

THE MOUNTAINEER

At Buck Mountain Central School, we passionately engage our diverse students every day by genuinely connecting and supporting them on their learning journey towards high school completion and life beyond our doors.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Buck Mountain Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff has planned and prepared for your student(s), focusing on our assessment, numeracy, literacy, and sense of belonging. Our enthusiastic office team has registered new families, ordered needed materials and are busy learning a new student information and reporting system. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our much-appreciated Parent Advisory is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Ms. Danielle Gordon, our new Science and Math teacher.

Danielle brings a solid skill set and a relational approach to meeting the needs of students. We are also thrilled to welcome Ms. Cassie Patterson as a new Educational Assistant. We are fortunate to have Career Counselor and Success Coach Mrs. Judy Miller and Educational Assistant Mrs. Heidi Plotts return to BMC in expanded roles. Mrs. Tina Hutchinson will also be returning to BMC (along with Alder Flats and Winfield) as our Wellness Coach. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Spruyt (formerly Miss Siemens) on her marriage!

The staff at Buck Mountain Central will be engaging in a book study of Dr. Jody Carrington's Kids These Days throughout the school year. This book explores insightful and practical ideas for those who work with kids, not only changing the way our school may operate, but how the people within it interact on a daily basis. Through this book study, we hope to effect positive change in our school community.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Buck Mountain remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. It has been a joy to greet students and families again. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

- Jon Meyers

LEARNING SUPPORT UPDATE

Ms. Nicole Townsend

Welcome back to school to all students, staff, and parents!

We have been busy planning and preparing for the amazing year ahead and cannot wait to share it with students. September is a busy month in the classroom and in the office so it is important that if parents have any questions that they contact us, either at the office or individual teachers directly.

In my role as Learning Support Teacher at BMC, I am tasked with outlining learning plans for students with unique learning needs, working with teachers as we explore how specific students learn best, and ensuring students have the supports in place that will enable them to more successfully meet learning goals in the classroom. This work is done in partnership with teachers, support staff, students and parents.

If your child has unique learning needs, you will hear from me in the first few weeks of school in order for us to better understand and accommodate for those needs. In some instances I may even ask you to come to the school to have a meeting with myself and other members of the BMC learning team, based on your child's areas of greatest need.

If your child is new to BMC and you are unsure if we are fully aware of specific needs they may have, you are invited to contact me via phone or email to discuss them. We often find that students entering our school in grade 7 need a bit of an adjustment period to get settled in and for teachers to really get to know them as individuals. Please be patient with us as we get to learn about your child and connect with them in the classroom.

It is our goal, each and every day, to engage students in learning we are passionate about, to ignite a student's own passion, and to connect with each student on a personal level. We are proud of the work that we do with the students who we are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work with. This is important work and we value your support and engagement with us throughout the school year.

Please contact me with any questions about learning support at BMC and never hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or feedback, we look forward to hearing from you.

TERRY FOX RUN

Mr. Tim Stewart

Mark your Calendar 2019 Terry Fox School Run -Thursday, September 26th 10:45am enter the gym with the presentation beginning at 11:00am.

Buck Mountain Central School will be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run for cancer research. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. We hope you will join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to our Terry Fox School Run fundraising page at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/BuckMountainCentral> Thank you! The future of cancer research has never looked brighter!

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GREETINGS FROM THE CAREER CORNER

Mrs. Judy Miller

Welcome back!

I am looking forward to another great year at Buck Mountain. I will once again be filling the role as the Career Counselor at the school. I will be meeting with Grade 12 students in the first month to review timetables and credits. At this time, we will also discuss any post secondary plans the students are considering. It is important, that these meetings happen quickly since applications to most programs open on October 1st, 2019. I will send a letter to each parent outlining your student's path to graduation and post graduation plans.

If you would like to come in to discuss post secondary education opportunities with your student, please feel free to contact me to set up a meeting.

I have updated the open house dates document for this fall on the school website and have attached a copy below. Attending an open house gives students the opportunity to ask questions and see what options are out there, I would encourage all high school students to attend at least one open house prior to Grade 12.

As always if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school.

Jr. High Band Instrument Rental Night

October 3rd, 7PM

Students are encouraged to come with their parents to pick up their instruments, sign paperwork, and attend the first Band Parents Meeting.

FALL OPEN HOUSE AND INFO DATES

Sait Open House- October 18 and 19, 2019

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University of Lethbridge Open House- October 26, 2019

University of Alberta - Edmonton Campus Open House - October 19, 2019

University of Alberta - Augustana Campus - Camrose Preview Day - October 18, 2019

University of Calgary Open House - October 5, 2019

The King's University - Edmonton Open House - October 5, 2019

Concordia University - Edmonton Open House - October 19, 2019

MacEwan University - Edmonton Open House - November 2, 2019

Mount Royal University - Calgary Open House - October 26, 2019

Alberta College of Art and Design - Calgary Open House - November 23, 2019

Lakeland College - Vermilion/Lloydminster Open House - October 25 and 26, 2019

Olds College Open House - October 18, 2019

Lethbridge College Open House - November 7, 2019

Red Deer College Open House - November 2, 2019

Portage College St. Paul - October 3, 2019

Lac La Biche - October 7, 2019

JR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Morgan Spruyt

Jr. Girls Volleyball is starting up with tryouts on September 10th and 12th. After Tryouts, regular practices will be every Thursday, 3:30-5pm. All girls, grade 7-9 are encouraged to attend, no experience necessary.

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON

Ms. Lesley Addario

Welcome Back Everyone.

I just wanted to let you know that I will be here for you every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you need a safe space to go to or just need to talk my door is always open.

Also, I have set up some presentations in the coming months:

Tuesday October 22nd - Suicide Education

Wednesday November 13th - Anti Bullying

Monday November 18th - Online and Social Media Safety

Wednesday December 4th – Love is Not Abuse

If you have any questions about these presentations or anything else, please feel free to contact me.

I hope everyone has a great 2019/20 school year!

SINISTER 7

Mrs. Erin Klatt

In July, we had a team of students head down to the Crowsnest Pass for the Sinister 7 Ultra Marathon and Relay. The Sinister 7 is a 100 mile (161 km) course that takes the runners through the most rugged, remote and beautiful terrain in Alberta's stunning Rocky Mountains. With 6,400 m of elevation gain across the course, it is a challenge to say the least. The race is open to solo runners or teams of up to seven and racers have 30 hours to complete the grueling event. The course is split into seven stages, each featuring a geographic and historic highlight of the area. This year's team consisted of Cole Dooper, Hawkin Narkaus, Jay Hopfe, Brianna Patterson and BMC Alumni students, Brody Narkaus and Leah Reid. Finishing in a time of 23 hours, 58 minutes and 23 seconds, the team finished 98th out of 223 teams. Thank-you to the runners for killing it out there and their families for making the trip south! This is truly a great community!





BUCK MOUNTAIN STAFF (2019-2020)

Administration

Principal - Mr. J Meyers

Vice Principal - Ms. N Townsend

Teaching Staff

Mr. D. Asp - Math

Mr. A. Durose - Social Studies, Language Arts, Drama, & Computers

Miss D. Gordon - Science & Math

Mrs. E. Klatt - Science, Phys. Ed., Outdoor Ed., & Leadership

Miss L. Kwirant - Math, Science, & Outreach

Miss A. Neumann Science & Math Mr. J. Moore Social Studies & CALM

Mrs. M. Spruyt - Language Arts, Band, & Home Ec./Foods

Mr. T. Stewart - Math & Phys. Ed.

Ms. B. Wassing - English, Art, & Communications

Mr. E. Wolney - English, Social Studies, Phys. Ed., IA,, & Tundra Sports

Student Support Success Coach /Career Counselor

Mrs. J. Miller

Family-School Liaison

Ms. L. Addario

Wellness Coach

Mrs. T. Hutchinson

Office Staff

Administrative Assistant

Ms. B. Linde

Administrative Assistant//Librarian

Mrs. R. Tyler

Educational Assistants

Mrs. C. Clague

Miss L. LaBrie

Mrs. D. Murray

Ms. C. Patterson

Mrs. H. Plotts

Custodians

Mrs. D. Glenn

Mrs. Z. Friesen

BACK TO SCHOOL RED CARPET

The Buck Mountain Central School TAG groups were given a bag of supplies and had to make a red carpet ready outfit to model for the school, here is what they came up with!





MARK YOUR CALENDERS

September:

- 13 - Job-Embedded Staff Development Day
- 17 - Add/Drop deadline for highschool core classes
- 18 - Parent Advisory Meeting - 4:30 P.M.
- 26 - Terry Fox Run
- 27 - Orange Shirt Day

October:

- 4 - Job-Embedded Staff Development Day
- 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- 17 - Awards Day
- 17 - Parent Teacher Interviews & Welcome Back

Buck Mountain Central School
**PARENT ADVISORY
MEETING**



SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2019 • 4:30 PM

ROOM 141

EVERYONE WELCOME!