



# Bison Run School

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Be Inclusive

Be Community

Be Innovative ...

Be a Bison

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## Board of Trustees Three Expectations for Student Learning

1. All students in Pembina Trails will be personally and intellectually engaged in their learning at school.
2. By the end of grade 8, all students in Pembina Trails will meet the provincial curricular standards in literacy and numeracy, allowing them the greatest possibility for success in high school.
3. All students in Pembina Trails will graduate from high school.

## 2022/2025 School Plan Priorities:

- **Belonging and Culture of Inclusivity**: By June 2025, a culture of belonging, inclusivity, diversity and hope will be established throughout the school community.
- **Indigenous Learning**: By June 2025, 100% of students will describe and understand (developmentally appropriate) Treaty, Land Acknowledgement, Broken Promises, Residential Schools, Circle of Courage.
- **Setting Learning Goals / Critical Thinking**: By June 2025, 100% of students will chart growth and articulate their learning goals in the areas of literacy and numeracy using classroom data collection systems.

## Progress Toward School Plan Priorities:

### **Belonging and Culture of Inclusivity:**

- Building a strong community begins with establishing meaningful relationships. We believe that working in partnership with families is the foundation of all that we do. This can be seen with the creation of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), who work in conjunction with the school for the betterment of the students.
- This partnership with parents, staff and students brings rise to forming traditions that bring everyone together and create a sense of belonging. Highlights from this year are "We Are One at Bison Run!" Bison celebrated its first anniversary with grand schoolwide birthday party, December Sing-a-long, regular Student Led Assemblies, cross campus connections such as Learning Buddies with PTC and the inaugural Grade 8 Farewell.

## **Indigenous Learning:**

- At Bison Run, each classroom works with the Pembina Trails ISST to incorporate Indigenous teachings, learnings, and historical perspectives. This is evidenced in group beading, adapting “One Love” as our school song, learning about residential schools, and excursions/land-based learning.
- Bison Run was excited to create a school wide orange rock garden to provide a meaningful way for the students to engage with the theme of residential schools.
- In June, Bison Run hosted the Aboriginal School of Dance for an engaging and educational pow wow dance assembly and demonstration.

## **Progress Toward the Three Expectations for Student Learning 2023/2024:**

### **First Expectation**

- Bison Run is Phone Free! At Bison Run School, we are committed to continuing to be a phone-free school. We strive to maintain a safe learning environment where students can explore, learn, and thrive without the negative influences of smartphones and social media. By creating a phone-free school, we foster a space where children can fully engage in their education and personal development, free from the detrimental effects of constant connectivity.
- In 2024, Bison Run's Grade 8 students led a schoolwide philanthropic initiative to raise awareness and funding for the construction of clean water wells in South Sudan.

### **Second Expectation**

#### **Literacy**

- At Bison Run School, 92% of students are meeting or exceeding in literacy.
- Bison Run has made significant strides in enhancing literacy among its students through a variety of whole class, targeted and individualized programming.
- Schoolwide events such “I Love to Read Month” and Reading Buddies foster the love of reading and writing that will benefit students throughout their academic journey.

#### **Numeracy**

- At Bison Run School, 85% of grade three students are meeting or exceeding in number sense.
- Numeracy teacher leaders have supported the teachers of Bison Run through initiatives such as “The Thinking Classroom”, Math Running Records and Mathology.

### Third Expectation

- Building a strong sense of community within the school is fundamental to student success and leads to higher graduation rates. As a staff, we collaboratively created value statements that embody the core principles of our institution:

#### **Be Community, Be Inclusive, and Be Innovative**

#### **Bison Run Value Statements:**

- Be Community:** Our Bison community is a safe place with shared values where everyone belongs, and each member has their unique contributions making the community stronger as a whole.
- Be Inclusive:** Everyone is welcome and appreciated at Bison Run School. We seek to understand, appreciate and value the differences in each of us.
- Be Innovative:** At Bison Run School, we feel safe enough to take risks, make mistakes and become groundbreakers in Science, Technology, Pre-engineering and Math.
- Be a Bison:** To be a Bison is to respect everyone, to include everyone, and to work together to create a community where everyone belongs.