

Administration Report
Ardrossan Parent Advisory Council
September 19, 2016 6:30 p.m. Library

Welcome/Introduction

- Thank you for becoming involved!
- open door policy-communication is key-website-newsletter-Bison Tracks -Parent Portal
- decisions made based on what is best for the student(s) individually as well as in the big picture with all students

Current Status and Issues:

- enrolment now at approximately 860 students- 149- grade 7, 137 - grade 8, 149- grade 9, 154 grade 10, 145 grade 11, 125 grade 12
- Thank you for your patience in signing and returning -consent forms, student information sheets and fees(portal)
- Parent portal for grades will be showing after Monday, Oct. 17

School Education Plan:

Every 3 years, all schools in Alberta develop a School Education Plan (SEP)

In EIPS, our School Education Plan process is now combined with the School Results report and is submitted every 3 years

Our SEP was developed based on current Alberta Education goals, EIPS goals, our students' need, our school needs and current situation, the programs we are able to offer, and the resources we have

Staff have been working together to determine priorities, and then administrative team put it all together

Plan will be submitted to the superintendent

Plan is in the second of three years

Based on Accountability Survey in grade 7 and 10 and PAT/Diploma results

3 School Goals:

GOAL 1:

Promote growth and success for all students. (EIPS Priority 1: Goal 3)

GOAL 2:

To improve student engagement through a variety of evidence based practices and innovative learning. (EIPS Priority 2: Goal 4)

GOAL 3:

To increase community involvement by developing resilient, empathetic citizens, and encouraging a school culture of social responsibility. (EIPS Priority 2: Goal 1)

Feedback or questions?

Student - Parent - Teacher Conferences: This year we want to welcome you to our Student - Parent - Teacher Conferences in October, again in early March.

It is our belief that moving our conferences earlier in the school year will facilitate a more timely demonstration of student learning for the parents. The following benefits and rationale led to this change in format.

Benefits in doing interviews before report cards:

- Ongoing open student parent-teacher communication.
- Children demonstrate their learning (strengths and weaknesses), prior to report cards. They then have the opportunity, with the assistance and understanding of their parents, to improve in the areas where they may have difficulties and make any changes necessary in order to work towards achieving their goals.
- Previously, we had some frustrated students and parents who, after receiving the report cards, did not understand why the student's marks were low, or why they were struggling. The early conferences facilitates the opportunity to address these concerns and provide time to work on these areas, prior to final assessments and report cards.
- Earlier conferences support what we know about effective assessment for, of, and as learning, by providing the opportunity for an earlier mid-term demonstration of what has been achieved and setting directions to increase understanding.
- Setting up our conferences early creates a more consistent flow of communication with the parents throughout the year. Report cards are 1/3, newsletters, notes and phone calls home are 1/3, student led conferences and other meetings are the other 1/3 of the way we communicate.
- The report card becomes a reflection of the child's highest levels of consistent achievement. Report cards will be sent home at the January and June. No conferences are scheduled for the time the report cards go home.

What can you expect at the first conference dates? October 26 and 27 - will allow a **10 minute sharing of information** will take place in classroom. Please use the schoolinterviews.ca to schedule your 10 minutes for each child starting on **Monday, Oct. 17 @ 3:30 p.m.** until **Wednesday, Oct. 26 @ 2 p.m.** The second conference date in March. If there are any confidential issues (learning challenges, serious behavior, testing etc.) these conversations will be scheduled in a separate meeting at a different time.

PAT results and Diploma Results

Official results Friday, October 14th - look on website-questions or feedback to me- present to SC at November meeting

Safety

Thank you to all families for keeping all our kids safe
Parking lots and slowing down

New staff

Welcome to Mrs. Anthony, Miss Chang, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Eliuk, Miss Hrynchuk, Miss Mayr, Mrs. Powell, Mr. St. Peter, Mr. MacKinnon and Mrs. Bisson Bruneau

Events previous

Bison Football- thanks to Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Schwartz

Welcome assemblies

SUTP sales for Wellness Center

Welcome week- Cookie Day, Crazy Hat Day, Pride Day-Tug of War- Grade 7 Cotton Candy- Hot dog day

V-ball started up-Varsity and Jr. High-thanks to Mike Gordulic, Marla Gordulic, Rebecca Gustufson, Rita Purdy, Nadine Stefiuk
Anime Club- thank you to Mrs. McCay
Tennis Club-thank you to Mme Hrynychuk
Jr. High Bison Thunder Run
Welcome Wednesday
Student Fee Invoice online
Environmental Education trips- thank you to Mr. McKinnon
PE 10/20 trips- thanks to Mr. Clark
Picture Day-Ikon
Nait visit
Sr. X-Country- thanks to Mrs. Gordiluc

Future Events

Bio 20 Riverwatch-thanks to Mrs. Hoffos and Ms. Brunet
Grade 7 Rec Fit trips
Health 7 DARE presentations
U of A visit
Concordia visit
MacEwan visit
Enviro Education to Lesser Slave Lake
EIPS X-country meet- and Zones - Goldbar Park
Oct. 5 - World Teacher Day
Read in Week-One World, Many Voices
Oct. 6 and 7- Professional Learning days- no classes
Oct. 18- Jr. High and Sr. High Awards Night
Picture retake- Oct. 25
PST interviews Oct. 26 and 27 - bookings open Monday, Oct. 17 @ 3:30
EIPS It's a Matter of Choice
Take your Kids to Work Day Grade 9
Remembrance Day Ceremony
Fall Break