



Bonny Doon School

Superintendent/Principal's Newsletter

April 2019

Life Skill for March: Sociability

"We take our bearings, daily, from others. To be sane is, to a great extent, to be sociable"
John Updike.

STARTS Mission: Writing Conventions

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed spring break, and are enjoying the emerging spring weather. As many of you are aware, a team of teachers and I travelled to Palm Springs at the end of March for the annual CUE conference. This was a great opportunity for both shared professional learning and team building. One of the most exciting experiences was attending a session led by Miss. Carruthers and Mrs. Sumarna about our homegrown STARS program. The room was packed with over 100 attendees. We left the conference feeling proud. As a staff, we are thinking about approaches to math instruction, infusing mindfulness further into classrooms, and expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) efforts, and exploring the addition of a Makerspace for our students (to name a few) as a result of our conference experience.

We are well into the planning process for next year. As part of the planning process, we are seeking your input. The Site Council has prepared the annual survey to gather feedback from both parents and students, and you will be receiving information next week. As an incentive, survey takers will have the opportunity to win two free tickets to the annual Bonny Doon School Community School Foundation Art, Wind and Beer Festival. Additionally, we are hosting a fourth and final community input session for the spring on Wednesday, April 24th at 11:30 in our Multi.

The annual state testing (CAASPP) is quickly approaching for our 3rd-6th grade students. Last year, our school's participation rate fell below the state requirement. This year's testing window is May 6th through May 17th and the following week is for "make-ups" allowing any student who misses a part of the test to complete it. In an effort to share more information and answer any questions, we will be hosting an Annual Testing Information Night on April 25th. Even if you do not have a student in the 3rd-6th grade, we welcome you to join us.

Finally, our [school calendar for the 2019-2020](#) school year was approved at the March Board Meeting. We want to be sure that you have access to it for your planning.

Appreciations

- Thank you to the **Bonny Doon Community School Foundation** volunteers who are already working so hard on this year's Art, Wine, and Brew Fest. The festival will be held on Saturday, June 1st.

- Thanks to Chris Hermanson for his time and energy on our Loop Trail. The Loop Trail is in its initial phase of construction, and will be ready for use soon.
- Thanks to Daryl Jessen and Battle Mountain Excavation. During spring break, Daryl donated a significant amount of the cost to create our loop trail. The Loop Trail will be both a school and community asset, and we appreciate his support.

STARS February Mission: Writing Conventions

Study habits * Time management * Accountability * Resourcefulness * Success

Writing conventions such as spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar help make our writing clear and understandable. These conventions are built upon as children get older and advance through school. This month, STARS work and goal setting will focus on correct spelling, punctuation use, capitalization and grammar in ways that are most appropriate for each grade level. Centers, projects, games and activities around this mission will help students gain confidence, independence and mastery around these very important foundational skills. Your student's teacher has plenty of ideas to support home practice that is appropriate for their grade-level; don't hesitate to ask for suggestions.

From Our Parent Club

Thank you to everyone who came out to Woodstock's Pizza for our fundraising night. We made \$220! *Parents' Club is celebrating Staff Appreciation Week from 4/22-4/26. If you're interested in coming to a committee meeting for Staff Appreciation Week, please join us Wednesday the 17th at 6:30 pm in the staff room. All room parents are encouraged to attend. Please check your email for more info.

*Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of May 6th

Our Next meeting is May 7th!

Many of our current active parents and board members will no longer be Bonny Doon School parents after June, and our current **Treasurer and Vice President positions are open.** Please consider helping our group to thrive in to the future. There are big and small roles that need to be filled.

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Planning for Next Year is Underway

If you have a child turning TK or kindergarten age, it's time to register. If your student(s) will not be returning to Bonny Doon School next year (K-5, as we know our 6th graders will be moving on), please let us know. Please contact the office if either of these scenarios applies to your family as the sooner we know, the more we can plan classes for next year.

April Calendar

April 1-5	Spring Break	
Tues. April 9 th	6:00 Foundation Mtg.	Staff Room
	6:30 Parents' Club	Library
Fri. April 12 th	6:00 6 th Grade Movie Night Fundraiser	Multi
Thurs. April 18 th	Variety Show	Multi
Fri. April 19 th	Earth Day Activities (School-wide field trip)	
Mon. April 22 nd	6:00 School Board Mtg.	Library
Wed. April 24 th	11:30 Community Input Session	Multi
Thurs. April 25 th	3:30 Site Council	Conf. Room
	6:00 Annual State Testing Information Night	Multi

Looking Ahead, Some Important Dates:

May 3 rd	Spring Concert/Spaghetti Dinner/Book Fair
May 6 th -24 th	Standardized Testing Window (3 rd -6 th Grade)
May 16 th	Open House/Art Show