

BRHS Update

Beaverlodge Regional High School



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Setting Our Sights for a Great 2011-2012

The early days of a new school year can seem hectic, as everyone finds their way back into the school routine. But time flies when you are having fun, and indeed, September has flown by. Students and staff at BRHS have enjoyed a wonderful transition into fall, and routines are getting more comfortable each day. We set out at BRHS to make every school year the best one ever. If we all share this goal, then together we can reach it.

This newsletter, the first of the 2011-2012 school year, intends to keep you up to date with what is happening inside the school community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about anything in this document, or about happenings in the school.

Supporting the School Through the Magazine Fundraiser

BRHS holds just one fundraiser each year to raise money for the Student Leadership Team and its many activities. That fundraiser takes the form of a magazine campaign, and it kicked off at the end of September and is now in full swing.

It is now easier than ever to support the school. By purchasing magazines from students or online, you get a subscription to your favourite publication, and the school gets 37% of the subscription price.

The school has partnered with CCRP (Canadian Community Reading Plan) for this initiative, and they have made it easier than ever to purchase magazine subscriptions, and for students to win great prizes.

You can order your magazines directly from the students, who were given order forms. In that case, you make cheques payable to BRHS. Or, simply go to www.ccrp.ca where you can order new or renewal magazines for yourself or send a gift subscription anywhere in Canada. There are over 1000 titles to choose from at great prices and every magazine you order

helps our campaign!

Our School code for online orders is AB202. Be sure to enter your favourite BRHS student's name so they have a chance to win some prizes.

If you need more information, please contact our campaign coordinator, Mrs. Kathy Lambert here at the school, or by email kathylambert@pwsd76.ab.ca.

Don't Forget...

BRHS is not on a "compressed school week" schedule. Classes are held every Friday, unless it is a posted holiday or PD day, and students are expected to be in class. Buses still run to BRHS on those CSW Fridays.

Students must register their vehicles with the office and display a **parking pass** in the window of that vehicle if they wish to use the parking lot at the school.

School Fees are due. These fees are \$155 and must be paid for every student. Cheques can be made payable to Beaverlodge Regional High School, and receipts can be picked up in the office later that same day.

Cell phones in the school are allowed, but cell phones in the classrooms are not allowed. Thank you parents for supporting this policy and not calling or texting your children during class time.

For Your Calendar

- Oct 4 – School photos
- Oct 5 – Progress Assessment
- Oct 5 – School Council meeting @ 7 pm in the school
- Oct 10 – Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- Oct 24 – Presentation by Eva Olson
- Oct 26 – Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:30-9:30 pm
- Oct 28 – District PD Day (no school for students)
- Nov 2 – Term 2 begins
- Nov 9 – Report cards for Term 1
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (no school)
- Nov 24 – Ten Thousand Villages in the gym
- Nov 25 – Day off in lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews (no school)
- Dec 16 – last day of classes before Christmas Holidays
- Jan 3 – Classes resume
- Jan 11 – Diploma Exams Begin
- Jan 31 – Semester 1 Final Report Cards

Work Experience

Credits are available to students who work or volunteer throughout their high school years. For every 25 hours worked, 1 credit is earned. A total of 15 of these credits can be used to reach the 100 credits needed to graduate. Grade 10's will be required to complete the new module HCS 3000 at a later date as it is a prerequisite for Work Experience credits. Any questions or to pick up the forms, see Ms. Dixon in Room 160.

Post Secondary

The post-secondary evening is open for high school students at the GP Composite on Tues, Oct 4 from 6:30PM to 9:00PM.

Scholarship Booklets have been passed out to all Grade 12 students. Parents, please consult with your son and or daughter and add possibilities.

Rotary Youth Exchange Parent Info Night is also Oct 4 @ 7:00PM at the GP Library.

Our quota for Encounters Canada Ambassadors has been filled. Students will begin their weeks starting mid- October.

If you have questions about your life after high school, stop by the counselling office to review your options.

Green Certificate

Did you know that your son/daughter can earn up to 16 credits towards their high school diploma if they work on a farm?

The new Green Certificate courses enable Alberta senior high school students to earn senior high school credits by enrolling in combinations of courses relating to one of the following specializations:

- Bee Keeper Production
- Cow-Calf Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Equine Technician
- Feedlot Beef Production
- Field Crop Production
- Irrigated Field Crop Production
- Sheep Production
- Swine Production.

Time to Butt Out

Smoking remains in the top two preventable causes of death throughout the world. And while smoking rates in Canada have been falling over the past number of years, Health Canada data released this fall show that smoking rates among Alberta teens is up by over 4%. A survey conducted in the spring at BRHS by the University of Waterloo and the University of Alberta showed that our teens smoked at above provincial average numbers.

It is best to never start smoking of course, but for students who have, we can help them quit. The school counselling office has access to resources that can put students on the path to ending their addiction. Any attempt by the students, however, can best be helped through support at home. Both Health Canada (www.hc-sc.gc.ca) and The Canadian Cancer Society (www.cancer.ca) have tips and resources to help you quit, and your physician can offer sound medical advice and practices to help you kick the habit.

We all know smoking is bad for us, but for the sake of our students, your children, there has never been a better time to quit.

Registered Apprenticeship Program

If you are under 20 years of age on September 1 of the current school year, you can earn while you learn and get a head start in your career

Are you interested in:

- Starting your post-secondary training early in a respected career?
- Working with your hands?
- Working with people?
- Creating and seeing the finished product?
- Applying your math and science skills?

As a RAP student you can earn a salary plus 40 high school credits, including four 35, 5-credit level courses towards your high school diploma.

Choose from over 50 trades and accumulate hours towards your first year apprenticeship.

Compulsory Certification Trades

Certification required to work in the trade. Apprentices must be supervised by a journeyman.

Optional Certification Trades

Certification is not mandatory to work in the trade. Apprentices must be supervised by a person knowledgeable in the trade.

Study Guides

"The Key" study guides are available for purchase at the school. While these books are not part of any course requirement, they may be helpful to students as they prepare for tests and exams throughout the semester.

These guides are available for most core courses in grades 10 through 12, and they may be purchased at the office for \$17.00 each. For more information, see Ms. Moyer in the Library, or ask the teacher of the course if they think this resource would be of help.

Peace Wapiti Public Schools Transportation Department is recruiting spare school bus drivers for all areas of our Division. All necessary training will be provided. If you have time in the morning and afternoon please contact Joanne Peters, Transportation Student Manager @ 780-532-7734.

And Remember...

BRHS clothing sales are underway. Order forms are available at the office or from Mrs. Caufield. Please check out our school clothing and wear your Royals wear on Fridays to show your school spirit!

Math Tutorials happen every lunch time in Mrs. Lambert's room. They are open to anyone who needs math help, so please stop by!

If you have any questions about either of the above programs, please see Mr. Pon for more information.