

BOBKAT BULLETIN

June Events

May 29 - Pizza lunch

May 31 - Helping Hands Awards @ 9:30am; Healthy Hunger - EDO

June 1/2 - Grade 6 Camp

June 1 - K/Gr. 1 field trip - Children's Festival

June 5 - Pizza Lunch

June 6 - Gr. 1 - Arbor Day field trip

June 7 - Gr. 4-6 Track and Field; Healthy Hunger Subway

June 8 - K - gr. 3 - Bike Rodeo; Family Dance [VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

June 9 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

June 12 - Pizza Lunch

June 14 - Healthy Hunger - KFC

June 15 - Gr. 6 Immunization

June 16 - School-wide field trip to Fort Edmonton Park (all day) K - 6

June 19 - District Track and Field; Pizza Lunch

June 20 - PreK Farewell Picnic; Gr. 4/5 Wetlands field trip

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day; Helping Hands Assembly @ 1:15

June 22 - Gr. 6 Farewell and Year End Liturgy @ 11am (all are welcome)

June 23 - Kinder Farewell and last day of classes; Kinder report cards

June 26 - Social 6 PAT; Pizza Lunch

June 27 - Science 6 PAT; Fun Day (gr. 1-6) - pm

June 28 - Last day of Classes; report cards uploaded.



Admin Message

As we approach the last month of the school year, we are reminded of the blessing that this year brought as we were able to learn, pray, and serve together as a BK family. As a school community, we have created a bond of unity and we truly are a family.

"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind" (Philippians 2:2).

The month of May brought about many activities and we were kept busy with Mental Health Week, Helping Hands assembly, a Sports Day, Math-a-thon, RunWild, Confirmation, First Communion and Catholic Education Week to name a few. We prayed the Hail Mary together each day, and came together as a Catholic community through a Living Rosary.

In June, as the days get warmer, students will have the chance to



BK Beach Dance 2023

BK School Council is very excited to host our Beach Dance on Thursday, June 8th. In order to make this a successful event we need [VOLUNTEERS](#)! Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) - please note that students cannot attend without a parent/guardian.

White Hatter Online Safety Presentation for Parents

Join BK School Council virtually on Thursday, June 1st for a presentation on online safety for children. The link and password will be emailed on June 1.

BK Teacher Assignments 2023/24

PreK - Melissa Florence
 Kinder - Lisa Kolodziej
 Grade 1A - Andrea Frick
 Grade 1B - Shannon Dugan
 Grade 2A - Leisa Michael
 Grade 2/3A - Raelene Liske
 Grade 3 - Lesley Ward
 Grade 4 - Justine Kuntscher
 Grade 5/6 - Karen Armitage
 Grade 6 - Debra Kaplar/Elaine Groenenboom
 Music - Elaine Groenenboom
 Principal - Nicole Baker
 Vice Principal - Lisa Giacobbo
 Counsellor - Melissa Florence (temporary)

Please note that these assignments could change before the start of 2023/24

enjoy the outdoors during planned activities for the school. The K-grade 3 students will participate in a Bike Rodeo on June 8th, as well as a Fun Day filled with activities on June 27th. Our grade 4-6 students will soak up some sun on June 7th during our amazing Track and Field Day and we look forward to our Fun Day on June 27th. We are most especially excited for our school wide field trip to Fort Edmonton on June 16th. We look forward to letting loose a little bit and enjoying the warmer weather. BK will commemorate the importance of Canada's Indigenous people on June 21st by praying together in the name reconciliation, and learning Indigenous games in PE (June 23). Speaking of warm weather, we will be prepared to practice 2 more fire drills before the end of the year, as well as a "Shelter-in-Place" drill for inclement weather.

Please note that we will celebrate our Closing Liturgy and Grade 6 Farewell on Thursday, June 22nd in the morning. We would love for you to attend, so please stay tuned for more info regarding this event. We are excited to celebrate our grade 6 students as they head off to Junior High next year.

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

Leisa Michael
Vice Principal



School Council

ASCA Parent Night: School Council is planning a Parent Information Night regarding Internet Safety, Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy for our kids on June 1, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. On June 1, we will email out a link and password to the live event. The link will be open for 48 hours after the live event has concluded. See the attached information sheet to see what important topics this session will cover.

Playground Update: Thank You's! AND a Summer Draw! We have done a fantastic job so far raising money for our new playground here at BK!! The Playground Committee wanted to take a moment to thank each and every student, teacher, family member and supporter who has helped BK get closer and closer towards our goal!! We would also like to thank the hard work of BK School Council and Friends of BK. We are so blessed to have such a fun and dedicated group working together.

The Playground Committee has been busy writing grants and has made it to the design phase!! We will be working hard into the next school year to put together a playground concept that BK students will love for years to come. Over the summer, as BK students get to travel and visit other places, please keep note of cool playgrounds that you may see. If you see a playground or piece of equipment that catches your eye, snap a photo of it and send it to chelsee.pedwell@gmail.com or 780-668-9478. Please include the BK student name and we will do a draw at the beginning of next year for a fun prize. BK students get those cameras out!!!

BK Garden Committee: Please see the attached Information Sheet on our "Adopt a BK Flower Box" to help us make our flower boxes beautiful for another summer season! Also, the BK Gardening Committee needs your help watering our flower beds, garden, and trees throughout the summer, for our families to enjoy now and into the next school year. If you can give us your gift of time, please email Kristina Dover your name, cell number, email address, and the dates that you are available to volunteer.

Friends of BK

Time flies when you're having FOBK Fun! May was all about math and numbers as the students gathered pledges for the MathATHon! We raised \$4459! Congratulations to Gr1 and Gr4 for winning the IceCreamParty for raising the most money and the whole school won extra free block and extra recess! Two students brought in enough dough to pie a teacher ... we can't wait till next year to see what prizes can be won!

We hope to have some rain in the forecast and with rain comes dirty vehicles...so purchase a few Carwash Coupons perhaps in time for Fathers Day! We will receive 30% back from all the washes - to find more info click here: <https://linktr.ee/FOBK>

We would like to thank you for all your support in the year and we are grateful for our volunteers who helped and lead fundraisers, as many hands make light work! We would like to invite you to our September AGM on Sept 21 after the council meeting. Looking ahead, we will need to fill the executive positions in order to continue to provide opportunities and funds for our BK Students! See you in the fall!!

Thanks for being a Friend,

FOBK Executive

SHOUT OUT!

A huge thank you to our grade 6 School Council parents who are moving on to the Junior High world!

Chantel Nogueira and Rebecca Gagne

A special shout out to Lorrianne Pearce, our very dedicated Friends of BK President. She has worked tirelessly to coordinate fundraising efforts for our Playground Initiative. She is also a very dedicated family member of BK and we will miss her!

BK Summer Watering Schedule

The BK Gardening Committee needs your help watering our flower beds, garden, and trees throughout the summer, for our families to enjoy now and into the next school year. If you can give us your gift of time, please email Kristina Dover your name, cell number, email address, and the dates that you are available to volunteer. The dates we need to cover are June 11 - Sept 4th. We try to give everyone a "block" of 3-7 days to do some watering and weeding. It is also great to bring the kids to help with the watering, and then afterwards they can play on the playgrounds! We have several hoses and watering cans, to make it easier to water around the school.

Please email your availability to Kristina (kristinabdover@shaw.ca) by June 9th, so that we can put a schedule together to email it out to parents.

In addition, we are looking for any parents with landscaping OR arborist experience/knowledge (or connections) to help our committee spruce up the school trees/bushes at the back of the school. If you are interested in helping with this project (hoping to do something now, or in the fall) please email Kristina at (kristinabdover@shaw.ca).

Thanks for continued support for Bertha Kennedy!!

BK Gardening Committee





Adopt a Bertha Kennedy Catholic School Flower Box Program

To help cover the cost of school flowers, the BK School Council Garden Committee will continue last year's successful program for families or businesses to

"Adopt a BK Flower Box" for the summer!

The cost is \$25 to sponsor a small box (in the back of the school) or \$50 to sponsor a large box (in the front of the school – see picture below). Your donation will help cover the cost of flowers, soil, and fertilizer for your box.

As a thank you for your support, your name will appear in the BK school newsletter and our Facebook BK School Council/FOBK Pages. In addition, we will be creating outdoor signage to thank the sponsors (i.e., "Adopted By..."). This signage will remain up until the fall, and will include a poster at the front entrance, as well as signage in each "adopted" flower box.

<p><i>If you are interested in this "growing" opportunity, please check out the following link:</i> <u>http://linktr.ee/FOBK</u></p>	<p>OR Adopt your flower box here</p>  
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Orders will be online only. On the JotForm, you will be instructed to choose the size of the box you are sponsoring (small or large), as well as the name (family or business) that you would like to appear on the signage. Once all the flower boxes are "adopted", there will be an opportunity to donate directly to the BK Playground Fund.

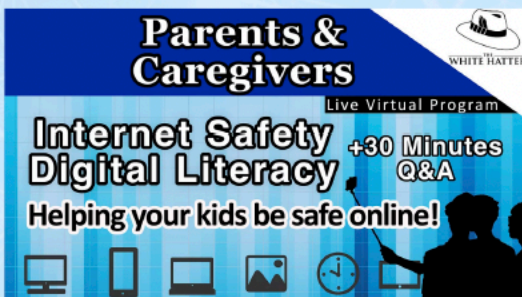


If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristina Dover at kristinabdover@shaw.ca or cell phone at 780-721-8954. Thanks for continued support for Bertha Kennedy!!

Live Virtual Event

THE WHITE HATTER

Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers



Date

June 1

Time

6:30 - 8:30 pm

With



Brandon Laur
M.G.C., M.A.
The White Hatter

- Positives and negative the internet provides
- Challenges for youth today
- Technology as a distraction
- Media overconsumption
- Online predators
- Challenges for parents and caregivers
- How online information is collected and used
- Opportunities technology provides
- Data tracking & collection
- Privacy
- Personal online legal consequences
- Concerning signs to look for
- Sleep concerns
- Account management
- Exploitation
- Nudes and sexting



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