



April 2019

Principal's Message

What's My Paw Print?

Welcome to April! Just think. In two months we will be celebrating our 2019 Graduation! Plans are beginning to take shape for the 2019 - 2020 school year. This is a bit of an uneasy time for education, as we enter into a Provincial election, and also contract negotiations and ratification. Our plan is to move forward as if nothing has changed, and hope that any changes will not be too significant.

The Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA), is holding their Student Voice Program at their Spring Assembly in Red Deer on May 31st to June 1st. The purpose of the program is to ensure students and parents that students DO have a voice, and they are listened to. During the Spring Session, students will be able to talk with their own Board Trustees about what is important to them; what is working well; what isn't; and what needs to be tweaked throughout our education system. It is a great opportunity for students to tell our Trustees what they would like to see changed or enhanced.

Students are also taught skills they can take back to their respective school in a leadership role. Previously, students have been taught skills in Media Relations and Public Speaking.

This is a wonderful - all expense paid - opportunity for students to have a real say in their education. It is open to students in grades 8 - 12. We will be allowed 2 seats at the conference - more may become available if others in the District are not taken. Students must be chaperoned. Mileage and hotel rooms are also covered for chaperones. If your son or daughter is interested in this wonderful experience, please contact me for more information and registration forms. Students will be selected by the school.

I want to remind all parents and guardians of grade 12 students to make sure their son's/daughter's credits, line up with whatever certificate they are seeking. Whether it be an Alberta Diploma, or Alberta Certificate of Achievement, all course and credit requirements can be found on each student's individual MyPass account. All of our students have been registered in MyPass, and all have access to any information that may be required. I also sent out an email to all parents and guardians in mid-March outlining these requirements, Celebration and Awards ceremony policies, as well as course requirement policies.

We have a number of important dates in April. April 2nd is our Drama Dinner Theatre - tickets are still available. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. This year's performance is titled, "Pirates - The Musical". April 3rd is our General Audience evening performance, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. We are keeping our fingers crossed for April 4th, which is the rescheduled Grade 6 -9 Ski Trip date! On April 10th, PPS Badminton Playoffs are being held throughout the day. At 6:30 p.m. that evening we will be holding our Kindergarten Registration. Please make sure you bring your child's Birth Certificate. April 17th is the Grad Cap and Gown photo day, Spring Photos day, as well as Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Easter Break begins on Good Friday, April 19th. Our first day back is April 29th.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Apr. 3 – Drama Performance – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 4 – Rescheduled Grade 6-9 Ski Trip – Leave 6:00 a.m.

Friday, Apr. 5 – Popcorn Sale

Tuesday, Apr. 9 – Jr. Badminton Playoffs in Wainwright

Wednesday, Apr. 10 – Kindergarten Registration – 6:30 p.m.

- Sr. Badminton District Playoffs in Provost

Tuesday, Apr. 16 – Sub Sale

- Jr. Badminton Championships in Vermilion

- Sr. Badminton Area 4 Playoffs in Wainwright

Wednesday, Apr. 17 – Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- Spring Photos/Grad – Cap and Gown - 9:00 a.m.

- Scholastic Library Book Fair – 3:30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 18 – Last Day of classes before Easter Break

Monday, Apr. 29 – First Day of classes after Easter Break

Wednesday, May 1 – Try a Trade Grade 10

Friday, May 3 – Popcorn Sale

Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4 – Sr Badminton Provincials in Calgary

Tuesday, May 7 – School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 – Pizza Sale

Friday, May 10 – Professional Development Day - no school for students

Tuesday, May 14 – Track and Field Day - Gr. 4 to 9

Thursday, May 16 – Day in Lieu of Staff Meetings – no school for staff and students

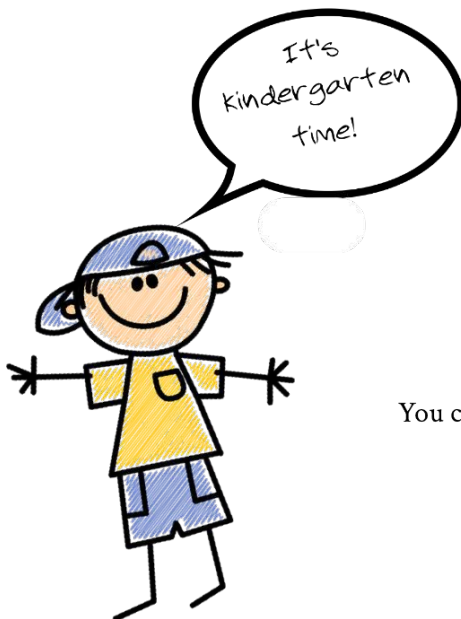
Friday, May 17 – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews – no school for staff and students

Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day – no school for staff and students

Thursday, May 23 – South BTJHAA Track and Field in Provost – Gr. 7 to 9

Friday May 24 – Sub Sale and Popcorn Sale

PROVOST PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



It's time to register your child for the
2019 - 2020 school year.

Join us for our
**OFFICIAL MEET & GREET
REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Wednesday, April 10th

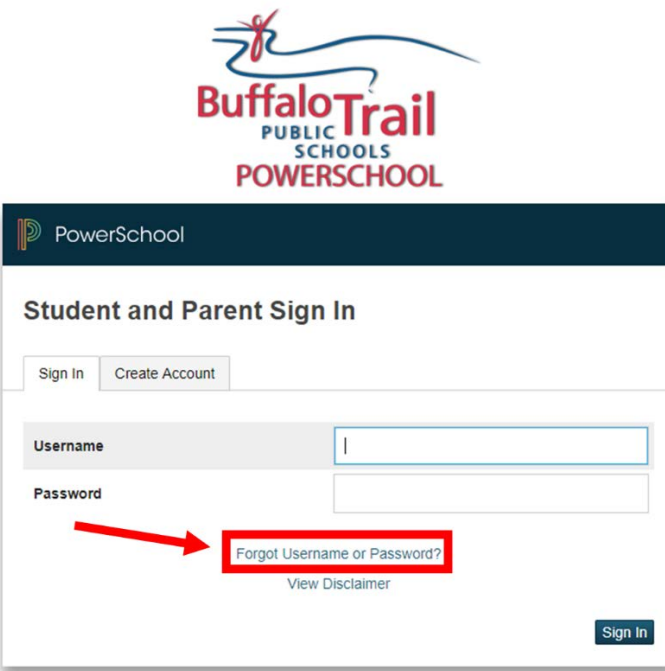
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You can pick up your registration form, in advance from the office,
and bring it to the April 10th Meet and Greet.



Parent Portal

Online access to attendance and marks for your children is available. – The BTPS Parent Portal is what you need!! Whether you are creating an account for the first time or adding a new child to an existing account, contact the school and we can get the necessary information emailed to you. Perhaps you have an account, but are unsure of the username or password --- go to the BTPS Parent Portal log in page and click on Forgot Username or Password and you will receive an automated email with the info you need.



PowerSchool

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Username

Password

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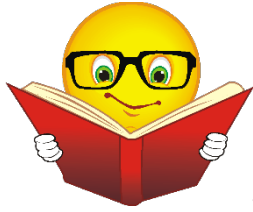
Sign In

Once you have an account, you may also be interested in using the PowerSchool Mobile app which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. To log into the app, you will need our district code which is GFST.

BTPS Electronic Reporting of Information FAQs

Please click the link below for more details:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/181RWJld2iKnk_lz2hfkSI4-9ESkuk-JUstKwYv3NCXI/edit?usp=sharing



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

This is a family event where you'll find books for every person in your family. Every family that buys books will have their name entered into a draw for free books.

Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 goes back to our School library?

Dates: April 17, 2019

Times: 3:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Location: Provost Public School Library

Please come and join us. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Everyone welcome!

Aylene Jago

PPS Learning Commons Facilitator



A message from the BTPS Mental Health Professional Program

Responding to a Child's Challenging Behaviours:

- P- Playfulness** (a luxury the child may never have experienced before)
- A- Acceptance** (Gives the message the relationship is stronger than any conflict, thoughts, feelings, values, and perceptions. May need to say "no", then repair the relationship)
- C- Curiosity** (to understand the child, not to change them)
- E- Empathy** (match the child's expression)

Robyn Anderson is the MHP who is at Provost Public School.

The MHP team provides in depth, longer-term intervention including those with one or more mental health diagnoses, specialist/ multi-agency involvement, or a variety of other clinical and/or complex situations. The MHP program is funded by the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) grant. Administrative supervision and coordination is provided by Crystal Tower, Director of Inclusive Learning, and clinical supervision provided by Christy Hunt, R. Psych.



For more information about the MHP program, please contact your child's school.



This is an excellent site to
recommend to Parents!

<https://foodallergy.ca/>



Allergy Pals Monthly

Have your 7-11-year-old kids participate in our free Allergy Pals Monthly webinars, which cover key information about managing food allergies.

Each webinar is led by a trained peer mentor with food allergies and there will be plenty of interactive games and activities that will have your child glued to the presentation!

Attend one of our free webinars that provide fundamental information for managing food allergy and anaphylaxis. These webinars are primarily geared towards parents of children who have been recently diagnosed with a food allergy.

What you'll takeaway:

- What is food allergy and anaphylaxis
- How to avoid a reaction
- What are the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis
- What to do in an emergency

Spring Picture Day is Wednesday, April 17

After Picture Day, the easiest way to order pictures is on Mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code. We will also send home paper order forms.

Snack Attack

If anyone is interested in helping with Snack Attack in the morning, please contact the school at 780-753-6824 and Terri will get back to you.



HEALTHY LIVING

Learn

It's time to get active and start moving! Your child's athlete mentor is passionate about this topic and has a wealth of knowledge to share.

Your child will explore nutrition, staying active, getting enough sleep, and saying no to harmful substances like alcohol. Mentors will challenge students to set a goal with a healthy choice in mind.



Ask

- How is good food like fuel for your body?
- Why is it important for you to get lots of sleep?
- What physically active things might you do when you're your teacher's age? What about when you are an elderly person?

100% of parents reported Classroom Champions helped their students be healthier.

Share

Explore some healthy activities together as a family — you might take a walk together after dinner or create strategies for getting to bed earlier.

Discuss your family expectations around saying no to underage drinking, and the dangers of smoking. Check out [Ask, Listen, Learn](#) for ideas and resources to get started with this conversation.

Share your own successes and struggles with healthy living.