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THE MOUNTAINEER

Updates for the parents, guardians & students of Buck Mountain Central School



MISSION:

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

First semester has come and gone and we are well underway in semester 2 classes. Soon enough, and I really don't think it can come soon enough, the snow will melt away and spring will be upon us. What a great time for a newsletter!

In the education world, springtime is all about planning! Although much of our planning is not yet finalized, the learning calendar for the 2022-2023 school year has been set. Thank you to all those who took the time to offer feedback about the calendar during the consultation process.

Another important aspect of planning is gathering information from parents, guardians, students, and staff. We are currently completing the Alberta Education Assurance Survey as staff and students at the school. Grade 7 and 10 students are surveyed, and parents and guardians of these students receive an invitation to participate in the survey through the mail. If you need a desktop computer to complete the survey, we are opening up our computer lab/library to families on March 15th during Parent Teacher Interviews. The survey was set to close on March 25th, however has been extended to April 1st.

Registration for next year is now online if families would like to get started on that. Follow the links on our website. Students will be given the opportunity to make course selections and request options classes online via PowerSchool in April. Parents and guardians will also be able to see the student requests screen on their PowerSchool Portal; notice will be sent out to families when the request screens are activated.

We would also like to keep our community informed of recent staffing changes: Miss Erickson is away on medical leave. We wish her all the best as she takes the time she needs to get well. Mr. Vesa has agreed to increase his time at BMC this semester, going from half time to full time. Mr. York and myself have also re-entered some classes as lead teachers to address these changes. We are confident that all changes made to students' schedules are in the best interest of all students, given the circumstances.

At the start of this school year, WRPS developed our 'return to near normal' school year plan. It has taken us several months, but it is beginning to feel closer to pre-pandemic days in the school. We look forward to more of that feeling as we wrap up the school year.

- Nicole Townsend

Basketball

Basketball season has officially wrapped up for the Mustangs. We are grateful to our volunteer coaches (Ceaira Lozo and Shane Cross) for taking on the team and mentoring our players. Here is a short recap of the season:

Junior Boys: The boys started their season 2 weeks later than the girls' team as we searched for a coach in the community. Ceaira Lozo answered the call and got right to work with this enthusiastic group of young men. The team had a tricky start to the season, when we traveled to HWP for our first game. Then, the team started to get into its groove when we hosted a series of several games over a short period of time. The boys placed 4th in the league following the regular season, and held that spot during playoffs.

Junior Girls: The junior girls team was recruiting heavily for players at the start of the season, unsure if we would have enough players to make the full season! What seemed like a challenge off the start, ended up being the foundation for an undefeated season. This group, small in number and in stature, played the perfect season - undefeated and champions of the league. The commitment and dedication that these young women showed through the season was incredible. They made their coach, Shane Cross, and their school very proud! We can't wait to see what next season will bring.

Senior Boys: The senior boys team this year got off to a rocky start, with injury and illness, there were times when we wondered if we could get a whole team on the court! By mid-season and following a pause on extracurriculars in January, the team came back stronger than ever. Each game the team played this year was a nail biter, winning and losing games only by a handful of points. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, challenges booking games and officials, the league decided not to host playoffs this year, rather to only complete the regular season games. The team ended up with a 50-50 record on the season. Great work to this team for sticking with the ups and downs of the season and to Shane Cross for getting these boys on the court, despite every challenge we encountered!



Graduation 2022

Graduation Convocation and Banquet will be held on May 27th, 2022.

Our next parent and student meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th at 7 pm online. This meeting we will discuss the program for convocation, academic awards, and process for nominating speakers at the event.

As mentioned before the school is hosting convocation and the grad class is hosting the banquet. We view these two events, while organized and funded separately, as a complementary celebration for our graduates and their great accomplishment. Currently the grad class is fundraising to support the banquet event, so keep an eye out for information posted to their social media page and posted around the community for opportunities to support the grad class with costs associated with hosting the banquet.

Our individual graduation photos will happen on April 29th, a PLC day. Students will sign up for time slots throughout the day. More information will be posted around the school and on BMC social media soon.

Spring Celebrations:

We value each day we spend teaching and learning with students at BMC. Below are some of the highlights since our winter newsletter:

- BMC Cheer has been has had a strong season so far and is planning for provincial competitions. So far, zero has been their most consistent number - which means zero deductions which is great in Cheer!
- Check out the update on BMC basketball to hear about the season!
- On February 25th we were able to run our winter activity day, which included time at the Winfield arena as well as many engaging activities at the school. We had to rebook this date due to busses not running on the original date in Decemeber.
- Our Breakfast Program continues to be a part of most students' daily routine. In January, we applied to Breakfast Clubs of Canada for additional funding to support this program and received a one time, lump sum grant! This money supports us in being able to offer a healthy, substantial daily breakfast to all our students.
- Recently, we WRPS Facilities has installed water coolers for staff and students in our school. This has been a huge hit among staff and students, who now just need to remember to bring a water bottle so they can enjoy fresh, cold water throughout the school day.
- Our senior high math teachers spent the afternoon with WRPS math teachers from across WRPS meeting virtually to discuss curricular standards on our February 28th PLC day. Teachers from Buck Mountain, Pigeon Lake, Wetaskiwin Composite, and Wetaskiwin Outreach were able to have cross-school discussions about how we address and assess curriculum in our classrooms. This was a starting point for greater work happening across WRPS from our Assessment and Reporting team of school leaders as part of our division's 3-year education plan. Any time we are able to get teachers from different sites together, is time well spent.



Spring Inclusion Update

Second semester is well underway and the additional snow days have made it a bit more turbulent than usual. With so many disruptions to learning, it can become difficult to keep track of due dates and assignments. Students and families should continue to check Google Classroom for updates to classes, especially in the event of absences during regular school days. Email is also a quick and convenient way to to get in touch with teachers for a little extra help or clarification.

We are just halfway through quarter 3, which means that the semester is about 25% complete. With this in mind, it is a great time for students to check in with their teachers on their progress. By asking for study strategies or tips for improvement now, students are giving themselves plenty of time to change things up for success. I am always available to chat if parents or students are seeing learning concerns beyond this.

Lastly, Individual Program Plans are being updated for new classes in Semester 2. If your child has an IPP, you will be asked to review goals made by teachers to support their learning. Parent Teacher Interviews in an excellent time for this process, and also lends itself well to speak with teachers about the learning needs of your child. Parent Teacher Interviews is Tuesday, March 15, but the process will be ongoing if you are unable to attend.

BMC Learning Teams Update

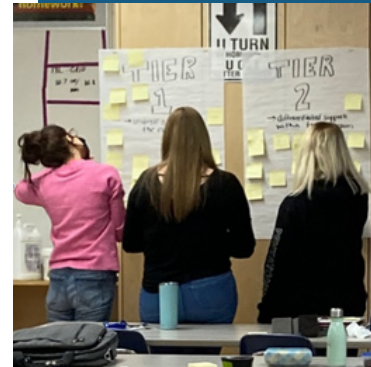
As we have celebrated before, BMC staff learning teams are doing great things for our school. Here is a quick update about what the teams have been up to:

Literacy: All grade 7-10 students have recently completed a Star Reading assessment (online reading test) to capture their progress from the start of the year. The results are used to inform instruction, in addition to providing data for reading groups during directed learning. In addition to reading assessments, the Literacy team continues to plan for the weekly one hundred word challenge writing assignments that are completed by grade 7-10 students. Through this work we are seeing improvements in writing tasks in ELA and Social Studies classes. Finally, an ongoing project for this learning team has been to select a book that would be suitable to run “One School, One Book” at the start of next school year. We think this will be a unique way to address literacy and sense of belonging initiatives in the school.

Numeracy: Our Numeracy team continues to establish common teaching practices and determine common strategies for teaching similar content in our math classrooms. Recently, the team collaborated with teachers from Wetaskiwin Composite High School, Wetaskiwin Outreach, and Pigeon Lake Regional School to establish common curricular standards to utilize in PowerTeacher gradebooks for the coming school year. This opportunity to collaborate with teachers across our school division has been very valuable.

Sense of Belonging: Our sense of belonging learning team continues to plan weekly Teacher Advisory Group lessons. These lessons coincide with our monthly themes for Mustang of the Month. February’s focus was on Kindness and March is focused on resilience. We see Teacher Advisory Groups as built in time in our weekly schedule to connect with and sustain meaningful relationships with students. Our hope is that the mini lessons are engaging and empower students on their learning journey toward high school completion. TAG will continue into the 2022-2023 school year.

As a whole school learning team, we have also been dedicating time on PLC days to develop a continuum of supports. This involves all staff working together to identify supports that are effective and areas that we need to continue searching for more effective supports. It is meaningful work that ultimately benefits BMC students.



PAC Update

BMC’s Parent Advisory Committee and Fundraising Society have been meeting online throughout the past few years and are looking to host a hybrid meeting on March 23rd at 7 PM. If you will be attending in person, please call ahead by 4 pm to let us know. If you would like to join online, send us an email and we will be sure to get you the link.

We will be hosting a Movie Night at BMC on March 16th at 7pm, featuring the movie: Alaskan Hoops. This is an exciting opportunity to see a movie before it’s premier. See the information posted online and on posters around the community for more details.

We also have other fundraising underway: we continue to use FundScrip which is an online platform for gift cards, fundraising through TruEarth (a Canadian based laundry and cleaning supplies company), and a fundraiser through Value Village for donating items you no longer need in your home. If are looking for more information on any of these events and fundraisers, please contact the school!

Planning for 2022/2023

Directed learning - this block in our schedule is a dedicated time for students to develop skills in numeracy and literacy, as well as including time to develop school-wide positive sense of belonging. Traditionally this time has been called “Flex Block” and was introduced when we were a part of the Alberta High School Redesign initiatives. The structure has stayed in our timetable and evolved into an integral part of how we plan our school days and plan for essential learning, tailored to BMC students. Next year, we will be moving this period of time to be the first block of the day (right now it is the third). We are doing this for a number of reasons, the most important being to set students up for a successful day of learning each day. By moving to the first thing in the morning, directed learning will also become an attendance block. This means it will be included in our daily attendance summary and parents will be notified if students miss it. Stay tuned to hear more about changes that may be taking place regarding directed learning next year; we are excited to see how this change positively impacts learning.

School Awards - Each year we host school awards early in the fall (usually mid-October). After doing some research, it became clear that BMC provides far more monetary awards than other schools in our school division. The past few years, it has been difficult to offset the cost of these awards. In the fall, staff and parents had the opportunity to weigh in on the best solution moving forward to ensure that all learners feel celebrated and that the cost of school awards is more affordable. Next year, we will be reducing the number of monetary awards students receive and we will be hosting a lunch/BBQ event as part of our ceremony. We will continue to recognize students for excellent academic achievement, there will simply be less money attached to each award. We believe this is the best path forward and are excited to see how we can involve more community in this celebration. If you are interested in hearing more, don't hesitate to reach out to Miss Townsend for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

March

15th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

15th - Online Grad Meeting 7:00 p.m.

16th - PAC Movie Night 7:00 p.m.

17th - PLC Day, No School

18th - No School

Spring Break: March 28th - April 1st, No School

April

4th - 21st - Calahoo Meats Fundraiser

15th - No School, Good Friday

18th - No School, Easter Monday

27th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

29th - PLC Day, No School

29th - Graduation Photo Day



BUCK MOUNTAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

CALAHOO MEATS FUNDRAISER

SALES: APRIL 4TH - 21ST, 2022

DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL: MAY 6TH, 2022

This fundraiser will be in support of our Literacy Program



- NOVEL STUDY BOOKS
- NEW LIBRARY TITLES
- MUSTANG OF THE MONTH BOOK PRIZES
- ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BOOK

No orders will be accepted after April 21st, 2022

All orders must be picked up May 6th &/or
Please make alternative arrangements prior to the delivery date

Cheques are to be made payable to Buck Mountain Central School

STUDENT PRIZES



HIGEST SELLER



2ND HIGEST SELLER



3RD HIGEST SELLER

Organization Coordinator's Master Order Form



1-800-567-8371

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Cannot deliver to residential addresses

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	COST	SELL	PROFIT	QTY	TOTAL
Royal Burgers (4oz) 24/cs (6lb box)	0200510	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
Chuck Burger (4oz) 24/cs (6lb box)*	0200511	\$ 29.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 10.00		
Bison Burger (4oz) 24/cs (6lb box)*	0200512	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 5.00		
Lean Ground Beef 6x1lb*	0200610	\$ 37.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 10.00		
Ribeye Steaks (8oz) 10/cs (5lb box)*	0250210	\$ 74.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 10.00		
New York Steaks (10oz) 8/cs (5lb box)*	0250340	\$ 72.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 10.00		
Top Sirloin Steaks (8oz) 10/cs (5lb box)*	0250510	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		
Beef Jerky - "Alberta's Best" 220g *	0650900	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 5.00		
Pepperoni Sticks 200g *	0753112x	\$ 3.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.00		
Garlic Sausage 400g	0753100x	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
Ham Sausage 400g *	0753105x	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
Sliced Bacon (2x1kg pkgs.) *	0551632	\$ 28.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 10.00		
Breakfast Sausage ~60/cs (5lb box)	0300921	\$ 18.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 10.00		
Original Smokies ~18/cs (5lb box)	0802210	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
Salsa Smokies ~18/cs (5lb box)*	0802405	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
Wieners 6" 5cnt ~(25ea) 5lb/cs	0200612	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
Pork Chops (5lb box)*	0500110	\$ 22.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 10.00		
Boneless Chicken Breast (4oz) 2kg 17/cs *	0902510	\$ 32.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 10.00		
Chicken Fingers (4kg box)	0952880	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 10.00		
Chicken Cordon Swiss (5oz) 12/cs	0952860	\$ 28.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 10.00		
Chicken Wings Dusted (Fully cooked) 2kg	0952962	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.00		
Meatballs 0.5oz All Beef 1.8kg/cs	993551	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		
Salmon Loins (6oz) 12/cs *	1103398	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 10.00		
Mini Perogies Cheddar 36/bg (10bg/box)	1253613	\$ 19.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 10.00		
Breaded Dry Garlic Ribs (2kg box)	0501363	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
Ginger Beef 3bg/cs	0351100	\$ 27.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 10.00		
Cookie Dough Chocolate Chip 48x1oz	1604460	\$ 9.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 5.00		
Cookie Dough Oatmeal Raisin 48x1oz	1604465	\$ 9.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 5.00		

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