

**Administration Report
Ardrossan School Council
September 16, 2019 6:30 p.m. Learning Commons**

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 861- 192- grade 7, 109 - grade 8, 135- grade 9, 156- grade 10, 134 grade 11, 135- grade 12
- Parent portal for grades will be showing after Tuesday, Oct. 15
- Construction in mechanics and Learning Commons and Graphics over the summer
- No cell phones in all classes- all grades

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 in the area of literacy and numeracy. (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

- 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 available on line end of November, mid- February, beginning of May and end of June. No conferences are scheduled for the time the report cards go home.

What can you expect at the first conference dates? October 22 and 24 - 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 **Tuesday, Oct. 15 @ 3:30 p.m.** until **Wednesday, Oct. 22 @ 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 in October - 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
Range Road

New staff

Welcome to Mrs. Boake, Mme Gillian Robinson, Mme Patricia Reddy, Mr. Kane Lambert and Mrs. Brenda Cole

Events previous

Bison Football- thanks to Mr. Schwartz
Grade level assemblies
SUTP sales for Wellness Center

Welcome week- Apple Day, Cookie Day, Hat Day, Welcome to our new students to the Bison family,
Bison Pride Wear and Hot dog day
V-ball started up-Varsity and Jr. High-thanks to Mike Gordulic, Rita Purdy, Nadine Stefiuk, Christa
Manchakowski, Kane Lambert, Meagan Kelm and Tyler VanBerkel
Anime Club-Thank you to Mrs. McCay
GSA-Thank you to Mrs. Boake and Mme Robinson
Student Fee Invoice online
Picture Day-Icon
Jr. High X-Country- thanks to Mr. Gordulic
Sr. X-Country- thanks to Mr. Ferguson
Bio 20 Riverwatch
MacEwan visit
Concordia visit

Future Events

Grade 7 Rec Fit trips
Health 7 DARE presentations
U of A visit
Enviro Education to Lesser Slave Lake
EIPS X-country meet- and Zones - Goldbar Park
Oct. 5 - World Teacher Day
Read in Week-October 1 to 5
Oct. 11- Professional Learning day- no classes
Oct. 15- Jr. High and Sr. High Awards Night
Picture retake- Oct. 17
PST interviews Oct. 22 and 24 - bookings open Tuesday, Oct. 15 @ 3:30
EIPS It's a Matter of Choice
Take your Kids to Work Day Grade 9
Remembrance Day Ceremony
Fall Break