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# Bengough Tigers School Newsletter

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*"Only Your Best*

*Is Good Enough"*

Bengough School is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Hello;

Final exams for Semester One finished today, which means Semester two begins on Monday. That also means that our school year is half over – can you believe it?! I really don't know where the time has flown but I do know that the time flies faster every year (that's not a sign of my age is it?)

Although the weather has recently been nice and warm, this trend will most likely not be what we see for the rest of winter. Please remember children coming to school need to be dressed for winter weather. Elementary students may go outside at lunch and recess even if it is extremely cold outside. The weather behind the school can be nicer than out in the wind – so please always send students dressed appropriately so they can be prepared to spend some time outside.

If you are bringing your child to school after 8:45, please take them to main doors. All side doors are locked at 8:45, so if someone is dropped off at any door other than the main door, they will be locked out and will have to walk to the main entrance.

For those who need to contact the school via phone, please know that we have an answering service, so you can call the school anytime, day or night, and leave a message for us. Having said that, I would like to thank those who take the time to contact us when your child is away. Thank you for making that a habit – it helps us out immensely.

I feel like I am hounding the community about this point, but you would be surprised how many times people drive through the waiting buses at the end of the school day. As a result, I would like to take this time to once again remind our community members that when busses are out front the school picking up students or dropping students off: **it is illegal to drive through the crosswalks and the busses when the bus stop arms are extended and the lights are flashing.** Please pay attention to these details as we don't want any of our students getting hurt. On a side note – it is a hefty fine to pay if the RCMP catch you! This may be something you want to inform visitors to Bengough about as well.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about your student, please contact the appropriate person so that your concern can be addressed immediately by the person who is involved. Issues can be best worked out by approaching the appropriate person.

Have a great weekend. Have fun and be safe.

Theresa Mooney

Principal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>February</i>						1
2	3 Semester II begins	4	5	6	7 <b>No School</b>	8
9	10 Early Dismissal	11	12	13 SCC Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
← Mid-Winter Break →						
23	24	25	26 Pink Shirt Day	27	28	29

**WELCOME, VISITORS, TO BENGOUGH SCHOOL!**

Please:

- \* report to the office
- \* ensure our school is kept tobacco-free and drug-free
- \* be aware that there is a **"Nut Alert"** in effect and ensure no nuts or foods containing nuts are brought into our school
- \* remember to not pass school buses when the red lights are flashing or the stop arm is extended.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR**



<u>BUS DRIVER</u>	<u>ROUTE #</u>
MATTEAU, Kristine	Route #1
NERGARD, Raymond	Route #2
STEVENS, Penny	Route #3
SJOGREN, Susan	Route #4

## SRC NEWS

Thank you to the following people for making the Bantam Basketball Tournament Canteen a success:

### Donation of Food:

Tanya McCann, Jodie Lee, Charla Holbrook, Louise Cleveland and Kim Hoffart.

### Workers:

Jacob K, Reed H, Lane H, Kim K, Hayley M, Jasmine L, Miss Fieger, The Bantam Basketball Girls' Team and Jamie O'Brien

### Perogy Cooker Extraordinaire:

Mrs. Mooney

Profits raised go to the SRC who plan on using the funds to pay the cost of transportation to the Mission Ridge Ski Hill.

### Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our hotdog food sale for Clay and his family. The SRC donated the food so, with the extra donations that came in, the school wrote a cheque for \$740.00. Great things happen when a community works together!

### SAVE THE DATE

The ski trip to Mission Ridge has been postponed to Friday, March 20, 2020. We have kept your payment, but should you need to cancel we will refund your money; or, if you can now come, be sure to get a ski form from Mrs. Fieger.



## **FAMILY LITERACY**

—Take 20 in 2020—

### **THE CHALLENGE:**

Spend 20 min./day  
throughout 2020

with your children

doing a literacy activity to enhance their  
learning with numbers and/or reading.

This could include reading, playing board games, playing card games, playing eye spy, or asking questions about their day to enhance oral literacy, just to name a few.

# "How are the Children?"

Early Childhood Development Information

## Emotions & Feelings



You can help children express and cope with their feelings by:

- Talking out loud about your own feelings
- Using words like disappointed, calm, excited and hopeful to teach all the different feelings that we can have
- Allowing children to express all of their feelings, big and small
- Showing them how you deal with your feelings
- Helping them practice ways they can deal with their feelings

\*\*Scan the code for more information\*\*

How you handle your own emotions will teach your child how to handle theirs!



February 2020

**REGIONAL**  
**KidsFirst**

## Mental Health & Addictions

### Upcoming Group Services:

#### Groups for Parents:

##### E3 (Parenting teens):

January 28, Feb 4, and 11

March 24, 31, and April 7

##### Parenting Your Anxious Child:

Jan 15, 22, 19

March 4, 11, 18

##### Beyond the Label:

February 26, March 4 and 11

#### Groups for Youth:

##### Youth Anxiety:

February 5, 12, 26, and March 4

For more information or to register, please call Mental Health Intake @ (306)691-6464



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Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.



## DON AMERO

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Bengough Community Centre**

An evening with Don Amero is a new take on the classic travelling troubadour. With a combination of original music and classic covers like Blue Rodeo's "Try", it falls somewhere between a family friendly stand up comedy show and an intimate concert. Between the witty banter, laughs, heartfelt music and inspiring stories, it is an experience for the whole family. Don believes that music is medicine and reaches a depth of the soul that no prescription can offer. We've all felt the power of a melody, lyric or song - it has an almost

supernatural ability to move us on an emotional level. In his performance Don takes the listener on a emotional journey - leaving the audience encouraged and inspired to take better care of themselves and others. From the stage, he shares the joys and pitfalls of being a husband, father and musician in today's world. With a heavy dose of humour, he connects with an easy and effortless charm as he shares his real life stories and songs with his audience.

**donamero.ca**

## **PRAIRIE SOUTH TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT -40 CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

This is an informational piece for parents, school staff and other Prairie South stakeholders. The hope is that it provides some important information on how we go about cancelling bus routes when the weather is at or near the -40 threshold (-40 includes windchill). First, why do we use -40 as the threshold to cancel bus routes? It's an AP (Administrative Procedure #553) which is set by our Board in consultation with the senior administration team. It's based on several factors, but the underlying reason is student safety which is the underlying focus of everything we do in the Transportation Department.

- On days that we may see -40 temperatures in our division (which, by the way, is just slightly bigger than the country of Belgium) Transportation office staff starts monitoring the temperatures at all our schools/areas starting around 4:30am to see if the temperatures are trending up or down. We look at what the temperatures are going to be between 7:00am and 9:00am which is the time most students are being transported
- Just before 6:00am we make a last check of the temperatures at each school and if a school (or in the case of Moose Jaw and Assiniboia which have multiple schools) is going to be at -40 or below we cancel all routes servicing a school or area

We update the Alert section of our Transportation Web Portal, post the cancellations on the Prairie South Facebook page which also automatically updates our Twitter feed and notify our drivers and notify school administration (by ~7:30am)

The trickier part comes in our rural areas. Each school has a "catchment area" which can be quite vast in the case of some of our rural schools. If the temperatures at a school is going to be -40 or below, it's easy, we (the office) cancels all routes servicing that school. The hard part is when the temperature at a school is going to be just slightly warmer than -40, say in the -37 to -39 range. While the temperature at the school may be under the cancellation threshold, the temperature on any bus route from the country can vary by a substantial amount. We've seen the temperature on routes for a rural school vary quite a bit. We had an example last year where the temperature at the school was going to be -37, the temperature at the beginning of one of the routes that services that school was showing -44... a 7 degree difference on a route that started ~60kms away from the school! In those cases, we rely on the local knowledge of our drivers... they know their roads and weather anomalies the best. It would be impossible or at least arrogant to think that the Transportation Department office staff knew all 109 bus routes intimately. Our drivers are SGI certified and are professionals... we rely on their expertise. In those situations, the driver makes the decision to cancel their route. When a driver cancels their route, we update the transportation web portal, Facebook page and notify the schools. These updates obviously don't happen at 6:00am so they are slightly later as drivers wake in the morning. Media outlets (Discover Moose Jaw, radio stations) know to check our Transportation Portal or Facebook page for cancellations. This means that in a rural school situation (or in the case of Moose Jaw schools that have rural students) which is serviced by several buses, one or more of the routes may be cancelled while others are still running.

### **HOW DO PARENTS KNOW IF THEIR CHILDS BUS HAS BEEN CANCELLED?**

Parents and other stakeholders have several options available to them when it comes to finding out if their child's bus is running:

You can check the Prairie South website at <https://www.prairiesouth.ca> and click on the red "Transportation Portal" located in the top right corner of the page. You can then click on the "Alerts" link. You can bookmark the direct link to the Alerts area on our Transportation Portal at <https://busplanner.prairiesouth.ca/Alerts>

- Another very exciting option we are pleased to announce is that we have been working with our software vendor and as of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 parents can register on our Parent Portal and subscribe to receive automatic email notifications along with other important information regarding their children's transportation. Once you have registered and subscribed you will receive automatic emails if your bus has been cancelled or delayed.

- Cancellations are posted on the Prairie South School Division Facebook page

Discover Moose Jaw and radio stations also broadcast our cancellations

I hope people find some value in this information and if you have any questions on this or would like more information on other areas of student transportation, you can contact is at the Prairie South Transportation Department... contact info is on our web site.



Thank you to the Moose Jaw Literacy Network and the Ministry of Education for providing our school with 20 games for our Family Game Night. Thank you to Mrs. Haugen, Miss Fieger, Mrs. Mooney, and Mrs. Fieger for organizing the event and providing the snacks. Thank you to Linda Smith and Troy Haugen for arranging pick up of the games in Moose Jaw.

Things to be learned by children playing games together:

- Social skills such as how to play fair
- How to cooperate from playing to clean up
- The meaning of rules
- Learning how to have a conversation
- Thinking skills

Between the two families who showed up, we were able to split the prizes - treats to share at their own family game night, and the pick of one of the games.

## RECREATION REPORT

**HAY BALE FUNDRAISER** – the Skating Rink is looking for donations of HAY BALES as a FUNDRAISER. We will tender the bales in February so would like all donations in by February 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go toward Skating Rink operating costs. PLEASE CONTACT: Deb at the Recreation Office – (306) 268-2909 or text (306) 268-7787 regarding the number of bales you donated. Tax Receipts will be issued for all donations. The bales can be dropped off by the railway tracks east of Valley Ag.

**UPCOMING HOCKEY GAMES** – Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> – Bengough/Ogema Atoms vs Torquay Atoms at 12 Noon. Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> – YG/Beng/Ogema Pee Wees vs Weyburn Pee Wees –

9:30 a.m. Come out and watch some great hockey and enjoy a Rink Burger.

**FITNESS CLASSES** - Barre Class – Mondays at 5:00 p.m., Forever in Motion Class – Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Yoga Class – Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and DrumFit Class – Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL SKATING RINK FUNDRAISER** - held on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> was once again a tremendous success. SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who donated prizes, everyone who attended and everyone who volunteered their time to help out before and during the event. The Skating Rink Board is very thankful for your support.

**MORNING WALKING PROGRAM** – Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Community Centre. Cost - \$1.00/visit or \$10.00/month.

BONSPIEL DATES: Ladies Annual – February 7-9, 2020 (deadline to enter is Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>), Open Annual – February 14-16, 2020. (deadline to enter is Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>). PLEASE CONTACT DEB AT 306-268-2909 (office), 306-268-7787 (cell).

FAMILY DAY GLOW-IN-THE-DARK CURLING OPEN HOUSE – Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in participating contact: Deb (306-268-7787) or Kennedy (306-459-7680). We can arrange games and/or ice time to try out curling at your leisure.

YOUTH GROUP GLOW SKATE – is planned for Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow regarding times, activities, etc.

BMAC “STARS FOR SASKATCHEWAN” – the next show is on Saturday February 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. Don Amero offers a combination of original music and classic covers like Blue Rodeo’s “Try”. His show falls between a family friendly stand up comedy show and an intimate concert.

Tickets are available in advance at a Bengough Drugs or can be purchased at the door.

BENGOUGH BULLETIN NEWSLETTER – will be distributed on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.