

BCHS Newsletter Feb — March 2014



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

This is the third newsletter from Brooks Composite High School. Please take the time to read through the newsletter and note important dates and information as it pertains to you and your child. The first semester went very well. Keep in mind that the first day of the second semester was January 30, 2014.

A new initiative that is going well is our Wednesday

afternoon **Flex Block** that allows students to seek help in any class in which they might need help. Many students are also using it as an opportunity to finish their homework.

One of the things to keep in mind is the opportunity to access your son or daughters' marks and attendance at your convenience via the internet or mobile phone app. We know that many parents

and students are making use of this feature. If you have not yet taken advantage of this piece of technology, please give us a call and we can help you set this up.

If you have any questions about information in this newsletter or school in general, please call me at 362-4814.

Sincerely
Grant Jensen,
Principal

SPIRIT COUNCIL NEWS

Although a short school month, December was filled with activity for BCBS Spirit Council. The annual **"Reindeer Games"** was filled with fun and excitement. We also had an **"Ugly Christmas Sweater Day"** on our last school day of 2013.



In January we got off to a quick start with our annual **Matchmaker activity**. Students fill out questionnaires and printouts will be sold that list compatibility matches with other students in our school. We

are hoping to have these printouts by Valentine's Day.



Do you enjoy comfortable clothes and lazy hair days? We sure do! To prepare for the exam season we held a **"slug day"** where students were encouraged to relax and be comfortable. With the second semester upon us, more great spirit events are on their way!



JAPAN EXCHANGE IN APRIL

A group of up to 4 students will be selected to travel to our Sister School in Hiroo, Japan during the Easter Break. Students will spend a few days in Tokyo before going to our sister community of Hiroo where they will be billeted with local families.

If you are interested in participating in the future, please speak to Mr. Jensen.



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Special points of interest:

- Gr. 10 Parents!!! - please take the time to complete the survey that was mailed to your home. Our school values your feedback!!!

REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEW DATES SET

SEMESTER 1 FINAL MARKS STATEMENTS

Semester one final mark statements were made available to all students **January 30, 2014**. Students were expected to take this home to share with you. If this did not occur, please call the school and a copy will be sent home. The only reason a student may not receive their mark statement would be due to outstanding textbooks or school fees. For more information about fees please call Mrs. Berringer at the school office at 362-4814.

SEMESTER 2 COURSE OUTLINES

Course outlines will be given to each student for each course they are enrolled in. Please feel free to review these with your child and make any inquiries to the teacher or school administration.

SEMESTER 2 REPORT CARDS

The **first report card** will be issued to students on **March 14, 2014**. This will be a formal report card, which will provide you with a summary of progress in all subjects to date with the exception of work experience and related programs. Please review these results with your child.



The **second report card** will be issued **between April 28 and May 2, 2014**. Each teacher will schedule their own release dates based on the completion of a unit of work in each individual course. Although there will be no formal interviews with the second report card, interviews may be initiated at anytime of the semester by parents or teachers.

The **final report card** for this semester will be available for pick up in late June or early July. The date will be announced closer to the exact date. You are reminded that all Diploma Exam marks are mailed directly to the student from Alberta Learning.

I hope the process of communicating your child's progress provides you with the information you require. If you would like any further information at any time during the semester, please feel free to contact the school about your child's progress.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held on **March 19 and March 25** from **4:30 – 8:00 p.m.** A staff list is included to assist you with your planning. You are encouraged to bring your child to parent/teacher interviews. Please be reminded there will be **no school for students February 18 - 22, 2013**.

TEACHER		Room #
Mr. Jensen	- Principal	Office
Mr. Scholz	- VP	Office
Mrs. Gausman	- VP	Office
Mr. Angell		1530
Mrs. Baumgartner		2019
Mr. Bernhard		1530
Mr. Cashato		2015
Mr. Cowan	counselors office	
Mr. Craig		1517
Mr. Fehr		2021
Mr. Friesen	(Shop)	1302
Mrs. Gilborn		2017
Ms. Hess		1115
Ms. Jensen		1107
Ms. Laverty		1620
Mr. Mason		2016
Mrs. Morris		2035
Mr. Muir		1518
Mr. Nelson		1501
Mrs. O'Farrell		2018
Mrs. Olsen		2014
Ms. Rousson		2014
Mrs. Stroeder		1125
Mrs. Skriver		1532
Mr. Stone	(Music)	1617
Mrs. Sullivan		1106
Mr. Vaage		2020
Mr. Vanderveelde		1519
Ms. Veroba		1125
Mr. Watson	(Shop)	1308

GRAD NEWS UPDATES

Within the past month you should have received an events bulletin with information about fund raising events, grad photos, and Commencement.

With the arrival of the second semester, many of our Grade 12's thoughts are turning to **Commencement Ceremonies on May 24th, 2014**. We thought it would be of interest to review the requirements/criteria that must be met to allow a student to participate in commencement 2014.

Participation in the **Commencement Program** in May will be based on the following criteria:

- a. The student is registered in a program leading to one of the following:
 - An Alberta High School Diploma
 - An Alberta High School Certificate of Achievement
 - A three-year non-credit Certificate program in Special Education leading to a local school-leaving certificate
- b. The student must be eligible to complete all of the requirements of **one of the above** programs **by June 30 of the current school year**.
- c. Students using Distance Learning courses as part of their program requirements **must have 2/3 of their lesson completed and graded satisfactorily prior to inclusion on the final commencement list**.
- d. Judgement for inclusion on the **first draft** of the commencement list will be made on the basis of Final Semester 1 marks, and 1st Report Card marks for second semester subjects.

Students who are failing Second Semester courses which are necessary for the criteria described in a) above, or who have not completed 2/3 of their required distance learning lessons satisfactorily, will receive a written warning (with a copy sent to parents) following the first report card marks indicating that they may not be included in the commencement program. If these courses are not improved to a passing level by the 2nd report card, the student will not be included on the final commencement list.

- e. Judgement for inclusion on the **final** commencement list will be made on the basis of the Final Semester 1 marks and the **2nd report card marks** for the second semester subjects.

Students who are failing second semester courses which are necessary for the criteria described in a) above, or who have not completed 2/3 of their required distance learning satisfactorily will not be included in the final commencement list.

(NOTE: Distance Learning lessons needed to fulfil this requirement must be submitted for grading no later than April 15, 2014.)

Students who were passing subjects required to meet the criteria listed in a) above at the time of the first report card but are failing those subjects at the time of the 2nd report card will not be included in the final commencement list.

- f. **Students must be in good standing with the school.** Students who are under suspension from school, or who

are not extending reasonable efforts on their academic progress will not be permitted to participate.

Any student not on the **first** Draft of the commencement list, and feels that there are some extenuating circumstances which should be considered, may appeal in writing prior to **April 9, 2014** to the principal. **Students who have no extenuating circumstances are unlikely to have a successful appeal.** The Commencement Appeal Committee will hand down a binding decision by **May 9, 2014**.

Appeals will not be accepted following the determination of the final commencement list in the program.

Fundraising & Grad Fees

Besides meeting the criteria for commencement, grade 12 students still have the opportunity to earn grad hours (to lower grad fees). There are plans for a second bottle drive on **March 18**. **No other activities are being sponsored by the school and grad council.** Also, the program and decorating committees will begin meeting in the next couple of weeks as planning for commencement 2014 continues.

Notification of Participation

The grads will receive a commencement letter on March 13, 2014. This letter will contain important information about the week preceding Commencement as well as the day of Commencement. Watch for this letter and if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, or your son or daughter fails to bring home the **March 13th** letter, please call the grad advisor, Ms S. Laverty.

Thank you for your support!

GRAD 2012 GRAD CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Our parent committee has been working tirelessly organizing the best grad celebration for the graduates of 2014. Plans are underway for a Grand March & Prom immediately following the ceremonies. Buses will be transporting students who are interested in attending the safe after-grad party that follows.

Please be made aware that the Grand March, Prom and after party are all done by the parent committee. School fundraising does not go towards any of the events after commencement. Grads will be paying a fee to participate.

Fundraising is approximately ½ done. If you can help out with any fundraising, please contact any of the committee members listed below. If we can't raise the rest of the money, some of the events (Grand

March, Prom, After Party) may not be possible. Please get involved in your child's Graduation fundraising.

We are planning to start the New Year by requesting donations for as many items as possible. If you can help us out with this, please contact **Michele Labrie** by e-mail at breezer1@telus.net

The Prom committee is in the process of organizing and planning decorations, a grand march with photographer, a dance with a DJ, various activities including a photo booth, finger foods and non-alcoholic beverages. A ballot will be going out to the students shortly to gather their input on what prom activities they would like to see at their prom. We are also starting to gather prize donations from individuals and businesses which will be given out during the

various activities throughout the night.

If you or someone you know would like to donate a prize, please contact: **Tammy Jamieson** at 403-376-1149.

Committee Chair :

Kelly Rasmussen:: 403-793-4190

Committee Co Chair.

Debbie Perini: : 403-501-1351

Fundraising Committee

Gina Pfefferle & Ron Kielich

Prom Committee

Tammy Jamison

After Party

Michele Labrie & Michele Seitz

Transportation & Security

Art Folkerts & Marvin Sagert

Refreshments & Food

Tamara Skrove

We'd like to thank all of the volunteers and graduates who have offered to help. Many hands make light work!!

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Alberta Government offers Alexander Rutherford Scholarships to recognize and reward academic achievement at the Sr. High level and to encourage students to pursue post-secondary studies.

There are two levels of Rutherford Scholarships available, one for students with averages between 75.0% and 79.9%, and another for students with an average over 80%. The Department of Education uses the following requirements for determining eligibility for Rutherford Scholarships:

It should be noted that applications for the Rutherford scholarships can only be made during the course of their grade 12 year when students have already applied for admission to post – secondary school.

GRADE 10

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects—\$300

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects —\$500

One of English 10-1 or 10-2, Français 10, 13 or 10-2 and at least two of the following:

- Math 10 C
- Science 10
- Social 10-1 or 10-2
- a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 10 level
- Any two other courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory CTS courses.



SCHOLARSHIPS

GRADE 11

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects —\$500

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects —\$800

One of English 20-1 or 20-2, Français 20, 23 or 20-2 and At least two of the following:

- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2
- Science 20
- Biology 20
- Chemistry 20
- Physics 20
- Social 20-1 or 20-2
- a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level
- Any two other courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate CTS courses.

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (continued)

GRADE 12

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects—\$700

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects—\$1300

One of English 30-1 or 30-2, Français 30, 30-2 and at least two of the following:

- Math 30 Pure
- Math 20 Applied
- Math 31
- Science 30
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Physics 30
- Social 30-1 or 30-2

•a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level

•Any two other courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced CTS courses.

NOTE: *Averages are not rounded up for Scholarship purposes.

C.T.S. COURSES:

Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 level.

Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level.

To be combined:

- all courses must be from the same level i.e. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,
- courses can be from different streams or subject area, i.e. computer courses with welding courses, and
- marks will be averaged

Note: Applications are due May 1st, and are available through the counseling department.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

GRASSLANDS POLICY DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we continue into the cold winter months, it might be helpful to try clear up any confusion there might be about whether or not the school would continue to operate.

In general terms, the school will always be considered open under all weather circumstances. We do this because not everyone will hear the announcement on the local radio station and may arrive at the school. For this reason the school is to be open.

Bus drivers from the county will determine whether it is safe to run busses to the school and will endeavor to phone the riders on their busses to inform them.

If you ride a bus in town, the bus drivers operate in conjunction with the Superintendent to decide whether or not the in-town busses will run.

Ultimately, the decision on whether or not your child should attend school during inclement weather rests with the parents. If you decide that traveling to school



poses a risk then you should keep your child at home. However, if you decide to send your child to school, the school will be open to accommodate your child and we are able to spend some quality time with the students reviewing and providing individual assistance.

STUDENT DRESS

The staff would like to remind parents and students to remain mindful of the way students dress to come to school. Please remember that the school is a public place and as such the dress should conform to that standard. Clothing that advertises alcohol and other drugs or uses profanity is not appropriate. Female students are asked to dress in a manner that covers the majority of their body parts. Bare shoulders, cleavage, midsections and back-sides should be covered during school hours. For our male students, we would ask that you wear clothing in such a way that it sufficiently covers your undergarments. If you have questions about appropriate dress, please call the school.



NEWS FROM THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

CAREER COUNSELLING NEWS

It's time to apply for post-secondary! Most Alberta Colleges and Universities began accepting applications October 1st and now that students have their 1st semester report cards it is important to submit their applications.

Apply for College or University TODAY!

This year there is a new way to apply to Alberta's Post Secondary institutions. **ApplyAlberta** is a secure online application system that students will use to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions, and send their Alberta high school transcripts directly to different participating institutions.

Students will start by creating a secure logon account that is password protected. To do this, a student will need to know their Alberta Student Number, if they do not know their number, they can come to the Guidance Department or the School Office and it will be provided. Students will authorize transcript transfer requests and fill out a profile with their personal and academic history. This is sent automatically to each institution the student selects. Once the students select their institution(s) of choice, they will complete the institution-specific part of the application (program/term).

Finally, students will pay the institutions application fee and submit the application (a credit card will be needed). The institution will then process the application and deal directly with the student. To start visit www.applyalberta.ca

Should you have additional questions, or concerns just drop by the Career Counsellor's office, my door is open and I'm happy to help.

ATTENTION GRADE 11 STUDENTS:

Now is the time for you to be making some decisions, being sure that you are taking the right courses for your designated career, exploring your options at different universities and colleges and looking at what scholarships you may want to apply for.

A NOTE FROM OUR PERSONAL COUNSELLORS

Allyson Honig – FSLC Room 1418
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8:30 am – 3:30 pm .

Mike Heninger – FSLC Room 1508
Office Hours: Mon – Afternoon, Tues – Morning, Wed. – All day, Thurs. – afternoon, Fri. – All day

Ashton's Place has daily activities & fun-filled events for youth. Open Tues – Fri 4 – 9 pm & Sat 4 – 10 pm. For more information call 403 362 3627.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) group at BCHS has been officially named - **SMYLE**- Sexual Minority Youth Living Equally. We would like to thank all students and staff for supporting our first bake sale back in December. For those who are interested in joining **SMYLE** or have questions about LGBT issues contact Allyson.

And it's that time of year again to start thinking about "**Speak Out Alberta**" – a (chaperoned) weekend conference in Edmonton April 11 – 13 for students interested in sharing their voice about Alberta's education system. Space is limited. For more information contact Allyson.

March 29th – "**Glitters**" - fe-

males ages 12 – 19 and their female parent/guardian come have fun and get inspired about being female. Registration is required. Contact your FSLC or Shelly Gausman to sign up. Parental permission is required for youth under 16.

GLITTERS CONFERENCE



GLITTERS is a full day local conference for young women ages 12-18 in Brooks and area! Our focus is to offer **Girls** a safe and comfortable Learning opportunity to expand on their **Inner Talents Through Exploration and Reclaiming Self**.

GLITTERS's purpose is to have self-confident, inspired and strong young women leave the conference feeling and appreciating their own self worth. Our goal is to show these young women the importance of valuing themselves, expanding their beliefs and their value to one another and in our community.



This conference will be held on March 29th, 2014 If you would like more information, please contact Shelly Gausman at 403-362-4814 or one of the Family School Liaison Counsellors.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

PI DAY COMING SOON

what is pi?

Pi, the Greek letter π , is the symbol that represents the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It is approximately equal to 3.14, but it is not an exact decimal (it is an irrational number) and its accurate calculation has intrigued mathematicians for centuries. At the end of 2013 a super computer running for 94 days computed pi to over 12.1 trillion decimal places. If that were ever printed, the stack of paper would be approximately 350 km high.

Did you know that a Chinese college student memorized 67,890 digits of pi?

It took him 24 hours and 4 minutes to recite to the 67,890th decimal place without an error.

He stated he had memorized 100,000 digits but at the 67,891st digit, he said the next digit was a "5", when it was actually a "0".

Pi Day – March 14th (3/14) – promotes not only the fascination with pi and the calculative nature of mathematics but also its artistic and creative side. As in previous years, Pi Day will be celebrated at BCHS with free pie in the cafeteria at lunch. In order to receive their pie, however, students must recite the first 20 decimal places of pi. Pi shirts will, of course, also be welcomed warmly.



BCHS CHEERLEADING

This is the fifth year a cheerleading program at the high school level has been offered and this year we have a co-ed team with five ladies and three men.

The team cheered at home football games and volunteers in the community. This past year they have wrapped presents for the Smiles for Christmas program.

The team will be competing in at the Red Deer Cheerleading Championships on February 22 and the Total Spirit Cheer Championship at West Edmonton Mall from March 7-9 in Edmonton. The team will also be competing in Provincials at Harry Ainley High School March 21 & 22.



IEP NEWS

Hello Everybody! We can't believe that it is already the beginning of the 2nd semester! The students in the levels program have been busy working, studying, swimming, wood-working and learning about cars in the mechanics shop. In the spring we have booked a trip to the Calgary Children's Festival and will be seeing a music and magic performance. It promises to be very entertaining.

We have a handful of student graduating from our program this year, so we are encouraging parents to start planning for their child's future. We have a lot of information to share from our parent information night. Please feel free to come in with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to another great semester!

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Our cafeteria is open most of the day beginning at 8:00 AM. We have a policy to not sell candy or chips prior to the morning classes but will have on hand a breakfast bun which is a tasty combination of bacon, egg and cheese on a toasted bun. This is sold for only \$2.50. There are also varieties of muffins, milk, juice, and fruit to start the day. We prepare a different lunch special each day, assorted sandwiches, fresh vegetable and fruit baskets, cookies, and other sweet items. In consideration of healthier eating, we use non-hydrogenated margarine in our baking. A variety of beverages are also available. Menus and prices are posted in the cafeteria. Every lunch special costs \$4.00 on Mondays and \$5.00 from Tuesday to Friday.

A lunch card is available if you wish to purchase one. The value of the card is \$32.00 but it is sold for \$30.00. As you purchase items, their value is crossed off the card. This eliminates the need to keep cash on hand but you are responsible for keeping your card in a safe place. If you wish to purchase a lunch card, please make cheques payable to the **B.C.H.S. Cafeteria.**



BAND NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The BCHS and BJHS band programs, in partnership with the NCBA and community businesses are having a bottle drive on Feb 3rd to raise funds to help send the students to The Nationals in Vancouver. Please hang on to those bottles and cans until Feb 3rd, when one of our talented students will be ringing your doorbell to pick up those recyclables. Your support will go towards covering the festivals fees and transportation. Let's get behind our band students as they represent our city at the Nationals!

The BCHS band trip is an annual event with destinations varying every year. This year, the destination is Vancouver, BC to take part in the prestigious **MusicFest Canada** where the bands will take part in performances, master classes adju-

icated session and clinics. It will truly be a unique experience for BCHS Band students as they will meet other musicians from around Canada and receive high quality teaching. Musical activities will include **MusicFest** concerts, master classes, clinics and concerts played in Vancouver elementary schools (or other public venues).

Medical/Travel insurance must be purchased by parents for the student.

The trip is scheduled to take 5 days, 4 nights and is scheduled for **May 13 - 17**. All BCHS Concert band students are encouraged to attend.

The **BCHS STAGE BAND** is scheduled to depart for their annual spring band trip to the East

Kootenays on **March 30**. This performance tour will include concerts at local schools, educational visits to the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, a journey back in time to Fort Steele and a relaxing visit to Fairmont Hot Springs. The return date is Tuesday, **April 1st**.

For more information, contact Mr. Stone.



NEWS FROM OUR PREVENTION AND EDUCATION COUNSELLOR

SADD students have been busy the last few months with attending the provincial SADD conference in November, doing the liquor bag campaign in partnership with Alberta Health Services, doing a BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) activity at the high school where ice cream banana splits were served, participated in the Santa Parade in partnership with the Super Kids car, an educational jelly bean contest, and baked and delivered Christmas goodies to all the Emergency Services Staff in Brooks.

The most exciting, upcoming SADD event is that the group will be hosting **Kevin Brooks** to do presentations for our high school students and staff on **May 5th**. Kevin is a survivor of an impaired driving accident that left him para-

lyzed from the waist down. The passenger did not survive which was a reality Kevin mourns every day as the driver of that vehicle. He's made it his life mission to share his story and educate youth country wide. His goal is to **impact** people's lives by showing how quickly life can change with just one decision.

To **motivate** people to make better, smarter moment-to-moment decisions. To **inspire** people to appreciate life in a profound new way about the reality of destructive choices. Youth relate to him very well and testimonies of how he has impacted youth can be heard on his home page. **Other** Jr. and Sr. high school students and staff in the area will also be attending one of his three presentations that day. He has numerous funders that support his cause which is also displayed on his web page at www.kevinbrooks.ca


The Life Skills program will be working in various Grasslands schools the next few months. Tracey will be teaching 8 classes weekly at Griffin Park and with the February return of Chelsea, county schools will be having weekly presentations also. Two other priority initiatives the Education and Life Skills Counsellors are busy with are the Resiliency project and March Celebration as well as the March Glitters conference for girls ages 12-18.



February Calendar of Events

- Feb 3—District PD Day—No School
- Feb 8 & 9 — Cheerleading competition
- Feb 12—SAC meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 15—Cheerleading competition in Red Deer
- Feb 16—Craft Fair @ BCHS
- Feb 17-21—Family week holiday—no school

FEBRUARY 2014

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2	3 PD Day for all Staff No School for Students	4 Open Badminton 8:30—10:30	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Open Badminton 8:30—10:30	12 SAC meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Cheerleading competition
16	17 Family Day Holiday	18 Lieu day—no school	19 Lieu day—no school	20 teacher convention	21 teacher convention	22
Family Week Holiday—No School						
23	24	25 Open Badminton 8:30—10:30	26	27	28	

Schedule of Events

- Mar 7 & 8—Cheerleading competition in Edmonton
- Mar 12—SAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Mar 14 —First Report Cards are released to students
- Mar 19—Parent -Teacher interviews
- Mar 20—Parent-Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00
- March 21—Lieu day—no school
- Mar 21 & 22—Cheerleading Provincials in Edmonton
- Mar 22 —Home Badminton Tournament (to be confirmed)
- Mar 25 —Parent Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00
- Mar 27—Grad photo re-takes
- March 29—"Glitters" conference @ BCHS

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<http://www.grasslands.ab.ca/>



FEBRUARY BOARD BITS

Grasslands School trustees had a chance to hear from the public at the open meeting on Jan 29th regarding boundaries for the three elementary schools in Brooks that will include Griffin Park, Eastbrook and the new school in Uplands. The new school is scheduled to open this fall. Central office is working on realigning staff for the three schools, which will all be pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Education Minister Jeff Johnson was in Brooks January 23rd and Grasslands School Trustees had an opportunity to talk to the minister about concerns for the area.

The Grasslands School Board is working on the school calendar for the 2014/2015 year. It should be finalized by the end of February.

All students in the Grasslands School Division will be off from February 17th to 21st, as Monday, February 17th is Family Day, Tuesday and Wednesday are teacher lieu days and on Thursday and Friday, teachers are at their Annual Convention. The trustees hope everyone has a nice winter family break.

The School Board approved a trip to Peru for students in Duchess, Rosemary and Bassano. They plan to take the trip next Easter.

This Easter, students from the Bassano School will be taking a field trip to Quebec City and Montreal.

The Board commends all those who took part in the Praxis Science Fair at BJHS in January.

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ITEMS FOR THE COMMUNITY

REMINDER TO USE THE WEB PAGE

Please remember to make use of the BCHS website. This site includes some additional interactive features that students and parents should appreciate. Many parents who have used these interactive features are extremely pleased with the ability to stay in touch with what is happening at the school.

Some features will include:

- A place to check for homework
- A new and improved calendar
- An easy way to contact teachers

Access to more school information than was previously possible
Keep checking our website at <http://bchs.grasslands.ab.ca/> to see the changes

WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The BCHS courtyard area is home to a respected part of our school called the Wall of Fame. This wall is adorned with 19 former graduates from BCHS that have gone above and beyond what would be classified as normal careers and have succeeded in areas such as music, athletics, literature and others.

Our last addition to the Wall of Fame was in 2012 when Kim Burns was inducted for her work in Biology.

If you are aware of an individual that has special qualities and deserves to be added to our collection, or if you have any questions about the Wall of Fame, **please contact Bert Scholz @** the school.

WANTED: Businesses to employ possible apprentices

The Off-Campus Education Program is currently seeking employers for the Work Experience Program and the Registered Apprenticeship Program for the second semester and the summer of 2013. If you have a desire to work with young people to assist them with their job skills development and have a business or trade contact **Wendell Nelson**, Off-Campus Education Coordinator at wendell.nelson@grasslands.ab.ca or call (403) 427-0319 or (403) 362-4814. You could make a difference in a young person's life!