

Buffalo Trail Learning Hub

♥ February Newsletter



Principal's Message

This school year seems to be flying by quickly. It may be attributed to the nice weather that we have been fortunate to have. We are practically through the winter doldrums with essentially only one cold week and very little snow (until yesterday). The days are noticeably longer and the sun has been brightening most of them.

With the first semester all wrapped up, and final exams and Diploma Exams over, it is an important time to check on progress. Are your efforts and marks realistically matching your career plan? It is never too early to start considering career goals for your future.

I suggest to parents that it is a good time to sit down with your children and reflect upon the most recent marks in PowerSchool. It is an opportunity to discuss whether the marks they received are going to get them into the next courses that they need in High School and beyond in order to fulfill their goals.

February marks the month to focus on love. It is a time to build and strengthen our relationships. Valentine's Day allows us to share special time with significant others. Family Day (February 19th) reminds us to tend to our families and emphasize the importance of family values. And, Pink Shirt Day (Anti Bullying Day - February 28th) is a bright reminder that we all need to treat everyone with dignity and respect. What important tasks to kick off the second semester!

Dave Sherbinin
Principal

Hub Happenings

Important Information for Parents:

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar, provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the **annual Accountability Pillar Survey**. In January, parents of students in grades 7 and 10 should have received a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 7-12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May, and will be reported publicly as part of their Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

If you have any questions about the survey or require help filling it out, please contact the school by email or phone.

Upcoming Events

No School - PD days
January 31, February 1 and 2
Semester 2 begins
February 5

No School - Teacher's Convention
February 15 and 16
No School - Family Day Holiday
February 19

February



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO SCHOOL (HUB STAFF PD DAY)	2 NO SCHOOL (ORGANIZATIONAL DAY) 	3
4	5 SEMESTER 2 BEGINS	6	7	8 ★ Hub Open Until 7:00PM	9 NATIONAL PIZZA DAY 	10
11	12	13 PANCAKE BRUNCH 	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S (WEAR SOME RED) 	15 NO SCHOOL (TEACHER'S CONVENTION)	16 NO SCHOOL (TEACHER'S CONVENTION)	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL (FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY)	20	21	22 NATIONAL CHILI DAY  ★ Hub Open Until 7:00PM	23	24
25	26	27	28 PINK SHIRT DAY 	29 ★ Hub Open Until 7:00PM		

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January Events



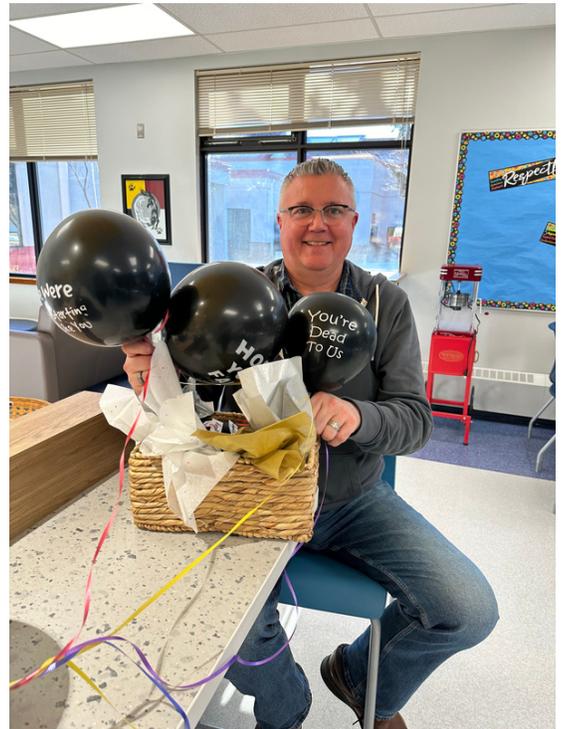
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANITA



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARTY



PREPPING FOR FINAL EXAMS



MARTY RETIRES! DON'T WORRY...HE IS STAYING WITH US.





New communication protocols for Hub students

At the Learning Hub, student engagement and communication directly relate to increased student success and achievement. Students who connect to their teachers regularly have a higher success rate than students who do not; therefore, we have established dates within our semester that we expect to hear from students.

We want to hear from you every 2 weeks. We want to know that you're alive and that you're progressing well in your course(s).

Student communication with their teacher(s) can happen in a variety of ways, including:

- email
- Google Meet
- stop by in person
- phone call
- Google Chat

* Students can communicate with several teachers in one email as a check-in, but an email to only one teacher doesn't count as communicating with all teachers.

Types of communication a student might make include:

- a simple check in with their teacher(s) about their progress
- a note or question regarding important assessments such as exam dates, expectations, assignment due dates, etc.
- telling teacher(s) about something you liked in the course
- telling teacher(s) something about your day or life
- interest in continuing in the course (if you would like to drop, please let us know)

If students have questions, then their message should include information such as:

- course
- assignment name or number that the student needs help with
- page number
- question number
- attempts previously made to answer the practice problem



Do not put your questions in the subject line of an email, instead put questions in the body of the email. Be as specific as possible. For example:

Subject: Help needed on assignment - Bio 20

Hi,

I have a question about assignment 1.3 in chapter 1 of Bio 20. Can you help me with this?

Thanks,
Jimmy

Failure to comply

Teachers will attempt to initiate communication with unresponsive students.

- If a student does not communicate with their teacher(s), they will receive a letter of academic concern from the principal.
- If a student continues to fail to respond/communicate then they are at risk for immediate withdrawal from their course(s)

Mandatory Communication Dates (Semester 2, 2023/2024):

- February 14 & 28
- March 13 & 27
- April 10 & 24
- May 8 & 22
- June 5

All Learning Hub assignments MUST be submitted by June 7, 2024.

All Learning Hub final exams MUST be written by June 14, 2024.

Did you know?

We are open late most Thursdays

The Hub is open until 7:00PM on most Thursdays each month to accommodate those who are working, those who need some extra support, and even those who like to sleep in :) Check out the [calendar](#) of events on our website to confirm that we are open.



VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST

CREATE ART ABOUT WHAT MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL ILLNESS MEANS TO YOU.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Youth must attend a school or colony or come from the community of: Vermilion, Mannville, Innisfree, Marwayne, Dewberry, School of Hope, Blessed Sacrament School, Blessed Sacrament Outreach School or St. Thomas Aquinas School.

HOW DO I ENTER?

- Create art about "What does Mental Health or Mental Illness mean to you?" (options include paper, photography, canvas, sculpture, woodworking, discuss other mediums with VIBE)
- Submit your art entry with your name, grade and school to your VIBE Coach or school or Pat Calyniuk at J.R. Robson by April 12th, 2024.
- You can enter only one entry for competition and one additional piece can be entered but for display only.
- All art will be displayed at the Mental Health Art Gala on May 1st at the Vermilion Regional Center. All art will be returned after the Gala.
- All students who attend the gala will receive a fidget.

PRIZES:

Grade 1-6: Top 10 will receive a prize

Grade 7-9: 1st \$200.00, 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00

Grade 10-12: 1st \$250.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$75.00

Grade 7-12: 4th to 10th place will receive a prize.

PARTNERS:

Town of Vermilion FCSS, County of Vermilion River FCSS, Village of Marwayne FCSS, Village of Kitscoty FCSS, Mannville, Minburn Innisfree FCSS



Vermilion and District Rotary Music Festival

The 2024 Festival will be held April 15th to 20th, 2024.

Registration will open the first week of January!

Visit our Website often for updates and information.

<https://www.vermilionmusicfestival.ca/>