

THE MOUNTAINEER

At Buck Mountain Central School, we passionately engage our diverse students every day by genuinely connecting and supporting them on their learning journey towards high school completion and life beyond our doors.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe we are fast-approaching the end of another year at Buck Mountain Central School! The past 10 months have traveled quickly by with planning for the 2019-2020 school year already underway. Before we move on, it is important to reflect on the year that was, particularly remembering our graduates.

Graduation is a special time of year. Though it is a busy time, it is the culmination of students' efforts over the last 12 years leading them up to this point. I always enjoy hearing the plans of the graduates as they move on from BMC. All too often as we get older we set smaller goals, sometimes not even setting them at all. These plans are a reminder for me to dream big.

This is the time of year we also celebrate our Arts and Athletics programs. Our Band and Drama performances, along with our Athletic Awards Banquet remind us of how talented our students are outside the classroom, while balancing their studies with these pursuits. The number of students, staff, and community volunteers (especially for a school our size) remind us of the value of these programs to the BMC community and we are grateful.

Thank you for being such great representatives of our school.

Our attention now turns to finishing well. We look forward to keeping our focus and finishing another great year at Buck Mountain Central School strongly! I am grateful for the wonderful staff, parents, and community partners who work (seen and unseen) to make BMC the community it is.

We wish Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Corra, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Kress all the best as they explore new opportunities. We welcome Ms. Danielle Gordon (Math & Science teacher), Mr. Dennis Asp (Math Support & Mentorship), and Mrs. Cassie Patterson (Educational Assistant) to our staff. As well, we look forward to having Mrs. Plotts (Educational Assistant) and Mrs. Miller (Career Counselor and Success Coach) in our building more next year!

Student Registration takes place August 27th and 28th, 2019, with students returning to classes September 3rd, 2019.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable summer break,
Mr. Jon Meyers

LEARNING SUPPORT UPDATE

Ms. Nicole Townsend

Wow, it seems like I blinked and spring is here!

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, there are a few organizational items that need to be completed. If your child has an Individual Program Plan (IPP) or a Behaviour Support Plan (BSP) we will need to set up a meeting to discuss what worked well this year, what we can improve on in the plan(s) for next year, and to make any transition plans for the next grade level. If I have not already been in contact with you to set a meeting, please contact the school so that this may be arranged; parents and students are a vital part of this process, so it is essential we all meet as a group.

We are excited to be working with two new, full time educational assistants: Heidi Plotts and Cassie Patterson for next year, as well as with the amazing team we have come to rely on: Colleen Clague, Denice Murray, and Lyric LaBrie for next school year. Crystal Harris, Tina Hutchinson, and Leslee Kress will continue to advocate for and cheer on BMC students, however they will not be a part of the school's learning team next year. We wish them all the best in all of their endeavors beyond BMC.

Classroom educational assistants will continue to work at the direction of myself, the learning support teacher, based on highest student need of support, focused on the areas of: literacy, numeracy, and behaviour. Next year, EA's will have more manageable goals with students on shorter timelines in order to get best learning results possible. This is a slight change to the model we are currently using, however it ensures more support for students, in the areas of the highest priority. Next year, we are also adding a Success Coach to our learning team roster: Mrs. Judy Miller will fill this role, focusing on addressing barriers to high school graduation, specifically attendance, and set future goals in order to promote the highest levels of motivation and success for our Indigenous students. She will also continue her role as Career Counsellor with the remainder of her time.

In keeping with the high school redesign model for student directed learning time, we will continue to run a 38 minute 'FLEX' block next school year. We will however begin to use some time during this block to meet as teacher working groups to discuss high yield strategies, curriculum, common expectations and levels of rigor for our students, particularly in the areas of numeracy and literacy. This will mean that on some of the days, students will have less flexibility than they did this year, being assigned more regularly.

We also intend to continue to run TAG (teacher advisory groups) and Passion Project afternoons. If parents or volunteers would be interested in running a passion project (enrichment learning) for students, we would love to invite you to be a part of this opportunity. We usually run these days every 6-8 weeks for half the day. Contact the school with any questions or ideas!

Thank you to all staff, students, and community members who have supported me in this role as my first year as the learning support teacher for Buck Mountain Central School. I could not be more proud of the work we have done this year and to be part of such an amazing team, working with such creative, ambitious, and unique individual students.

Have a great summer, I look forward to seeing you all in the fall!



ATHLETIC BANQUET

Ms. Linda Kwirant

Buck Mountain Central School recognizes that there is a direct correlation between athletics and academic achievement. We have worked diligently to provide the students of Buck Mountain Central with ample opportunities in both areas. For the past 20 years, we have boasted winning teams in all levels of sport including League, Zone and Provincial Competitions. We are very proud of the athletic excellence in our school!

While our school population is small, we have, up to this point, been able to offer team play in various discipline areas (football, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track & field, and cheerleading) as we feel that these programs are vital to student physical health, as well as giving students a sense of achievement and success.

To celebrate our teams, the coaches of Buck Mountain Central will be hosting an Athletic Banquet and Silent Auction on June 11, 2019. This gives opportunity to show pride in our school athletes, honour both individual and team successes, and to thank parents for their continued support of athletic excellence.

The Athletic Banquet meal will start at 5:00 p.m. with a cost of \$10 per person. The meal will be spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic toast, ceasar salad and skor desert.

The Awards portion will start at 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, REGARDLESS IF YOU ARE ON A SPORTS TEAM OR NOT. WE WOULD LOVE SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OUT AT THE EVENT!

CONGRATULATIONS BUCK MOUNTAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019



FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON

Ms. Lesley Addario

I would like to thank Buck Mountain Central for welcoming me into the community. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with the students, families and staff.

Some of the initiatives we have planned for the next school year are presentations by: Joe Social Media, Suicide Information & Amp; Education Services Red Deer, Mental Health Promotion, Addiction Prevention, Sexual Violence and Autism Speaks.

As this school year comes to an end, I would like to make sure families and students have what they may need for mental health support over the summer.

Here are some helplines that I trust:

- Addiction and Mental Health
 - 1 866 332 2322
- 24 Hour Crisis
 - 403 266 4357
- Alberta Mental Health
 - 877 303 2642
- Distress Line
 - 780 482 4357
- Kids Helpline
 - 1 800 668 6868
- Rimbey Mental Health
 - 403 843 2406
- Drayton Mental Health
 - 780 542 3140
- Family Violence
 - 310 1818 (no area code needed)

Again, thank you for a wonderful first year here at BMC. I hope you all have a great summer.

See you in September.

MT. ROBINSON TRIP

Mrs. Erin Klatt

The Sr. High Outdoor Ed Class Traveled to Mt Robson (B.C) this past weekend. Friday they hiked in to Whitehorn Camp which is an 11km hike. We were happy to have overcast conditions and the rain held off until 2am. Saturday we hiked in the rain/mist/snow/sun to Berg Lake. Some students were adventurous and dipped their feet in! Sunday had us pack up and hike back down to the vehicles..... All in all it was a great trip full of laughter, being unplugged and connecting with nature. Thank-you to our chaperones Ted Dooper, Leah Reid and Chad Kellgren - you all made this trip so much more enjoyable.





FOOTBALL UPDATE

Mr. Eric Wolney

We have a very strong bantam team (grade 7 & 8) again this spring. We've played 2 jamborees so far. We travelled to Millwoods and had a strong showing versus Hinton and Millwoods, even though they were competing against grade 9's. We don't keep official scores in jamboree action, but we more than held our own against the larger squads.

We played at home on May 30th against 2 teams from Drayton Valley. We dominated that jamboree against both teams. It was a great afternoon complete with an announcer (thanks Chad Kellgren) and cheerleaders performed from both schools. Our cheer team was led by Lyric Labrie and they did a marvellous job. We also served burgers, hotdogs and snacks to the impressive crowd. Thanks to Shauna Begg and her helpers, Jocelyn and Laurie Gomolchuk for organizing the concession.

We head into some tough competition in Rimbey vs. the home Spartans and the Breton Cougars. The boys (and girl) are looking forward to this match.

These 2 teams have historically been our strongest competition in league play. Games start at 4pm and we play back to back against Breton and Rimbey. Make the short drive to watch some exciting football.

We are hosting a jamboree on June 14th with Breton and Hinton scheduled to be our opponents. Stay tuned, as this may change as Breton has indicated they may not be able to make that date. Spectators can again look forward to a fun night of football complete with concession, announcer, national anthem, and cheerleaders. Come out and support your Mustangs!

The last jamboree of the season will take place a short drive away in Breton on June 20th. Come out and watch some exciting football.

BUCK MOUNTAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Library & Text Books

All need to be returned to the office by
June 27th, 2019

A FEE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ALL BOOKS NOT RETURNED!

ASLC

Mrs. Erin Klatt

The Alberta Student Leadership Conference was held in Lethbridge May 26-28 in Lethbridge. BMC was fortunate enough to send 10 students from grades 9-12.

Day 1 upon arriving, the group started with some classic team building by setting up their tents (aka the nights accommodation)... the opening ceremonies featured many local, talented students & the first keynote speaker Chris Koch (www.ifican.ca) After dinner, students heard from Bernadine & Toby Boulet (parents of Logan Boulet - #Humbolt Strong) followed by Hypnotist J.R. Matthew.

Day 2 of ASLC saw speakers Lucas Jadin who talked about growth mindset and how we can change our fear into courage as well as Julie & Lowell Taylor (Amazing Race Canada season 4 contestants).

where they shared their experiences in respect to turning obstacles into opportunities

Students participated in various breakout sessions including judo, creative writing, perspective, growth mindset, and tours of the university of Lethbridge to name a few.

Day 3 of ASLC wrapped up Tuesday afternoon with keynote speaker Scott Backorich. He brought some of us to tears, had us all laughing and really made us think. I can't wait to see what our students do with what they learned in Lethbridge these past 3 days..... I think they may need to get caught up on sleep first though!!



SR. DRAMA PRODUCTION

Mr. Adam Durose

This year the High School Drama class presented two one act plays: A Christmas Scarol by Don Zolidis, and Dark Road by Laura Lundgren Smith. Both productions were well received locally, and were directed collaboratively by Montana Brown and Jordan Hopfe. Congratulations to every drama student for such a spectacular year!

THE PERFORMANCE WAS NOT ONLY PROFESSIONAL, BUT PROVOKED EMOTIONS NOT TYPICAL FOR A HIGH SCHOOL PLAY. THE STUDENT ACTORS AND PRODUCTION TEAM FROM BUCK MOUNTAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB WERE NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING. THE CONTENT OF THIS PLAY, CENTERED AROUND A WOMEN'S CONCENTRATION CAMP IN NAZI GERMANY, SET THE SCENE FOR THE ACTORS TO COMPLETELY EMBRACE THEIR CHARACTERS. THE MAIN CHARACTERS AND SUPPORTING ACTORS EACH PULLED THE AUDIENCE IN FROM THE BEGINNING AND IMMEDIATELY INDUCED EMOTIONS OF DEEP SYMPATHY, ANGER, SADNESS, AND DISBELIEF. WE WERE TAKEN BACK TO A PART OF HISTORY WE HOPE NEVER REPEATS ITSELF. THE MEAL WAS DELIGHTFUL AND SATISFYING. IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THIS PERFORMANCE I HIGHLY RECOMMEND MARCHING DOWN AND SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS

- JILAYNE PARKER.

MATH SKILLS PROJECT

Ms. Amanda Neumann

This year in math skills students in grades 7,8,9 did a cumulative project which required them to build a business! Students had to complete several tasks in order to execute this project successfully. They had to first determine positions within their business, decide on a product, determine the cost of the product to produce, calculate profit margins and percent markups. The classes had to create their own survey's to evaluate demand to determine their supply, and make advertisements to draw customers to their businesses. Students will then analyze the data from their sales and create graphs to represent the sale of their products.

Profit from this project goes directly into our student union fund, this fund goes to support our student body, has been used to buy furniture, and to fix chromebooks, among other things. Students received their initial investments back after providing their receipts for the purchases. As part of the project, students are competing with their grades to capture the most profits. Winners will receive a pizza lunch, and an award will be given for the group with the highest sales across all grades.

**A HUGE THANK YOU
TO ALL STAFF THAT
SUPPORTED THESE
CLASSES IN THEIR
HARD WORK,
INCLUDING
ALLOWING WATER
BALLOONS TO BE
THROWN AT THEM!
IT WAS TRULY A
SCHOOL WIDE
EFFORT!**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mrs. Erin Klatt

The Jr and Sr. High Outdoor Education Classes headed to Alder Flats Elementary School to help them with their memorial garden and planter boxes.

Mr. Wolney's construction class built two planter boxes that we filled with dirt. We were also given the task of cleaning out several garden areas so that they were ready to be planted. The memorial garden got some sprucing up and we look forward to seeing all the food that will be grown and used next fall in their lunch program.



BMC SLO-PITCH SCENE

Mr. Tim Stewart

Unique to BMC, our annual intra-school tournament was Wednesday, June 5th . All students and staff were drafted onto teams and played in a round robin tournament! It was a beautiful day to get outside and play some ball.

Our 3rd annual interschool slo-pitch tournament will be held on Friday, June 21 st with Boys and Girls, junior and senior teams participating from Buck Mountain, Breton and Warburg, with games starting around 9:30am. This event will celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day as the Buck Mountain Treaty 6 School Slo-pitch Tournament. The kitchen will again be open for business including an Indigenous Peoples themed menu.

After school team practices will be starting in the upcoming days.

MUSTANGS TRACK

Mr. Tim Stewart

We had 16 athletes participating in track & field this spring, 15 juniors and 1 senior high student.

Our Juniors had a lot of success in Breton capturing many top 3 finishes and a great day competing in the relay races.

BMC Track Athletes doing well at the Breton meet had the opportunity to compete against 100s of the areas best in Leduc. Winning in Leduc we're Chloe Begg in 3000 & 800, Hailey Gomolchuk in discus & Caidyn Purdy in high jump, Josh Zingle missed advancing in the discus by less than 5 cm, a feat he had achieved the previous 2 years. Our 3 athletes advancing to the Zone meet in St. Albert, which qualifying alone is a great feat had amazing performances with Caidyn Purdy high jumping her personal best, Hailey Gomolchuk getting second in discus and Chloe Begg capping off her terrific junior high track career racing to second place in both the 800 & 3000 meters..



BAND NEWS

Miss Morgan Siemens

The Band year has begun to wrap up with our Spring Concert coming up quickly and year end field trips underway. I would like to send a HUGE thank you to our Band Parents Association, who enables our band program to run successfully! We are always looking for parents to lend us an hour of time each month to ensure that we can keep our program running. Without parents volunteers, our band program is not possible.

Just under half the school population participated in band this year, which was great to see so many students participating in a fine art. We have been playing music from as many era's as possible, from classical, to jazz, to pop, and even student made compositions. BMC has an unbelievable group of talented musicians.

This year saw the start of BMC Guitar club. The BPA purchased 5 new guitars for us to use. We had several students participate and hoping to see even more students come out next year!

Upcoming dates:

12 June - 6pm Spring Concert - outside weather permitting

14 June Jr. Band Field trip to Jubilations Dinner Theatre
(sponsored by the BPA)

**12-13 Buck Lake Rodeo Steak Dinner Fundraiser - We are still looking for volunteers to help us. This quick fundraiser means we won't have to fundraise throughout the year!

** Jan 2020 - Casino Fundraiser - we will be needing many volunteers, please stay tuned for more information.

**Please contact Becky Alexander (BPA President) to volunteer 780-514-9624

LOCKER CLEAN OUT

Mrs. Randi Tyler

All lockers must be cleaned out at the end of the year. Even though students will have the same locker & lock next year we would like to ensure that the lockers get a good cleaning over the summer. Thank you for your cooperation.

GRADUATION 2020 PARENT MEETING

Mrs. Randi Tyler

Will be held on June 18th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the school library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND I
AM ALREADY LOOKING
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN
THE FALL.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June

June 11th (period 7) - Sr. Drama Presentation

June 11th - Athletic Banquet

June 12th - Spring Band Concert → 6:00 p.m.

June 13th - Physics 20 Trip to Galaxyland

June 14th - Football Jamboree - 4:00 p.m.

June 14th - Sr. Band Trip (Jubilations) → (after school)

June 18th - Graduation 2020 Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

June 19th - Last day of classes for students

June 21st - Baseball vs. Other Schools

August

August 27th & 28th - School Registration - 8:30 - 3:30

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

WANTS TO HELP SEND GRADE 12 STUDENTS TO DIPLOMA
PREPARATION COURSES BY COVERING

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+ A \$50.00 GAS GIFT CARD**

ACCEPTABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDE
ROCK THE DIPLOMA OR DIPLOMAX

Edmonton or Red Deer Locations

PROOF OF REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

PLEASE SEE YOUR PRINCIPAL FOR MORE INFORMATION



Buck Mountain Central School Exam Schedule May & June 2019

Tuesday, May 7	9:00-12:00	Language Arts 9 Part A	Computer Lab
Thursday, June 13	9:00-12:00	Social Studies 30-1 Part A	Computer Lab
		Social Studies 30-2 Part A	Computer Lab
Wednesday, June 19		Last Day of Classes	
Thursday, June 20	9:00-11:00	English 20-1/20-2	Room 145
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 10-1/10-2	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	Math 7	Room 165
	12:30-2:30	Science 7	Room 165
Friday, June 21	National	Indigenous Peoples Day (No Exams)	
Monday, June 24	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 30-1 Part B	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 30-2 Part B	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	Biology 20	Room 141
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 9	Room 145
	9:00-11:00	Math 8	Room 165
	12:30-2:30	Social Studies 8	Room 165
Tuesday, June 25	9:00-12:00	Biology 30	Room 141
	9:00-11:00	Physics 20	Room 145
	9:00-11:00	Language Arts 9 Part B	Room 143
	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 7	Room 165
	12:30-2:30	Language Arts 7A	Room 165
Wednesday, June 26	9:00-11:00	Math 20-3/30-3	Room 144
	9:00-11:00	Math 9	Room 145
	9:00-11:00	Science 8	Room 165
Thursday, June 27	9:00-12:00	Physics 30	Room 164
	9:00-11:00	Science 9	Room 141

During Exam Week (June 20 – June 27):

- ✓ Students can be picked up by parents following exams (regular Bus drop-off and pick-up)
- ✓ Jr. High students stay in exam rooms for at least 3 periods. Those who stay following exams will be in a classroom (study time) or outside (no Galleria) at the supervising teacher's discretion.
- ✓ Report Card marks and comments are due June 27th.