

BOBKAT BULLETIN



April Events

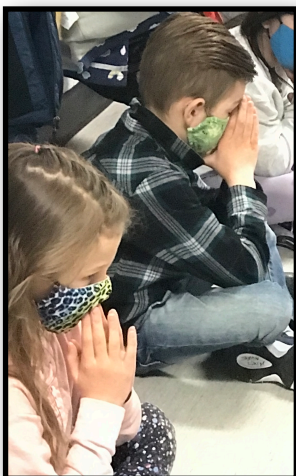
- April 5 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
- April 6 - Welcome Back to school!
Pizza Kit orders due
- April 9 - New Life/Easter Mass with Fr. Ignacy - **wear white**
- April 12 - Playground Committee meeting @ 6:30pm
- April 15 - School Council meeting @ 6:30pm
- April 16 - Break a rule day
- April 19 - Class photos;
Kindergarten Farewell photos
- April 20 - Nourish the BobKat
- April 21 - PJ Day! Pizza Kit pickup
- April 23 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL
- April 28 - Helping Hands Assembly
- April 30 - No Kinder classes



Admin Message

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Let us take time to reflect on the impact of this statement as we celebrate Christ's ultimate act of love. We would like to take this opportunity to bring God's message to you, our BK family, that Christ came, died, and lives for us all. Happy Easter and God bless you!

As our Lenten season comes to a close, it is with a full heart that we reflect on all of the gracious acts performed by our BK students. The Beginning Baskets campaign was a huge success across the division with over \$15000 raised for Catholic Social Services. As a school, we reflected on our Lenten mission each morning in prayer and ended our final week before the break with a Holy Thursday/Good Friday service lead by our faith lead, Mrs. Groenenboom. Students broke bread together as in the last supper and watched the grade 6s carry the cross through the school halls. It was a very meaningful experience for all.



BK Family Businesses

Do you own/run a family owned business? We would love to support you! In this era of "support local," we would love to showcase our BK families and have other BK families support them. Please email Mrs. Baker (nbaker@gsacrd.ab.ca) if you would like to be showcased in our next newsletter.

BK Online Merchandise

We have opened up our online store for families to purchase any merchandise that they may have missed purchasing in the fall. Please click on the [LINK](#) to order.

Gr. 4-6 Parents Assurance Survey

Between the dates of March 24 and April 23, you (gr. 4-6 parents) will receive a letter from Alberta Education. This letter will include an online code for the purpose of completing the Alberta Education Assurance Survey (formally known as the Accountability Pillar). This survey gathers data from parents, students, and teachers to ensure that all children in Alberta receive a quality education. Please consider taking the time to complete this survey.



We are blessed to have a very active School Council and Friends Society at Bertha Kennedy. Because of them, we are able to provide our students with fun activities...COVID STYLE. One such committee is the Nourish the BobKat committee who brings innovative and healthy snacks to all students. Last month we had the pleasure of being provided bison jerky for our monthly snack from a BK family owned business, **Coal Black Bison Corp.** Aurore and Landon Kolesar also took the time to create a [video](#) about their bison farm and had a virtual meet and greet with all of the students to answer any questions they may have about the bison. THANK YOU for this amazing opportunity!

Our grade 5 and 6 students were able to take part in a session about financial literacy with ATB. ATB has graciously donated \$1000 to our school, which we have used to purchase an electrostatic sanitizing machine. This machine has been very useful in sanitizing hard to clean surfaces such as PE equipment and apparatus in the BobKat room.

BK is fortunate to have amazing staff; it is always wonderful when one of our own is recognized! Congratulations to Justine Kuntscher (Miss K - grade 4), who has been selected as the division's nominee for the Edwin Parr award. This award recognizes the superb work of first year teachers, and of course, we are reaping the benefits of having an amazing first year teacher in our school.

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 is gearing up a committee to start planning the replacement of the wooden playground structure at Bertha Kennedy. At an establishment meeting on Monday, April 12, committee members will be chosen, positions filled and the terms of reference for the project created. Positions that will be held by the committee are: Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Project Manager, Communications Coordinator/Secretary as well as sub committees. If you would like more information, have any questions or would like to attend the meeting, please email bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com or chelsee.pedwell@gmail.com.

Join us at our next virtual School Council Meeting on April 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm. Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and meeting details. Let us know if you have any agenda items to add for this meeting or future meetings. You can register for the meeting here: <https://form.jotform.com/210796114857260>. If registered you will receive up to date meeting documents and a reminder the day of the meeting.

The Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and AGM is April 23-25. School Council will be taking in a number of sessions on various topics at the conference. School Council has a voting delegate attending the AGM on April 25. Votes are cast based on the consensus of parents at BK. Take a look at the Proposed Advocacy Resolutions that will be voted on here: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/meetingdocuments-agm-2021>. Email any questions you have to bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com. As a member school council parents we have the opportunity to vote for or against proposed advocacy resolutions as well as to amend as written.

We are searching for someone to take on the role of Vice Chair. Check out what the role is all about on page 4 of the School Council Operating Procedures here: <https://www.berthakennedy.com/download/308135>. Email bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com with any questions or interest.

Reminders! Yearbooks can be purchased throughout the school year and will be ready for pickup in September 2021. Yearbooks are \$20 each and can be purchased using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/203008181554246>

BK Triple layer antibacterial 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 a follow!

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Friends of BK

Spring has sprung and Friends of BK Fundraisers are full steam ahead!

Our Purdy's Chocolate, Spring Seed and Covid Success Campaigns raised just over \$2000!! Wow 🌱 😊 🤔 😊 🍀
Thanks to everyone who helped grow our Playground Fund! We are blessed.

Spring Ahead! 🍕 We are launching a little Caesars Pizza Kit Campaign that will run until April 7 - if your kids want to make you supper or if you want to have some yummy pizzas on hand for those busy days, check out the link below. Order pick up will be April 21 here at BK after school.

🎁 📧 Greetings from BK! We are selling Birthday/All Occasion hand-made quality greeting cards in April. Never run out of cards and support our Playground Project at the same time! Boxes of 33 cards will be 33\$ and the last day to order will be April 26. Curbside pick up will be May 5.

🎉 Start the Car! Hot Lunches are back once a month starting in April!! Stay tuned for more information...

Keep in the loop by becoming a FOBK Member and following, and liking our FB Page... we are forever grateful for the shares on Facebook and around town to friends and family so that we can keep building momentum with the BK Playground/Outdoor Learning Space Project!

Our next Friends Meeting will be Thursday April 8 at 6:30 pm - the zoom link is below. On the agenda is May/June/Fall Planning with Discussion and Voting on our amended Bylaws. All Friends are welcome!

Take a look at our Campaigns and Fundraisers are always changing - don't worry - the link will always be the same!!

<https://linktr.ee/FOBK>

Thanks for being a Friend,

Friends of BK Executive Team

