



# Fessenden-Bowdon School Newsletter

## Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Board of Education, administration, and staff wish to welcome you and your children to the 2022-2023 school term. In everything we do at the Fessenden-Bowdon School, our new mission statement is...

### **Striving to Achieve Excellence Together.**

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17th for students in grades K-12, and Thursday, August 18th for PreK students. School will begin at 8:30a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Please review and familiarize yourself with the enclosed information.

## Upcoming Events

**August 15-Back to School  
Bash in the New Gym at  
5:30PM and College/Career  
Planning at 7:00PM in the  
Old Gym**

**August 17-First Day of  
School for grades K-12**

**August 18-First Day of  
School for PreK Students**

**August 18-School Picture  
Day**

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# Welcome Our New Staff

## Becky Olson



We want to welcome Ms. Becky Olson as the new 7-12 English teacher beginning August 2022.

Some of you may remember her as she taught 5/6 Grade in Fessenden for two years from 2014-2016! She has been teaching 5th grade in her hometown, Bottineau, for six years but she is coming back along with Preston Feakes and their dog, Bernie! Becky has a few additional hobbies: reading, photography, crafting, sports, and trying new things. She's looking forward to bringing some of those hobbies back to the area and meeting all of her new students!

## Erin Risovi



Hello! My name is Erin Risovi and I am excited to be joining the Fessenden-Bowdon staff next year as a third grade teacher! I have lived in Hillsboro, ND for the last 16 years and have taught 5th grade in Hillsboro for the last 12 years.

Before that I was in Maddock, Cannonball, Climax (MN), and Mayville.

2022-2023 will be my 20th year in education! In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and animals (especially my 16 chickens).

I am married and we have 2 kids Lane (13) and Keeley (9).

We are excited for our big change and looking forward to meeting you all!!

## Kylah Locken



Hello, my name is Kylah Locken. I am excited to be the new Administrative Assistant here at Fessenden-Bowdon School. I grew up in Harvey and graduated from Harvey High School in 2010.

You may already know me, my husband is Mr. Locken, he is the 7-12 Social Studies Teacher. We live in Fessenden and enjoy spending time with our dog Finn. I am also a member of the Fessenden Ambulance Service and Fessenden Park Board. I am also a troop co-leader for the Fessenden Girl Scouts.

## Merry Dinger

Merry is our new Kitchen Assistant.

Merry lives on a farm and is married to Brian. She has been in the Air Force. Merry has 2 children and 4 step-children. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, crafting and camping.

# Staff Transitions

~Mrs. Bueling is the new **1st Grade Teacher**~

~Mrs. Deal is the new **JH/HS Special Education Teacher**~

~Mrs. Widicker is the new **Elementary Special Education Teacher**~

~Ms. Lorenz will be **Student Teaching with Mrs. Erica Jones**~

~Mrs. Schimelfenig is the new **FACS Teacher**~

## CLASS SCHEDULES & REGISTRATION

Mr. Loff will be holding **registration for grades 7-8 on August 2nd and grades 9-12 on August 3rd from 1:00-3:30 both days**. We encourage you to come in with your child to register anytime in the afternoon on those days. Schedules and academic information for your child/children is available through their **PowerSchool** page. Please review this with your child/children, and call Mr. Loff at 547-3296 ext. 212 if you have any questions/concerns.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

School information including menus, important dates and times, assignments, forms etc. will be posted on the school website at [www.Fessenden-Bowdon.org](http://www.Fessenden-Bowdon.org). Stay updated with school events and find information or links to your child's academics, activities, activity or lunch balances, handbooks etc.

### SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICES (CHROMEBOOKS)

All students in grades PreK-12 will receive a device at the beginning of the school year. Students in grades PreK-12 will use Chromebooks. Our district uses a mix of formats for student learning. **Students are expected to follow the district's acceptable use policy (Policy FFI), which you can find in the handbook. Students are responsible for repair/replacement costs as determined by the Technology Coordinator.**

# Fessenden-Bowdon School

## \*Supply Lists\*

### Please label all Items

#### Pre-Kindergarten

##### **Kristen Jones**

- 1-Backpack
- 1-Primary journal writing notebook  
(say grades k-2 on cover; drawing section and writing section)
- 1-Composition notebook (student choice of design)
- 6-Glue sticks
- 1-Bottle of glue
- 1-Disinfecting wipes
- 4-Dry Erase thin markers
- 1-Box of zip top gallon size freezer bags-30 Count (Boys)
- 1-Box of zip top quart size freezer bags-30 Count (Girls)
- 1-Box of 24 count crayons
- 2-Boxes of 10 count markers
- 1-Box of colored pencils
- 1-Water Bottle to be left at school
- 1-Folder
- 1-Watercolor paints
- 1-Pair of gym shoes to be left at school
- 1-Blanket for rest time to be left at school

#### Kindergarten

##### **Jayne Loff**

- Backpack
- Gym Shoes (To be left at school)
- #2 Pencils
- Supply Box
- 24 pk. Crayola Crayons
- 10 Ct. Classic Crayola Markers
- 10 Ct. Thin Crayola Markers
- 12 Ct. Colored Pencils
- 1 Bottle Elmer's Glue (White Only)
- 6 or more Glue Sticks
- 1 Big Eraser
- 1 Pair Fiskars Scissors
- 2 Dry Erase Expo Markers (Fine Point works best)
- Watercolor Paint
- 1" 3 Ring Binder
- 1 Red Folder
- 1 Blue Folder
- 1 Folder of Choice (Daily Take Home Folder)
- Over-the-Ear Headphones  
(Place in Gallon Ziploc Bag labeled with First Name)
- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Container Disinfectant Wipes
- Water Bottle

## First Grade

### **Torrie Bueling**

Pack of Pre-sharpened Ticonderoga Pencils  
Large Eraser  
Pack of glue sticks  
Pencil/Supply box  
1 pair of Fiskars scissors  
Bottle of Elmer's White Glue  
(3) pocket folders \*red, blue, & your choice\*  
1 inch 3-ring binder  
Coloring utensils: markers, crayons, colored pencils  
\*optional → I do have a classroom bin of each that they are welcomed to use!  
Refillable Water Bottle  
Headphones (place in labeled ziploc bag)  
Gym shoes (stay in locker for gym use)  
Backpack  
Box of kleenex/tissue  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Dry erase markers (thin or wide tip)

## Third Grade

### **Erin Risovi**

18 pack of pre-sharpened Ticonderoga Pencils  
Large pink erasers  
6 pack Elmer's Glue Sticks  
Bottle of Elmer's Glue  
Highlighter  
Scissor  
4 pocket folders  
4 notebooks  
Fine Tip Sharpie  
Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie  
24 pack Crayola Crayons  
10 pack Crayola Markers  
24 pack Crayola colored pencils  
4 pack Expo markers  
Earbuds or Headphones  
Refillable water bottle  
Tennis shoes for Phy. Ed. (these will stay at school)  
Box of tissues  
\*\*Please reuse any supplies you have from previous years if you can. There is no need to buy new.

## Second Grade

### **Carrie Lindbo**

#2 pencils (not mechanical, please)  
1 box of crayola crayons (24 pack)  
1 box of markers (classic colors)  
12 glue sticks  
1 pair of scissors  
1 ruler  
2 pink erasers  
4 dry erase markers (black or blue)  
1 composition notebook  
3 wide-ruled notebooks  
1 pencil box  
1 folder (for take home and bring back)  
Headphones  
1 box of kleenex  
Gym shoes (to be kept at school)  
Backpack

## Fourth Grade

### **Erica Jones**

1- Black Sharpie marker  
1- 1 1/2 inch 3-ring Binder  
2- Single subject notebooks  
2- Two pocket folders that are 3-hole punched  
1- Box of Kleenex  
1- Large package of #2 pencils  
1- Large eraser  
1- Pencil case to be left in locker  
1- Red pen  
1- Box of crayons (24 count minimum)  
1- Package of markers  
1- Large glue stick  
1- Bottle of white Elmer's Glue  
1- Pair of Scissors  
1- Package of colored pencils  
1- Container of disinfecting wipes  
- Headphones for computers (Please bring them in a ziplock bag and label)  
- Gym shoes to leave at school (Clean pair, not to be worn outside)

## 5th/6th Grade

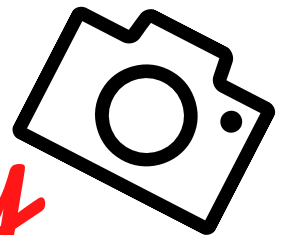
**Vanessa Becvar/Hailey Jones**

1 Pair of Gym Shoes  
1 pair of headphones  
15 to 20 Pencils - No. 2 (remember to get extra lead if they are mechanical pencils)  
1 package markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils  
2 Black Sharpie Markers  
2 Pens - blue or black  
1 Pen - Red  
3 Glue Sticks  
2 bottles of liquid glue  
4 single-subject college ruled notebooks (different colors)  
5 pocket folders (different colors)  
2 containers of disinfectant/sanitizing wipes  
2 boxes of Kleenex  
1 compass  
1 Protractor  
1 large scissor with a sharp blade  
1 pack highlighters (different colors)  
1 Ruler (with metric and customary units)  
1-shoebox size container to hold personal items  
1 water bottle  
3 Black Expo markers  
4 highlighters - different colors  
1 pack of post it notes (3x3) 100 pack  
2 **composition** notebooks  
1 large eraser  
4 Expo markers  
School supply box/pencil bag

## 7-12 Grade

Pencils  
5 notebooks  
Texas Instruments TI-30X IIs calculator  
Highlighters  
Ruler  
Colored pencils  
3 - 1.5 inch 3-ring binders  
Pair of tennis shoes  
Clear Water Bottle

*School Picture Day*  
*Thursday, August 18th*





# School Transportation (Bus and Other Vehicles)

The Fessenden-Bowdon Board of Education has adopted policies (FCBB) to ensure the safety of all students. Riding the bus, or being transported by school vehicles is a privilege, and we need students to follow the rules established by the district to keep everyone safe. Please discuss the rules with your child(ren) and ensure they understand that **riding is a privilege, and they can lose the privilege of riding in school vehicles if they choose to not obey the rules.**

## SEAT BUCKLES

All school vehicles have seat buckles and students are REQUIRED to wear them, whether it is riding a regular bus route or to activities. SAFETY is our priority. For the safety of all students, if a child chooses to not wear, they will lose riding privileges as determined by the administration.

## BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

We are still looking for another bus driver for this year. If you are interested in driving, please contact the school office.

The bus drivers will be calling you to let you know what time your child(ren) will be picked up and dropped off. **If your child(ren) will not be riding the bus, please call your driver by 6:00AM to ensure they get the message before leaving on the route.** The driver's cell numbers are listed on bus route sheet; you may also contact the Main Office from 8:00-4:00 at 547-3296, and they will relay the message to the driver. Many times after school, students may not ride for various reasons, therefore the route may vary slightly, depending upon who is riding. ***It is up to the driver's discretion to determine the most efficient way to get students home as quickly as possible after school.***

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

Our school day runs from 8:30-3:30, and teachers use every minute to make sure your child is learning what is required to be successful in school. Please drop students off no earlier than 8:00AM, and wait until 3:30PM to pick your children up at the end of the day. If you arrive early, we ask that you remain by the office until the bell rings to minimize distractions to the classrooms.

**Check out our website to find more information on the following items:**

Calendars

Student/Parent Handbook

Activities Handbook

Asbestos Update

Notice of Directory Information

Parental Directive and Parental Directive Guidance

Title I

Chain of Command

FERPA Form

School Transportation Regulations

JH/HS Class Schedule

NDHSAA Sports Physical Form

Wells County District Health Form

KAB Parent, Family, Engagement Policy



Scan the QR Code to check out many more items on our website!!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!!!**

**KIDS....PARENTS....COMMUNITY!!!!**

**BACK  
SCHOOL 2 BASH**

**August 15th  
5:30-7:00**

**5:30-6:00PM Free Supper is Served! (Hot Dogs & Chips)**

**6:15PM Welcome & Meet the Staff (New Gym)**

**Check out classrooms and chat with your teachers**

**NEW STUDENTS-Stop by the office and register!**

**ALL PARENTS and STUDENTS Grades 9-12!**

**CAREER AND COLLEGE PLANNING SESSION**

**August 15th**

**7:00-7:45 in Old Gym**

Ms. Pranke & Mr. Loff will share planning information for you and your child as you are preparing for a career or for college. You will receive many resources to help you plan your future!