



BISON RUN PAC NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Bison Run Parent Advisory Council

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Books for Bison Run

February is “I love to read” month, and Bison Run PAC is celebrating with a month long book drive. We are asking parents to please bring in any gently used children’s books that would be appropriate for kindergarten through grade 6 students. These books will be used for classroom reading and sent home with students weekly for at home reading. Any books collected that cannot be used by the school will be donated to Share the Magic, a charity that distributes books in traditionally disadvantaged communities in Manitoba to increase literacy levels. There will be marked boxes on the benches just inside the main entrance to the school where you can deposit your donations.



Also for “I love to read” month, we are excited to announce that the PAC has won the annual Kickstart Reading contest for two Valour FC players to come to Bison Run school on the afternoon of February 16th to read to the students and answer questions about soccer.

Recap of January Events at Bison Run:

January was a busy month at Bison Run School. Successful winter concerts for the Kindergarten—Grade 3’s and Grades 4 and 5’s, a band concert for Grades 6-8, and Kindergarten registration. You may have noticed members of the Bison Run Parent Advisory Council at these events, spreading the word about our PAC and welcoming parents to sign up to receive our emails. Consider coming out to a meeting this winter / spring. Meetings are a great way to meet other parents from the school, and to hear directly from the school principal and vice-principal about what is happening at the school.

Fun Lunches:

As our PAC is newly formed as of Fall 2023, we have many goals for the coming year. One of our first big fundraising goals will be a little kids and big kids accessible playground. Our first fundraising initiative is monthly Fun Lunches, where students and staff can place lunch orders from various restaurants through an online ordering platform (Healthy Hunger) to be delivered directly to the school. Our first Fun Lunch was on January 31st (Subway) and was a great success. We plan to hold another Fun Lunch this month on Wednesday, February 21st, from IHOP (International House of Pancakes). An email will be sent out with ordering information in the coming weeks. We will be looking for parents/guardians available to volunteer during the fun lunch on February 21st between 10:45am to 12:30pm to assist with distributing the food orders. If you are available, please contact the Bison Run PAC at: bisonrunpac@outlook.com. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist with the January Fun Lunch.

Playground Initiative Update:

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our Bison Run PAC is working on getting playground equipment for Bison Run school grounds. This is a large initiative, and so we are in the process of setting up a Capital Planning sub-committee, who will focus on working with the school division and school administration towards this initiative. If you have experience in project planning, or in grant writing, we would love to have your assistance. If you are interested in joining our Capital Planning sub-committee, please contact the Bison Run PAC at: bisonrunpac@outlook.com.

We hope to see both new and familiar faces at one of our upcoming meetings. If you have questions, concerns or comments please contact us at bisonrunpac@outlook.com.

Please check out the school website (under the Community tab) for meeting minutes and follow our social media profiles at BisonRunPAC (Instagram) and Bison Run Parent Advisory Council (Facebook) for updates.

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