

Bassano School News

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October-At-A-Glance

Important Dates:

- > **Oct 9-15:** Fire Prevention Week. Thurs, Oct 13 k-6 presentation in the gym
- > **Oct 13:** Grade 4 Garage Sale
- > **Wed, Oct 19 and 26:** Flu Clinics 1-8pm at the Community Hall
- > **Thurs, Oct 20:** Class Pictures, Sports Team Pictures
- > **Mon, Oct 31:** Halloween Family Dance, from 5-8pm
- > **Fri, Nov 4:** Report Cards
- > **Nov 8-9:** 5-8pm, Parent-Teacher-Student interviews

Join Your Friends on the Trip of a Lifetime!

From **April 4 to 17th, 2012**, a group of students and parents from Bassano School, Rosemary

ited on this trip have connections to many school subjects, including social studies, language arts, physical education, and science.

Roman Coliseum



School, and Duchess School will experience the rich history and beauty of **Greece, Italy, and Sicily.**

This is a custom built tour for our students. The locations vis-

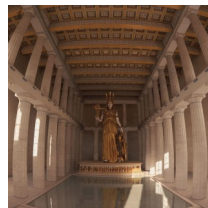
Student tours let students grow to face fresh challenges with confidence and approach their studies with more enthusiasm and maturity. Travelling helps students develop their decision-making and problem-

Greek Islands



solving skills by learning how to budget their own money, navigate new cities, or communicate in a foreign language. These opportunities for experiential learning connect students with their studies in new ways. It sets them up for increased academic success and gives them a competitive edge when applying to universities and colleges.

Parthenon



Movie Day/Night on October 6th!

On Thursday, October 6th, FCSS is hosting two movies at the Bassano Community Hall!

At 3:30pm, kids will be able to enjoy the action-packed **Transformers: Dark of the Moon**. The Autobots learn of a Cybertronian spacecraft hidden on the Moon, and race against the Decepticons to reach it and learn its secrets,

which could turn the tide in the Transformers' final battle.

At 7:30pm, kids can enjoy the final installment of **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2**. In this epic finale, the battle between good and evil forces of the Wizarding world escalates into an all-out war. The stakes have never been higher and no one is safe. But

it is Harry Potter who may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as he draws closer to the climactic show down with Lord Voldemort. The entire Harry Potter series ends here, so don't miss it!

Youth: \$2

Adult: \$5

Family: \$10

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October Board Bits

Looking for additional info for your child's classes?

We're on the web!
www.bassanoschool.ca

As the Grasslands Board, our duty to our students, staff, parents and community is to make the best possible decisions on the students' education. We join forces with larger groups (Alberta School Boards Association and Public School Boards' Association of Alberta) to communicate with the government with a larger voice on behalf of all our stakeholders. Grasslands has a positive relationship with our MLA, Mr. Arno Doerksen, who also helps us be advocates for

our stakeholders. When the trustees are working with the government to advocate for our students, it is not always the trustees the government wants to hear from; students, parents and communities can have the bigger voice. Alberta Education website is a great place for students, parents, staff and community to see what the Education Minister is doing and an opportunity as stakeholders to be the bigger voice. Visit education.alberta.ca.

Alberta already has one of the best education systems in the world. Together we can make it even better!!!

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Magazine Fundraiser

Our annual magazine fundraiser has begun, and will run until October 11. If you would like to order, track down a grade 6-12 student, or contact the office. Extra order forms are available at

the office as well.

Make all cheques payable to Bassano School. Both Visa and Mastercard are accepted.



Information on the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership is available from Mrs. Shaffer. This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding community leadership balanced with academic performance.

Scholarship Opportunity

Student Leadership

Students in our high school leadership class are looking to complete 15 hours of volunteer time by the end of the Semester! Please contact Mrs. Hodgson at the school if you have any opportunities for them!!

Book Fair



The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from November 3 through November 10. On Friday, November 4, students will have an opportunity to look at this year's selection. On Monday, November 7, students can shop at lunch hour from 12:30 to 12:55 and after school from 3:05 to 3:30pm.

On November 8 and 9, the fair will be open to parents during Parent Teacher Interviews from 5-8pm. All proceeds from the fair will go directly to Bassano School's library program.



Resources for Families

Help your child deal with bullying

Bullying is not a normal rite of passage. It can have serious consequences. You can help your children learn how to prevent bullying.

What parents can do

Help your children understand that bullying is more than physical. It can happen in person or over the phone or computer.

Keep open lines of communication with your children. Listen to any concerns about friends and other students.

Encourage your children to pursue their interests. Doing what they love may help your children be more confident among their peers and make friends with others with similar interests.

Teach your children to take a stand against bullying. Tell them how to stand up to those who bully if it is safe to do so.

Talk to your children about seeking help from a trusted adult when feeling threatened by a bully. Talk about whom they should go to for help and role-play what they should say. Assure your children that they should not be afraid to tell an adult when someone they know is being bullied.

Know what is going on in your children's schools. Visit the school website, read the student paper if there is one, and join the parent organization. Get to know other parents, school counselors, and staff. Contact the school if you have suggestions for making the school a safer and better learning place.

If you think your child is being bullied:

Express your concern and make it clear that you want to help.

Tell your child that bullying is wrong, that it is not his fault, and that you are glad he had the courage to tell you about it.

Work together to find solutions. Ask your child what she thinks can be done to help. Reassure her that the situation can be handled privately.

Document ongoing bullying. Work with your child to keep a record of all bullying incidents. If it involves cyber-bullying, keep a record of all messages or postings.

Help your child develop strategies and skills for handling bullying. Provide suggestions for ways to respond to bullying, and help your child gain confidence by rehearsing their responses.

Be persistent.
Bullying may not be resolved overnight.

Stay vigilant to other possible problems that your child may be having. Some of the warning signs for bullying may be signs of other serious problems. Share your concerns with the counselors at your children's schools.

If you think that your children may be bullying others, work with your children's schools to address the issues. Remember that children who bully are at high risk for engaging in risky or even criminal behaviors, and it is very important in a bullying situation for the parents to act immediately.

If you suspect your child may be bullying others:

Talk with your child. Ask for his account of any situation for which he has been accused of bullying. Be objective and listen carefully.

Make it clear to your child that you take bullying seriously. Calmly let her know that you will not tolerate this behavior. Help your child learn that bullying hurts everyone involved.

Develop clear and consistent rules for your child's behavior. Praise your child when he follows the rules. Decide on fair consequences and follow through if your child breaks the rules.

Spend more time with your child. Carefully supervise and monitor her activities, including when they are online or texting.

Be aware of who your child considers to be his friends. Find out how they spend their time together.

Build on your child's talents and positive attributes. Encourage her to get involved in well-supervised social activities.

Work with your child's schools to ensure the bullying does not happen again. Ask your child's teachers to keep you informed. Develop strategies together to send clear messages to your child, and all students, that bullying must stop.

Talk with a school counselor or health professional. They may be able to provide your children with additional help.

For more information about bullying, check out Alberta Education's website. You can access a number of resources by clicking on this link: www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/safeschools/bullying-prevention.aspx



When Kids Break the Rules or Worse

Strategies to Improve Behavior

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Is Physical Punishment helpful?

NO 100 years of research says slapping, spanking, paddling, washing a child's mouth with soap, hot sauce on the tongue, and other practices that cause the child to experience bodily pain or discomfort result in children becoming more defiant and aggressive in the future.

- ✓ Stay calm
- ✓ Accept that your child is likely to misbehave at times even though you have taught him/her well.
- ✓ Don't give in to tantrums or unreasonable demands.
- ✓ Stop physically aggressive behavior such as hitting, kicking, biting and scratching.
- ✓ Give as little attention as possible to negative behavior and more attention to appropriate behavior.
- ✓ Talk to your child privately after he/she has calmed down.
- ✓ Enforce the rules you have put in place and follow through with your consequences
- ✓ Ask yourself why this happened. The answer may help you prevent it from happening again.
- ✓ **Don't make excuses for the behavior.**



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No Blaming Allowed!

When a child breaks the rules ...and he will... he needs to take responsibility for his actions and accept the consequences. Your job will be to stick to your rules and hold him accountable.

- (1) Respond immediately so the child will relate the behavior to the consequence.
- (2) Respond Consistently. No excuses!
- (3) Be pro-active rather than reactive. Create a plan.

Need more information? Have questions?

October 26

Meet with Lee

When? Last Wednesday of each month

9:30 to 11 a.m. – Parents

Where? PUF Meeting Room

*** entry through rear door***

Register with Dawn by Friday, October 21, 2011

(403) 362-8684 or email dawn.schlosser@grasslands.ab.ca

Resources

<http://parentscanada.com/developing/school/articles.aspx?listingid=142>

http://www.phoenixchildrens.com/PDFs/principles_and_practices_of_effective_discipline.pdf

<http://behavioradvisor.com/ParentStory-PositiveMotivation.html>

<http://behavioradvisor.com/ParentStrategies.html>

CPI's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Program

NOTE: Grasslands Public Schools provides NVCIT Training.

For information contact Lee at lee.westre@grasslands.ab.ca