### **February Events**

February 4 - Teacher's Convention - NO SCHOOL

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February 8 - All Valentine's Day cards to be in school

February 11 - School Council @ 6:30pm

February 12 - Early dismissal @ 12:41pm; No Kinder; Valentine's Day (gr.1-6)

February 15 - Family Day - NO SCHOOL

February 16 - Shrove Tuesday (see note); Nourish the BobKat

February 17 - Ash Wednesday Celebration (Wear your BK shirts)

February 22-26 - Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 24 - Pink Shirt Day; Helping Hands Assembly

February 24 - VJM Open House





# **Admin Message**

This month marks the important season of Lent where we spend 40 days fasting and reflecting on Jesus's journey to resurrection. Ash Wednesday is an important celebration and tradition in our faith to mark the beginning of Lent. We look forward to reflecting on this Lenten time with your children beginning with our Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 17th.

As we head into the season of Lent, it is fitting that we are also going to participate in Pink Shirt Day, which is an international day to promote the importance of helping one another and advocating for those who need it. We will use our theme "Arise: Get Up" to encourage healthy self esteem, and to teach empathy, kindness, and compassion.

I still can't believe we have arrived to the time in the school year where we register for next year! BK hosted a successful virtual





## **Counsellor's Corner**

Please visit <u>Mrs. Chyzowski's</u> website for her update.

## **Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday will look different this year. We are saddened that we, as a staff, cannot come together to make and serve a pancake breakfast to our wonderful students. We are also unable to provide a hot meal from an outside source according to the district GUIDE TO **REENTRY.** I would like to encourage all families to send a pancake lunch with their children on this special day. We will be hosting Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras activities for the whole school in order to learn the importance of the days leading to Lent.

## Valentines Day

If your child will be handing out Valentine's Day cards this year, please have the prepared cards **at the school by February 8th.** This ensures the ability to quarantine them before they are distributed. Also, if treats are brought in to share, please make sure they are individually prepackaged. Open House and we are excited for all of our new BobKats to join us in the 2021/2022 school year. Please check your email for the online registration link that was sent to you last week.

GSACRD has released the calendars for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years. Please click <u>HERE</u> to view them.

We are seeing some colder weather this month and I would just like to remind everyone to ensure that your children are dressed for the weather. The cut-off temperature for indoor recess is -20 degrees. This means we will be outside at -19 degrees and warmer.

Thanks again for the amazing partnership that you provide for your children at school. As always, please feel free to contact administration about any need that your child may have.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker Principal Josie Cancian Vice Principal



# **School Council**

School Council Update

#### We need your input!

BK School Council is looking at the improvement and development of outdoor spaces including replacing the wooden play structure. We are seeking input from families to track a plan forward with these spaces. Let us know what your top priority is when it comes to the outdoor spaces at BK here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/ IFAIpQLSckfO6mZ7M6GooY8HCWTo7ueJw89lxvzIxJA2 RAPBH7\_qXKvw/viewform The survey will close on February 8 at 10pm. Thank you for providing us with your voice!

#### We are recruiting!

We need helping hands in planning the outdoor spaces and are recruiting members for our Playground Replacement and Outdoor Space Development Committee. Let us know if you are interested in being a part of the committee through the survey or by emailing School Council.

#### Tell me More!

Our next School Council meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30pm. Agenda item suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until February 9th. Let us know if you have a topic you would like to see discussed at one of our meetings. Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and meeting details.

Interested in learning more about how you can be a part of School Council and/or its committees? Email <u>bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com</u> any time, we love hearing from you!

#### **Reminders!**

**Yearbooks** can be purchased throughout the school year and will be distributed in September 2021. Yearbooks are \$20 each and can be purchased here: <u>https://form.jotform.com/</u> 203008181554246

**BK Face Masks** are available for purchase. View mask options and order here: <u>https://form.jotform.com/</u>202236978057260

**Keep up to date** and in touch with School Council by heading over to our Facebook page (<u>https://</u><u>www.facebook.com/bkbobkats</u>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council

# **Friends of BK**

 $\stackrel{\text{\tiny (b)}}{\longrightarrow}$  Easter is around the corner and our Purdy Chocolate Fundraiser is up and running. Click here <u>https://</u> <u>linktr.ee/FOBK</u> to check it out!  $\stackrel{\text{\tiny (b)}}{\clubsuit}$ 

Online orders are due Feb 26 - and Pick up will be curbside on March 15 at BK. Profits from this campaign will go directly to our Playground/Outdoor classroom fund. Our Goal is to raise 1500\$ so please share with friends and family. We appreciate your support as every dollar brings us closer to our new playground/outdoor classroom!

Our next scheduled meeting will be moved to a new date - please mark your calendar - it will be Feb 18 at 6:30 pm on zoom. We will be discussing an action plan for the next 6 months to begin fundraising for an Outdoor Classroom and Playground. This will be our main agenda item - we will be working with the SC Playground Committee to raise money for our new backyard facelift. Register for the meeting via our Linktree link above - it's the link that keeps all our Friends in the Loop!

FOBK 2020/2021 Executives

