

THE BEACON

May 2019

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Principal's Message

I decided to write the most challenging part of this letter for the end. I have accepted a new position as the Coordinator of Early Learning/Teacher Capacity. Although this is an exciting new opportunity for me, it has been unbelievably difficult to think about leaving the community that I have come to love. Over the past two years, Beacon Hill has been my second home – the students, staff, parents, and community members have welcomed me and made this feel like so much more than a job. Over the past few days, I have had the chance to reflect on the people and memories that have forever changed the way that I see myself and the way that I think about education. Anyone who has the chance to experience the magic of Beacon Hill is in for the opportunity of a lifetime – as your new incoming principal, Mr. Graham Abbott is perhaps the luckiest person I know.

As we finish off the school year (and enjoy the spring weather!), I hope that I get a personal chance to say thank-you to each and every member of our school community. There is still a lot of excitement to be had over the next month, a lot of learning to do, and a lot of memories to be made. Please continue to support this school in the remarkable way that you have always.

Nancy Ball
Principal

Leader in Me

Family Mission Statements

Mission statements have long been a part of organizations; they provide a clear path for what the organization wants to accomplish and how they plan to go about doing it. Yet, seldom does a family take the time to write a mission statement, and what organization is more important than the family? By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®. The process is a great way to practice all of the 7 Habits.

Step 1.

Ask yourself these seven questions:

How do we want our family to be known?

How do we want to treat each other?

What is most important to us as a family?

What are some of our talents, gifts, and abilities?

What makes us the happiest?

What makes us unhappy?

What kind of home do we want to invite friends to?

Step 2.

Write your Family Mission Statement.

Consider all four areas:

- Body (health and physical welfare)
- Brain (learning)
- Heart (relationships)
- Spirit (inspiration)

Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorize it and find it meaningful. Examples: "We are builders," "No empty chairs," "To serve others," "All for one and one for all," etc.

Step 3.

Stay on course. As parents, you are the role models. Keep smiling and getting back on track.

The promise.

By writing a Family Mission Statement, the message to your children is that your family is important—you know what you stand for and how you are going to work together to accomplish it.

Grade 6 Trip to Edmonton

The Beacon Hill Bears grade six class had an amazing trip to edmonton. They represented our school very well and received many compliments on their politeness wherever they went.

During our visit to Edmonton we visited World Waterpark, Telus World of Science, The Legislature, and the Aviation museum. We also visited the Old Spaghetti Factory and got to fill our plates at the buffet during the Mayfield Common Dinner Theatre.

We want to thank you all for supporting our fundraisers this year. We also want to thank Parents Plus for helping with the bussing fees. We are so lucky to be bears!

"The water park was fun and thank you all for helping us fundraise" -Anastasios

"The waterpark was the best part and so was the Legislature. It was all really interesting" - Addison

"I conquered my fear of going on the loop de loop slide" - Eve

"It was awesome! The Zeidlers Dome at the Telus World of Science was so realistic!" - Brooklyn

"I loved learning about space." - Dylan

"I loved seeing all of the planes in person. It helped me see what planes are made of" - Mason

"Our trip was a lot of fun. The water park and The Telus World of Science were the best!" - Rhys

"It was a great trip, I really want to do another one." - Caden

"I liked the water park because it was fun." - Max

"The water park was fun." - Thomas

"I went swimming in the Legislature fountain." -Jack

"My favorite part was the bus and the hotels." -Rae-Lynn

"It was my first time going to the water park and I really liked the wave pool. I liked the legislature, we didn't get to go in but we learned about it. It was a good trip." - James

"My favorite part of the trip was swimming in the wave pool." - Makaya





Year End Messages from Teachers

Ms Chelsi Ryan

As a new addition to the Bears this Spring I have only had a short amount of time to get to know our lovely Grade 3s! They are a fun-loving group of kids who have been working hard every day to learn and be good friends to each other. In May we had many of our students participate in the Talent Show to bring their unique talents to the stage. We also celebrated Indigenous Week with a variety of books, crafts, and teachings. The students most enjoyed making dream catchers and participating in talking circles. With the month of June I'm sure we will have many more opportunities to enjoy all the things being a part of the Beacon Hill School community affords the students - like Sports Day, Awards Day, and the Fine Arts Extravaganza.

Ms Kimerica Parr - Music

A Year of Beautiful Music!

It has been a wonderful year at Beacon Hill Elementary School. The school play, "The Sound of Music" was a great success; every student that participated performed to their best ability, and it was a joy to see each student grow throughout the process. We also had a wonderful Christmas Concert, and ended the year with a fabulous Talent Show! Additionally, several students participated in music festival, winning awards, including one scholarship award. Congratulations to all!

One of my favourite moments this year was when the students cast in the play, went to the Golden Years Society to sing the songs from The Sound of Music, and some Christmas Carols. We sang, and then spent some time conversing with the senior citizens. The children had a terrific time, and so did the seniors. A few the seniors cried tears of joy, as they were touched by the sweetness of the young voices. As we were leaving, two fifth grade boys asked me if we could go visit again. This was one of their favourite events all year. It was so heartwarming.

Thank you Beacon Hill Bears for an incredible year in Music!

Ms Kimerica Parr - ECDP

ECDP has had a wonderful year. All the little children have gained social skills, playing together nicely, resolving conflicts, using imagination, and having fun! Whether playing kitchen, pretending to be superheroes, building blocks, making a mess of the sandbox, practicing yoga or chasing the lava monster, everyone has had a terrific time! We have learned to count to 20 forwards, and then backwards from 10. We have learned to recognize the letters of the alphabet, and associate their sounds. We have learned to recognize and name animals, shapes and colours. We have learned to dribble basketballs, skip rope, climb the jungle gym and play classic games, such as "What time is it, Mr. Wolf?" We have developed strong friendships within the classroom, and made buddies with the grade 3s, by reading together, and having play dates. We are learning to write our names, and have developed fine motor skills through a variety of games and activities, and our favourite pastime: colouring. The children have grown so much this year, from dependence to independence; it has been a joy for all. Thank you ECDP!

Mrs Krista Saunders

June has rolled around again and so marks the end of my 9th year as a Beacon Hill Bear. This year, like all previous years, has consisted of love, friendship, relationships and, oh yeah, some learning. Getting to watch our students move from Kindergarten to Grade 6 has been an absolute privilege and I look forward to continuing to watch their growth. Between learning to read, add and subtract, building popsicle stick buildings and messy science, I have enjoyed all the 'ah-ha' moments, the multitude of laughter and getting to know all these wonderful humans. Thank you for letting me play a small part in their childhood and I look forward to watching them continue to be wonderful ambassadors for the Beacon Hill Bears. Have a great summer and I'll see you in September!

Ms Taneille Haines-Reid

As hard as it is to believe, the end of this school year is quickly approaching! The grade four students and I have made so many wonderful memories since coming together in February. From building geometric solids, creating beautiful mixed media art, designing devices that move with Bricks 4 Kidz, while laughing together through read alouds, cheering for classmates during group activities, and complementing each others' strengths in our community circle, we have so much to celebrate! I have thoroughly enjoyed watching each student grow and succeed in our time together. Thank you for all of your support and for welcoming me into the Beacon Hill Bear family! Hope you have all a paw'some summer break!

Ms Lisa MacKinnon

It has been an absolutely delightful first year here in Fort McMurray as a Beacon Hill teacher! My students and I have had a wonderful and exciting 2018-2019 year! We started things off in September "having a ball" with the Edmonton Eskimos Football Team at Shell Place. In the fall, we were so proud of our many Grade 5 students involved in the musical, including both leads! Recently, our class participated in the amazing district-wide events, Girl Power and Mega Boyz, where both groups rocked new activities and learned some awesome new things! I was so proud of all the accomplishments and milestones reached by my students this year and loved watching all their personalities shine! I can't say enough about how much I loved teaching here at Beacon Hill with these incredible students, fantastic staff and welcoming parents! I am so honored to be part of the Bear Family! :)

Ms Natasha Petruk

This year in Kindergarten and KEEP was my first and most definitely not my last. I absolutely loved engaging with my students and getting to know who they are. Some of the highlights this year were learning to print our names, the creation of some beautiful artwork, becoming leaders in the school and spending quality time with our reading buddy class. I'm so excited to watch these kids continue to grow at Beacon Hill School and I am looking forward to meeting my new students in the fall!"

Ms Cassandra Legge

I have had such a wonderful year at Beacon Hill. I am grateful everyday that I have had the opportunity to work with such an amazing staff, positive students, and an outstanding school community. Thank you all for welcoming me into the bear family with open arms.

The grade six class have done some pretty terrific things this year. From football with the Edmonton Eskimos early in the year, to our year end trip to Edmonton, I have enjoyed so much watching you grow.

There truly isn't any other place like Beacon Hill, and I am so honored to be a bear.



Principal Announcement/Staffing for 2019-2020

At this time our teaching staff has not been finalized for the 2019-2020 school year; we hope to have an update for parents by the end of June.

Mr. Graham Abbott will be the Principal at Beacon Hill Public School beginning in the new school year. Mr. Abbott has previous experience as a FMPSD school administrator in Greely Road, Composite High School and Thickwood School. Graham is very excited to be back in a school and in particular, Beacon Hill, as he has been filling in for Mrs. Ball when she has had ATA District Representative responsibilities. Welcome to the Bear Family!

School Supply Lists 2019-2020



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Sincerely,

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Beacon Hill School Council

Is it just me, or did this school year fly by? I can't believe it's June already! What an exciting year we had. From frigid cold temperatures especially in January and February to lots of indoor recess and lunches. But that didn't stop there because we had so many helpful parents come in and put on a different variety of games for our kids! Alien in-line was a huge hit, movie and popcorn nights, Spirit week, Duffle bag theatre, The talent show, Tubing, skiing, Aboriginal celebration, Running club, Staff Appreciation week (because they really are the BEST) and the list goes on and on! Another reason why Beacon Hill Public School is the BEST school in Fort McMurray:)

Did you know that all parents and guardians are members of the School Council? Even though you are unable to attend you still have your say! So why not come out every second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Community Room and join us! Plus there is snacks! You will be the first to know what is going to happen with events etc.

On June 11th is the AGM and elections will be held in the Community Room @ 6:30pm where our New Principal Mr. Graham Abbott will be attending. This upcoming school year

we are looking for a new Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Networks Rep. Come on out and join us!

Last but definitely not least. Thank you so much to Mrs. Ball, for being with us for 2 wonderful years as our Principal! You have made an impressionable mark on all of us. Your leadership has provided an atmosphere where all students, staff and parents have been able to feel welcomed anytime in your presence. You have touched the lives of every child, every staff and every parent. Thank you for your support, dedication, thank you for caring and most of all, thank you for your leadership!! It has been what has set our School apart from others and has made everything more enjoyable and rewarding! We will miss you so much! Much love and all the Best!



Wishing everyone a Happy, Safe and Enjoyable Summer Vacation! See you all in September!

Parents Plus Advisory Association

Happy June everyone!

We had a very busy May, with the market at the beginning of the month, the arrival of the Veseys order, and running the Growing Smiles fundraiser, which arrived and was distributed the last school day in May.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported our fundraising endeavours throughout this past school year. Whether you're a parent that comes to the meetings and helps spearhead the fundraisers, a teacher that sends home notes & emails to their students' families to make them aware of our fundraising events, administration that supports us, or the school families that take part by purchasing, selling to their friends & family, volunteering at our markets, donating baked goods to our bake sales, helping sort and distribute orders, and assisting in any way possible, it is all important, and so very appreciated! These fundraisers throughout the year help us pay for and purchase, things not covered by our Casino funds.

With all that being said, our next Casino dates have been announced, and will be December 9th and 10th. The Casino fundraiser is our biggest fundraiser, and it helps us bring in the extras like Alien Inline, Bricks4Kids, Open Minds at Heritage Village, the Frisbee Guy, Telus World of Science, visits to the Discovery Center, and busing for field trips. Please keep the casino dates in mind, and consider volunteering for a shift or 2.

On June 12th, we will be holding our last meeting of the year, at 6 pm in the Community Room. We will be updating some by-laws, and electing a couple senior positions to our executive. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy the last month of our 2018/19 school year...it's incredible how quickly the year has passed!

I hope you all have a great summer, and see you all in September!

Calendar of Events June 2019						
Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3	4	5 WITS	6 Pancake Breakfast	7 No school for students	8
9	10 Booster Juice Day	11 School Council Meeting	12 Parents Plus Meeting	13	14	15

16	17 Volunteer Appreciation Drive Through	18 Gr 6 Math PAT	19 Pancake Breakfast	20 Gr 6 Science PAT Fine Arts Extravaganza	21 Gr 5 attend Metis Festival	22
23	24 Gr 6 Social Studies PAT-	25 Sports Day	26 Kindergarten Graduation	27 Awards Ceremony Last Day of School for students	28 Last day of school for staff!	30