

December 2024 Communication



Round Hill School News

We are already down to our last month of 2024! Where has the time gone?

On Thursday, November 28th a few of our students from Grade 1, 2 and Kindergarten made a presentation to the School Board. This presentation was about a project these classes had completed in our Agricultural Program. I would like to thank Corbin Nahirniak, Beau Boettger, Leo Holden and Matilda Nahirniak for their strength and composure as they presented to the School Board.

Winter has arrived with a vengeance and the last week of November has brought snow and much colder temperatures. A new practice was put in place in BRSD on November 27th. If the temperature dips to -20 (including windchill) the students will stay inside for recess. That being said, for those days when the students get to go outside and play, they need to be dressed for the weather. Please remind your child to wear her/his toque, gloves, winter coat, boots and snow pants. Also, if your child is in Junior High, please remind him/her that he/she needs to have an indoor pair of gym shoes and an outside pair of boots that they are to take off when they come into the school. We are working on a special program, called the Polar Bear Club, which will enable students to go outside when the temperature is warmer than -26!

Christmas vacation is a short three weeks away. Between now and then, there are a number of important dates. December 6th is a day off school for the students as the teachers have a day for a staff meeting and professional development. The basketball teams are preparing for their first game of the season on December 9th. This game will be at home vs Forestburg. The girls will play first at 5:10 and the boys will follow at around 6:30. Make sure you have signed the consent form for your child to participate in this activity.

Our elementary students and Jr High Band are busy practicing for the Christmas Concert on December 12th!

At Round Hill School we continue to recognize students who are **respectful**, put in a great **effort**, have a good **attitude**, and show **leadership** (R.E.A.L). Our next recognition assembly will be on Thursday, December 5th at 2:50. The Growing Smiles fundraiser plants are also coming in on the 5th! You can come for the assembly, pick up your Growing Smiles Christmas order and then take your children home!

Remember, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call me at the school anytime!

Brian Horbay

2025-2026 School Calendar Feedback Survey

BRSD is asking for feedback to support the development of the 2025-2026 school calendar. Click on this link to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PKRMLDF>

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Hot Dog Day 12:00 pm	4	5 Parent Society Growing Smiles Delivery School Assembly 2:50 pm	6 Staff Meeting/PD/Collaboration - No School for Students	7
8	9 Jr High BB Forestburg @ RHS 5:15 pm	10 Community Hall Lunch 12:00 pm	11	12 Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Parent Society Lunch 12:00 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 Christmas Break Begins	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

The Parent Society Cookbooks will arrive soon. Cookbooks are \$25.00 each and will be available to purchase by filling out the order form that was sent home last week. Order forms can be sent back to the school. Cookbooks will also be available for purchase at the Christmas concert.



Superintendent Message

November 26, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians of BRSD:

Subject: AERR Student Highlights

Approaching the end of the calendar year presents an opportunity to share positive highlights from our Assurance Report. I am also extending warm gratitude for your ongoing support.

BRSD is proud to report that 86.8 per cent of teachers, parents and students are satisfied with their overall quality of basic education, and that 83.4 per cent of our teachers, parents and students agree that their learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe. Another noteworthy achievement is BRSD's significant increase in three-year high school completion rates. Nearly eight per cent (from 75.6 to 83.5) was gained in just one year.

These commendable results reflect the diligence of students and staff in a collective effort to improve student academic goals in an inclusive, positive learning environment. This achievement, in alignment with our values, is a demonstration of exceptional effort and collaboration that makes BRSD so proud!

BRSD is excited to continue building relationships among our BRSD school family and communities, while continuing to support and strengthen student engagement and well-being.

BRSD offers students a variety of off-campus programs, expanding our partnerships with local industries to provide students with more hands-on learning experiences. Currently, 172 students participate in the Work Experience program, and 14 students are enrolled in the Green Certificate Program, developing agricultural skills while earning high school credits.

The Registered Apprenticeship Program is supporting 33 high school students in beginning trades apprenticeships so they can get a head start on their careers, including welding, heavy equipment technology and carpentry. Two female students have broken new ground by completing apprenticeships in these fields. Additionally, 18 students are enrolled in Dual Credit courses, earning both high school and post-secondary credits in fields such as accounting, sports management, and veterinary technical assistance.

These achievements reflect the strength of our community and our shared commitment to preparing students for success. Your involvement is appreciated, and the partnership we share in working together on child's education is invaluable and will make a lasting impact.

I wish you a joyful start to the holiday season.

Rhae-Ann Holoien
Superintendent of Schools