends

Statutory Holidays

School Vacation Periods

School NI/Pro-D Days

Administration Day



September 5, 2023	School Opens
September 22, 2023	School Based Pro D Day
September 30, 2023	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Stat on Oct 2, 2023)
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Stat
October 20, 2023	BCTF Provincial Pro D Day
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day (Stat on Nov 13, 2023)
December 25, 2023	Winter Vacation
January 5, 2024	
January 1, 2024	New Years Day
January 8, 2024	School Opens
January 26, 2024	District - ALTA Shared Pro D Day
February 16, 2024	Regional Pro-D Day
February 19, 2024	Family Day Stat
March 18, 2024	Spring Vacation
March 28, 2024	
March 29, 2024	Good Friday Stat
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday Stat
April 19, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 17, 2024	School Based Pro D Day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day Stat
June 28, 2024	Administrative Day - No School

Days of Instruction	156
Non-Instructional Days	6
Administrative Day	1
Total Days in Session	163



July 2023							August 2023						
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