



# Bear Tracks

We strive for Champion Effort, Champion Attitude and  
Champion Teamwork



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## January 2020

### Principal's Prints

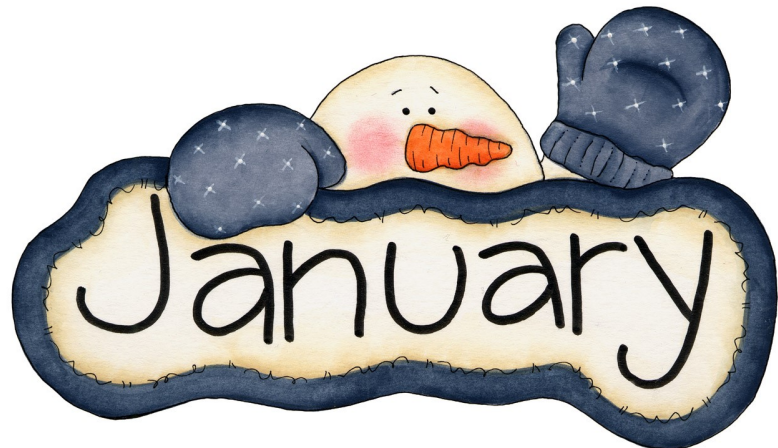
Christmas Holidays seem like a distant memory and 1/12<sup>th</sup> of 2020 is almost in the books. Last week was a bit of a crazy week with all the indoor recesses and an inclement weather day. We enjoyed this week much more as we were finally able to get outside again. As I am sure you can appreciate, having 580 children indoors for several days leads to "cabin fever".

A quick reminder that we have our second round of parent teacher conferences coming up in the first week of February on Tuesday the 4th and Thursday the 6th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and can be booked through our conference manager system when it opens.

This is also the week of our Jr. A Basketball Divisional tournaments. Both our teams are having great seasons. Our Jr. B season will begin in early February. Go Silvertips! Thank you for being flexible with some of our staff and their overlapping commitments to their teaching and extra curricular coaching as some staff had to choose a different evening to complete their interviews due to the conflicting schedules.

Have a great weekend,

Brad





## Silvertip Champions of the Month for January

<b>ECS Mrs. Badry - A.M.</b>	<b>ECS Mrs. Badry - P.M.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dante Brandt for Amazing Effort</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jimmy Borrows for Insightful Responses</li> <li>Nicholai Durica for Trying his Best</li> </ul>

<b>Gr. 1 - Mr. Perratt</b>	<b>Gr. 1 - Mrs. Taggart</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlie Wotton for Always Contributing!</li> <li>Eton Miles for Working so Hard on his Writing</li> <li>Georgia Hames for her Positive Attitude.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raiha Houk for Reading Achievement.</li> <li>Dawson Scabar for Reading Achievement.</li> </ul>

<b>Gr. 2 - Mr. Jepson</b>	<b>Gr. 2 - Mrs. Middleton</b>	<b>Gr. 2/3- Mrs. Simpson</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chloe McCullagh for her Hard Work &amp; Perseverance.</li> <li>Gavin Rudy for his Effort in Math and his Positive Attitude.</li> <li>Cruz Salinas for his Reading Stamina &amp; Self-Control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam Bayle for Excellent Work Habits</li> <li>John Sostar for Sticking With a Job Until It Is Done</li> <li>Allison Yeung for Being Able to Complete her Work Independently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harper Davies for Improved Focus &amp; Effort in All Areas.</li> <li>Nick Helmersen for Improvement in Writing.</li> <li>Ayaella Kreutzer for Always Being Positive.</li> </ul>

<b>Gr. 3 - Miss Frass</b>	<b>Gr. 3 - Ms. Johnson</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Callum Chan for Effort in Science.</li> <li>Holly Chuchman for Effort in Writing and Math.</li> <li>Parker Harrison for Positive Attitude and Effort in Math.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaveh Samandari-Matof for Quality Work Ethic.</li> <li>Sebastian Savoie for Quality Work Ethic.</li> <li>Angelica Brandt for Quality Work Ethic.</li> <li>Payton Wampler for Quality Work Ethic.</li> </ul>

<b>Gr. 4 - Mrs. Straile</b>	<b>Gr. 4 - Mrs. Sawatsky</b>	<b>Gr. 4 - Mrs. Knopf</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hudson Stephenson for Attention to Detail on Assignments.</li> <li>Hunter Anderson for Positive Attitude to Reading.</li> <li>Kasha Kelly for Excellent Curative Writing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cole Rudy for Champion Effort in Mental Math.</li> <li>Hudson Kerkhoff for Champion Positive Attitude when Trying New Skills.</li> <li>Thiago Oppermann for Champion Self-Control around the classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isabelle Bertram for Outstanding Work Ethic and Effort.</li> <li>Jade Caddel for Outstanding Work Ethic and Effort.</li> <li>Chase Miles for Outstanding Work Ethic and Effort.</li> </ul>



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<b>Gr. 5 - Mrs. Gogol</b>		<b>Gr. 5 - Mrs. Smith</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cassie Pendlebury for Outstanding Work Ethic and Effort</li> <li>• Deklin Stratyckuk for Terrific Work Ethic and Effort with Guided Reading</li> <li>• Ellis Thurmeir for Outstanding Effort and work with his Book Report</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Himmat Bal for Respect and Good Work Ethic.</li> <li>• Rachel Tudor for Always Giving her Best Effort and Having a Positive Attitude.</li> <li>• Braden Deeble for Friendliness and his Excellent Attitude about Joining Bearspaw School.</li> </ul>	
<b>Gr. 6 - Mr. Sibley</b>	<b>Gr. 6 - Mr. Bosse / Mrs. Cheverie</b>		<b>Gr. 6 - Mr. Ryan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jake Helmersen for a Great Attitude and Strong All-Around Academics.</li> <li>• Anika Maan for Positivity, Kindness and Self-Control.</li> <li>• Alivia James for Strong Work Ethic and Leadership with Group Work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Kreutzer for Improvement in Math.</li> <li>• Maddie Tudor Self-Directed Learning in Science.</li> <li>• Brooke Fermaniuk for Self-Directed Learning in Science.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carly Abogoush for Great Attitude and Effort.</li> <li>• Josh Balzer for Always Trying his Hardest and Good Quality Work.</li> <li>• Nic Dmytriw-Vlatkovic for Making Sure his Work is Well Done.</li> </ul>
<b>Gr. 7 - Mr. Barrett</b>		<b>Gr. 7 - Mrs. Crossland</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Hanson for Achievement in Mathematics.</li> <li>• Caleb Wetherell for Achievement in Mathematics.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmy Sarich for Being a Champion Writer.</li> <li>• Brynn Muncey for Being a Champion of Kindness and Generosity.</li> <li>• Hudson Hope for Being a Champion Participant in Language Arts.</li> <li>• Brianna Cobbe for Being a Champion Friend and Classmate.</li> </ul>	
<b>Gr. 8 - Mr. Angus</b>	<b>Gr. 8 - Ms. Hooper</b>		<b>Gr. 8 - Ms. McMurdo</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vanessa Chalpan for Champion of Positivity.</li> <li>• Logan Kerr for Champion of Basketball.</li> <li>• Kai Squirrel for Champion of Creativity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tessa O'Rourke for Maturity and Kindness</li> <li>• Ethan Graham for Creativity and Attention to Detail</li> <li>• Abi Adedeji for Strong Reading Skills and Kindness</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danica Bradshaw for Consistently High Quality Work.</li> <li>• Simon Baker for Excellence in Science.</li> <li>• Jaleesa van der Meer for a Great Attitude and Kindness.</li> </ul>



# FBES' Corner

## FBES MEETING

Please join us for our next FBES meeting on February 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bearspaw Community Centre, in the upstairs meeting room.

# School Council's Corner

Happy New Year from your School Council. We hope everyone had great holidays and feels refreshed for the remainder of the year.

## CURRICULUM IN ALBERTA

Here are some thoughts from our School Trustee, Judi Hunter, on the updating of curriculum in Alberta:

*“As you know, Alberta Education is in the process of rewriting and updating curriculum and it is important that we reflect upon what it is that all citizens need to have as a common reference point for decision-making related to Science, Math & Engineering as it affects our daily lives.*

*The increasing speed, scope and breadth of scientific, technological & engineering advancements will continue to impact cultural norms, values, economics and work. I believe as a society we should be discussing what do we really want from our education system. Increasingly, schools are being asked to take on roles that have not been the traditional roles of school. Schools are also being asked to educate a wider range of student abilities. All of these choices impact educational outcomes and costs.*

*A look at a schooling within other countries show an array of differences:*

- *The number of hours in the school day*
- *Access to private tutoring in the evening*
- *Free lunch programs*
- *Age at which differentiated programming begins*
- *Education and management of special needs students*
- *The land base upon which schools are built*
- *Teacher training*
- *Use of outside specialists in instruction*

*All of us want a world-class educational system and we are nervous about tinkering with a system that has demonstrated success, that has established standards and pathways to certification. At the same time, we are witnessing economic pressure on our systems, a challenge to the status quo at the post-secondary levels where industry is actively recruiting our brightest students and providing in-house training and support. We are witnessing an increasing number of university graduates who are unemployed or underemployed and where many students have no seat at the university as entrance requirements have been elevated to unrealistic percentages. There is also an escalating cost to education and decisions made to try to incorporate all of the demands placed upon schools because all students attend school. I believe the time has come for public disclosure on the role of schooling and what the society values in the education of its children. For the remainder of this school year, we will not see the impact of the recent budget cuts. However, in the 2020-2021 and possibly the 2021-2022 school year, we will see impacts. Our staff and administrators are some of the best in North America. They are knowledgeable, caring and committed. So despite what the economy has in store, your children are in good hands.”*