

BOBKAT BULLETIN

March Events

March 3 - Grade 2 and 3 Virtual field trip - Arts and Heritage

March 8 - Junior ATB session - grade 5,6.

March 9 - Online Succulent order due (see FOBK write-up below)

March 12 - PD day - NO SCHOOL

March 14 - Online seeds orders due

March 15 - Purdy's pick-up

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - wear green!

March 18 - School Council meeting @ 6:30pm

March 19 - Report Cards go home

March 23 - Nourish the BobKat. School wide virtual field trip featuring Coal Black Bison Corp.

March 23/24 - Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm (link to be sent home Friday, March 5th)

March 24 - Helping Hands assembly

March 26 - Day in lieu (for PTI) - NO SCHOOL

March 29 - April 5 - SPRING BREAK



Admin Message

In this season of Lent, we try to look beyond our own struggles and place ourselves in the shoes of Jesus as he makes his lonely 40 day journey through the desert. In these 40 days, be patient with yourself and continue to pray, fast, and persevere; as St. Francis de Sales says, "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

Our Lenten service project this year, allows students to consider the struggles of others as we support vulnerable youth through the New Beginnings Basket initiative with Catholic Social Services. We have already raised over \$160 for this important cause. We have tied this project in with our Random Acts of Kindness week, and visually showcased our charitable growth through a "kindness chain."

"Act justly; love kindness; walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:6-8
Staff continue to strive for excellence with academics in our



Counsellor's Corner



Meet our new counsellor! Mrs. Stanley has joined the BobKat family and will provide counselling services to our students on Thursdays.

GSACRD Voice



A space for parents and caregivers to connect & learn about raising resilient children. Feel supported as a caregiver, and discover resources and materials on topics relevant to you.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHAT MATTERS IN THIS FAMILY?

with Danielle Reed



How do we raise kids who have a strong sense of self, who choose to follow their own path and know how to belong to themselves?

How do we raise kids who own their whole stories? The strengths and awesomeness AND the imperfections and flaws?

How do we raise kids who choose curiosity and compassion over judgment and criticism?

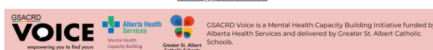
The answer is simple...VALUES.

Values start at any age and they start with you...the parent!

REGISTER for this FREE event at

<https://gsacrdvoice-familyvalues.eventbrite.ca>

Event will take place online via Zoom. Meeting with will be recorded and shared with registered participants after. We encourage you to attend the live session so that you may ask our expert your questions in real time. Meeting information will be emailed to you after registration. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Program Manager, Lauren Chow at lchow@gsacrd.ab.ca



Register [HERE](#)

Report Cards

Report Cards/PPs will be sent home on Friday, March 19th. Parent Teacher Interviews will take place **virtually** on March 23/24 from 4pm-7pm. The link to sign up will open on Friday, March 5th. There have been changes to the Google Meet platform. Please note: you need a gmail account to access Google Meet. If you don't have one, you may use your child's school email.

classrooms. We welcome Adrienne Gear to our Professional Development Day on March 12 to help us in our quest to abide by her philosophy: "There is a huge difference in 'doing reading' and 'teaching reading.' No matter what grade we teach, we are responsible for teaching reading to our students."

Financial literacy is an important tool for all of our students. Although the pandemic put a halt to our in person Junior ATB program, we have been able to continue the partnership with ATB and provide virtual sessions with our grade 5 and 6 students. A huge thank you to Junior ATB who has donated \$1000 to our school.

A huge shoutout to School Council and the Friends of BK who support our staff and students in so many ways. Most recently, our students were able to participate in an amazing fitness "stay-at-school" field trip opportunity made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of BK. Fit Set Ninja came to BK and set up an incredible obstacle course to challenge our students and engage them in a fun way to exercise.

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

What is School Council up to?!

Thank you to all that filled out the Playground Replacement Survey. BK School Council has reviewed the parent input provided and results show that families would like to see the immediate need for outdoor classroom seating implemented and planning of playground replacement started.

In response to the survey results, School Council is in the beginning stages of striking a committee to help with the planning. If you are interested in helping out with the planning please email bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com for more information. A kick off meeting is scheduled for **March 4 @6:30pm**. We would love to see you there!

During Lent this year, the Compassion Committee has decided to highlight some charitable organizations and encourages our Bertha Kennedy Family to consider making a donation. During Lent we are asked to focus on helping others and what better way to do so than to assist some of our local charities. We will be highlighting 4 local charities over 40 days. Keep an eye on the Bertha Kennedy School Council Facebook page to see how you can help!

Coming Up!

Our next School Council meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, **March 18, 2021 at 6:30pm**. Let us know of any agenda items you would like to see discussed at the meeting by March 8th. Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and details. Register for the meeting using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/210485018946257>

Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and AGM takes place April 23rd to April 25th. School Council is excited to be attending the conference this year and is looking for input on which session topics BK families are interested in learning more about. Take a look at the list of options here: <https://form.jotform.com/210535822970051> Let us know what interests you! Take aways from each session will be shared at a School Council meeting and with the school community.

See a session you would like to attend? Interested in being a part of the action? There's a spot for that! Let us know by filling out the above form. Let us know soon as the conference does sell out each year!

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: <https://form.jotform.com/203008181554246>

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

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

BK School Council

Friends of BK

FOBK March Madness!

Friends of BK came together online on Feb 18 to bring new and innovative ideas for Fundraising and we have an action plan and are ready to dig our heels into the dirt and raise money for the Playground/Outdoor Classroom. We have created a calendar to help all our Friends stay in the loop (sync using the link below).

Stay informed and look ahead! We are always open to amazing new or old ideas (big or small) to help raise funds to build our Playground/Outdoor Classroom at BK - so please shoot them our way: FriendsofBerthaKennedy@gmail.com or join the SC Playground Committee to help in the planning.

We are in the process of repealing our Bylaws and we have asked all members for their valuable input via email. We will be voting on the draft Bylaws at our next meeting **April 8 via Zoom at 6:30pm**. If you would like to be on our mailing list, become an FOBK member using our FOBK Link below.

Purdys Chocolate Orders will be ready for pick up at **3:30 on March 15!** Thank you Kristina D. for organizing this sweet campaign ...as of today we have raised just over \$600. Thank you for choosing chocolate!

🌸🌱 Spring is Coming!! 🌱🌸 Be Prepared and Check out our Covid Succs Succulent Sale and our Spring Seeds Fundraisers!

We blink and March will be history ... we thank you for supporting our efforts to help SC improve and enhance our kids' Bk experience!

Looking Ahead: April will have some fresh new fundraisers we can't wait to share! 🍕📺📺

Here's the information/shopping link that is easy to share with friends neighbours and family!

<https://linktr.ee/FOBK>

Thank you for Being a Friend 🧡💙

FOBK Executive

