

THE BEACON

January 2019

Happy New Year Everyone!

The purpose of The Beacon is to share what our students have been learning over the past month, and to look at the month ahead.

Our school certainly ended 2018 with a bang! Wow, three great community events with our school musical, our annual turkey day and our Christmas concert! Photos and write ups on these events are included in this newsletter.

In this edition of The Beacon we feature the extracurricular activities at our school. Did you know you can order Beacon Hill Public School clothing? Look for more information in this newsletter.

Wow! 107 Roary's have been given to our students so far this year for all the great effort, work, and positive attitude! Excellent job everyone!

As always, please contact our school if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Mrs. Nancy Ball, Principal



Leader in Me

Readers are Leaders by Dr. John and Jane Covey

Reading, and understanding what you read, is a skill that everyone needs to be successful. The best way to improve understanding is to read a lot. There is nothing like a challenging book to lift you up or take you to another world. Developing a love of reading will be an asset to your child in all areas of school and give him/her a jumpstart to a lifetime of reading!

Below is a list of books that your child will enjoy while also reinforcing the 7 Habits at home. Additional suggestions can be found at The Leader in Me Online.

Lower elementary (ECDP-3) Read the book together. Ask your child questions about how the characters used the habits.

Upper elementary (4-6) Your child reads the book to you. Ask questions about how your child uses the habit.

Habits 1-7

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids by Sean Covey

Habit 1: Be Proactive

The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Click, Clack, Cows that Moo by Doreen Cronin

Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle

Let's Be Enemies by Janice May Udry

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

Habit 6: Synergize

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up by Norman Bridwell

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg by D. B. Johnson

Movie Night at Beacon Hill School - support our Gr 6 class trip to Edmonton!

The grade six class at Beacon Hill invites you to join us for family movie night on Friday, February 1st in our gymnasium. We are asking for a donation to our Edmonton trip fund upon arrival. Please come join us to watch *Small Foot*. You are welcome to bring along pillows, sleeping bags and chairs to get cozy for the movie. We will also be selling popcorn and beverages. Can't wait to see you there! Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

We will also be selling popcorn to support our trip on Thursdays at lunchtimes. We will be charging \$2.00 per bag. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising efforts this year.

Grade 6 students are off to Composite High School

Our Grade 6 students will have the chance to be a Comp Miner for a Day! Mr. Mark Wilson, Vice Principal, will be visiting our Gr 6s to explain the different options that they can participate in when they visit the school on January 29th.

Ukulele Club and Archery Club News

Archery Club, for Grades 4-6, will begin after school on Tuesday, January 23rd. The session will run from 3 - 4 pm. Ms Saunders and Ms MacKinnon will be sending registration information to Gr 4-6 students who are interested in joining this club.

After School & Lunchtime Extra Curricular Activities

We offer **ukulele** on Mondays and **archery** on Tuesdays to our Gr 4-6 students. **Basketball** will begin for our Gr 5 /6 students with practices being held two days a week after school.

Choir will begin on January 15th and take place every Tuesday to Friday lunchtime recess. Students in choir will attend whether it is indoor or outdoor recess. Grades 1 to 6 are invited to participate. Come sing along!

We are currently confirming details for lunchtime (12:05 - 12:25 pm) **yoga** for all students. Once our instructor is in place, information will go home in a separate email. We are excited to be offering this activity!

We would also like to offer a number of activities during lunchtime, however, we need assistance in the form of parent volunteers as our teachers are on supervision. We would like to offer a **Lego Club, a Games Club, and Writing Club, and an Arts Club**. These clubs would take place from 12:05 - 12:25 pm whether it is an indoor or outdoor lunch recess. Parent volunteers would need to have a criminal record check completed. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Mrs. Ball at nancy.ball@fmpad.ab.ca

Please note that **Games Club and Writing Club** will be held during lunchtimes!

Welcome to our School!

Please join me in welcoming Ms Samantha Hepditch, Ms Carly King, and Ms Charissa Anger

Read for 15- Let's support Fort McMurray's Library

Help Fort McMurray become the most 'readerly' city in Alberta! Read for just 15 minutes and you enter to win a \$100 Chapters gift card!

Everyone in the family, classroom or office can read for 15 minutes and enter before 9 pm!

You can enter on the Wood Buffalo Regional Library Facebook page on **January 25th**, by ballot at the main floor reference desk, or by email at community.services@wbrl.ca

Beacon Hill School 'Bear Wear' Clothing

Did you know that you can order t-shirts, hoodies, pants, and hats that feature our school! Purchase your Beacon Hill School gear online at yourschoolgear.ca Just type Beacon Hill Public School in the search, and shop away!

Sample t-shirts and hoodies have been ordered for the school if you wish to check sizing. Two students who have been nominated for a Roary will win clothing each month!



Beacon Hill School Council

Beacon Hill School Council News

All Beacon Hill School parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend School Council meetings. This is a great way to find out what is happening at the school, letting your voice be heard and how best to support your child.

At our January meeting administration and parents opened the meeting with positive comments about Beacon Hill School:

Hats off to the staff and students for an amazing Christmas Concert!

Turkey Day was a great success!

Love the small school community feeling that Beacon Hill gives!

Appreciate all the activities and opportunities that the School gives the students!

The attending administration and parents also discussed the change of temperature district has recently made for recess in Fort McMurray. The majority of parents that attend the meetings are in favour of the new -24 including windchill temperature.

The Learning Bridge offered to Beacon Hill students by the school district is accepting registration for the second session.

Coming soon to Beacon Hill School *BEAR WEAR*

Beacon Hill School Council would like to give a big Thank You to the staff for all the fantastic activities the students and parents were able to enjoy before the holidays. Your time doesn't go unnoticed and is always appreciated.

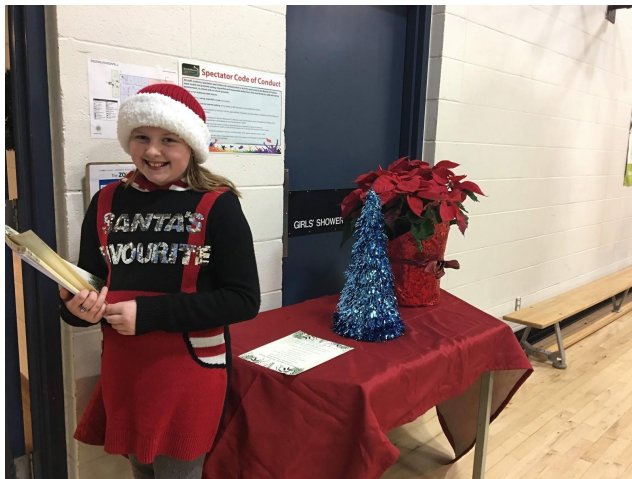
Please join us at the next School Council meeting on Tuesday February 12th at 6:30pm in the community room.

School Council Executive

Turkey Day 2018

Over 200 students, parents, and guests feasted at our annual Turkey Day! In the past, Gr 1-3 students prepared the dinner for their families, but this year all grades participated! A huge thank you to our Golden Years Society volunteers, and our Parents' Plus for providing the food, as well as to Syncrude Canada for the turkeys. Thank you to parents who came to prepare and serve the food!





Christmas Concert!

Thank you to Charlotte for assisting at our

Parents Plus Advisory Association

Happy New Year everybody!

Do you ever wonder what Parents Plus does with the money fundraised over the course of the school year? It goes back to the school in different ways. Here are some examples:

In the last month, we were able to purchase a 3-year subscription to Lexia, a reading program to assist students needing extra literacy support. We sent 2 staff members for archery training so we can start up our archery club again...yay!! We also provided busing for our "The Sound Of Music" cast to perform at the Golden Years Society.

Parents Plus was happy to assist with our annual Turkey Day, a much-beloved Beacon Hill School tradition. Thank you to all the staff, students, parents, and special guests from the

Golden Years Society for putting together another delicious meal for our school community. A special shout-out to our vice-principal, Uzma Jeelani, for organizing Turkey Day!

Parents Plus was able to provide Christmas hampers to school families in need.

We were also able to treat the students to a movie day at the new Landmark theatre in Eagle Ridge on the last day before the Christmas break.

None of this would have been possible without parent support in all of our fundraising endeavors throughout the year, thank you!

We also have exciting news from our Hot Lunch program...we have 2 new vendors! Freshii's and Sweet Meats have been added to our line-up! February hot lunch orders are due January 20th.

Our new meeting date is January 17th at 6:30 in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there. If you can't make it to the meeting but have questions/concerns to share, please email me at shauleigh@yahoo.ca. I will be sure to bring it forward.

Shauna Clarke,

Chairperson, Parents Plus

Calendar of Events

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	11
14 Basketball Practice Choir at lunch	15	16 Basketball Practice Choir at lunch	17 Choir at lunch	18 PLF - no school for students
21 Ukulele Club Choir at lunch	22 Archery	23 Basketball Practice Ski Day for Gr 4-6 Choir at lunch	24 Basketball Practice Choir at lunch	25 Read 15
28 Ukulele Club Choir at lunch	29 Archery	30 Basketball Practice Choir at lunch	31 Basketball Practice Choir at lunch Leader in Me assembly led by Gr 4/5	