

# >>> NEWSLETTER <<< THE MOUNTAINEER

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### NOVEMBER

To Buck Mountain Central School Parents, Caregivers, and Students,

We are excited to wrap up Quarter 1 and head into November break. Staff and students have been working hard so that they can enjoy the rest and relaxation a bit of time away from school can provide.

Below you will find information about accessing Quarter 1 report cards, which are ready for your viewing.

#### Quarter 1 Grades and Comments

To see teacher comments and view a snapshot of your student's progress, you can generate a report from your parent/student PowerSchool Account. While you can view this information on the PowerSchool app, we recommend that you log in to the portal online and generate a report. This will capture your student's progress for all quarter 1 courses, including courses that are year long.

If you want a more detailed look at the assessment information that is used to determine your child's grade, you are encouraged to click on the number itself on the Grades page, which will show all individual grades entered into the gradebook.

We are a phone call or email away if you need support accessing any of this information.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Please consider contacting the school to make an appointment for Parent Teacher interviews on November 27th. We are here from 4pm - 7pm to meet with students and their families.

# PRINCIPAL MESSAGE CONTINUED

## Staffing Update

We are welcoming Mrs. Hayes to BMC who will be covering a leave of absence for Mr. Schenk who is awaiting the arrival of his first baby! We are excited for Mr. Schenk and his family. He will return to BMC in the new year.

## Volunteers

Thank you to all staff and students who have acted as volunteers in our school and community this year. We would ask that anyone who is interested in volunteering at BMC complete the [attached form](#). We are currently looking for Basketball coaches!

Enjoy a relaxing break with your families; we will see all students and staff back at school November 18th.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kress

# BREAKFAST PROGRAM

BMC is fortunate to have an extensive and delicious breakfast program, run by a staff volunteer, Mrs. Miller. We serve breakfast to one third of our student body each day.

Like all families would know, the cost of groceries have increased significantly over the past number of years. In addition we are seeing more students access the program. We are funded through the Breakfast Clubs of Canada and are receiving the maximum grant that they allocate to schools. For this reason, we would ask that our parents, families, and community rally support from our partners in various industries to offer a financial contribution to the BMC Breakfast Program. We, of course, accept private donations as well.

If you are interested in learning more or have ideas or questions, please contact Mrs. Kress.

# BMC PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This message is being added to the newsletter on behalf of BMC Parents' Association, a fundraising body that consistently supports curricular and extra curricular learning opportunities for students at BMC.

The association has an upcoming Casino on January 13th and 14th and we are in desperate need of volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer please contact the school for a sign up form. This casino will support student programming for a number of years, the band program in particular, but also extra curricular activities like sports and field trips.

The next meeting will follow Parent Committee Meeting on November 27th, 2024 @ 630pm.



# ANNUAL MÉTIS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

### NOVEMBER 10TH - 16TH, 2024

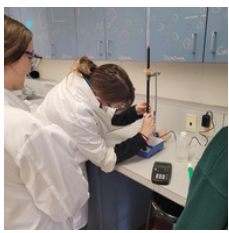
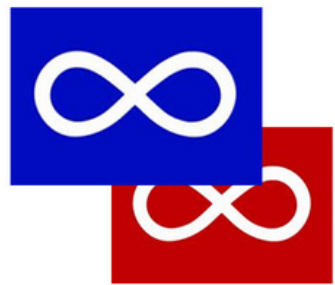
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Each year, on November 16, Métis people across Canada pay tribute to the Right Honorable Louis Riel by holding a commemorative ceremony on the date of his execution. This ceremony symbolizes the commitment Métis people share in striving for and promoting the visions of Louis Riel and is one of the most important dates on the Métis calendar.

In addition to recognizing Louis Riel Day on November 16, the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has declared the week surrounding November 16 as "Métis Week." The week is devoted to commemorating the sacrifices of the Métis who continue to strive toward rights and recognition as a distinct nation. Louis Riel devoted and sacrificed his life defending the rights of Métis people. Riel's legacy continues to resonate across the homeland.

Métis Week is an opportunity for the Métis people in Alberta to share their stories, history and culture with people across Alberta. Métis Week celebrates the culture, history and contributions of Métis people to Alberta and Canada with events held across the province. Everyone is welcome to join in activities throughout the week to learn more about Métis people and their work to gain recognition of their rights.

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Wayne P. Caron, BA/NS  
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Indigenous Support Worker



**SIX TIPS TO COMBAT THE "WINTER BLUES"**

 <b>Stay active!</b>	 <b>Eat healthy!</b>	 <b>Stay social</b>
 <b>Use lights to mimic sunshine</b>	 <b>Have fun!</b>	 <b>Open up about your feelings</b>



## UPCOMING DATES

- November 8th - Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:30)
- November 11th - No School Remembrance Day
- November 11th - 15th - No School, Fall Break
- November 21st - Grade 9 Immunizations
- November 27th - Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00 - 7:00)
- November 27th - Parent Committee Meeting (6:30)  
- BMC Parents' Association Meeting to follow.

