



# BISON RUN PAC NEWS

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## Bison Run Playground Project Update

We are excited to announce that The Pembina Trails School Division has set up a Donation Form on CanadaHelps for our school to raise funds for the **Bison Run School Playground Project**. Tax receipts will be issued for donations greater than \$25. The quote from Playgrounds R Us is approximately \$350,000 for the playground project, and the project will be rolled out in phases from 2024 through 2026 to provide the students play areas with developmentally appropriate, accessible structures. The PAC will be approaching local businesses, as well as Builders within the Bison Run community to ask for donations to our playground project. We will also be applying for government grants. If you are interested in donating to the playground project, here is the link to the Donation Form: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/100929>. Additionally, attached is a QR code for easy access to the donation link.



If you are interested in assisting with soliciting donations, or in writing grants, please contact the Bison Run PAC at: [bisonrunpac@outlook.com](mailto:bisonrunpac@outlook.com).

## Spring Fundraiser Update:

We are happy to report that the Bison Run PAC spring plant fundraiser was a success, with almost \$7,000 sold! Thank you to everyone who purchased plants or gift cards. We were able to raise \$1,700 in support of the Bison Run Playground initiative. All plants and gift cards will be available for pick up from Bison Run School on the afternoon of **Tuesday, May 21st** in the South East Basketball court area at the front of the school. Please pick up your plants between **1:30 and 6:00pm** with your order confirmation number. **Please bring a box or bin** when picking up your plants, as there will only be a limited number available. Anyone who is available to volunteer to assist with the plant pick up on May 21st is asked to contact the Bison Run PAC at: [bisonrunpac@outlook.com](mailto:bisonrunpac@outlook.com). Thank you all for your support!

## Cyber Safety Presentation Update:

On Thursday, April 18th, Constable Foltz delivered a presentation on Cyber Safety to parents from Bison Run School. The presentation covered many important topics, including safe gaming tips, private versus public information, age recommendations on apps and online games, and monitoring of online activity. Constable Foltz highlighted the importance of parents being aware of the potential risks associated with internet use. Constable Foltz also shared three ways to improve screen time: 1) Have rules and expectations around screen time (e.g. must do chores before screen time), 2) Establish time limits (and enforce them), 3) Be aware of what your kids are watching (might be better to have screen time in a common room in the home versus their bedroom). Great resources for parents include the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca).

## Fun Lunches:

The monthly Fun Lunches are a Parent Advisory Council fundraising initiative, 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. This month's Fun Lunch will be on **Tuesday, May 14th**, with options for ordering from Pita Pit. Orders are to be placed through Healthy Hunger: [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), and the deadline to order is Friday, May 9. If you have not yet registered your student for the Fun Lunches, please do so by going online to [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca). All proceeds from the April and May Fun Lunches are going to support the 2024 Bison Run Grade 8 graduation celebration. We are happy to support this exciting event for the first cohort of students to graduate from Bison Run school!

Consider coming out to a meeting this 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. If you have questions, concerns or comments please contact us at [bisonrunpac@outlook.com](mailto: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.

**Upcoming Events:** Fun Lunch: Tuesday, May 14th (Pita Pit)

**Next Meetings:** Monday, May 13th and Monday, June 17th, 7:00-8:00pm in Bison Run School Library