

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
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Upcoming Events:

- Oct 29 Halloween Fun Day*
- Oct 30 Staff Collaboration Day – school closed*
- Nov 5 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal @ 1:40-1:52*
- Nov 6 Math 30 diploma*
- Nov 10 Reports cards sent home Grades 1-12*
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day service*
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day – school closed*
- Nov 12 Fall Break – school closed*
- Nov 13 Fall Break – school closed*
- Nov 16 & 17 Days in Lieu of Parent Interviews – school closed*

Next Bulletin: November 26th

Notes From Administration – Mr. Chanasyk

It has been a great and very busy start to the year, and we are so thankful for a great school - great students, great staff, and a great community!

Classes are into the swing of things and students are working hard on their studies. It is great to see our students learning in a variety of different ways and we are thankful to our teachers for their work in guiding the students in their learning this year.

We are thankful for our Mental Health capacity building team and our family school liaison worker for supporting our students. Our Parent Council has had their first meeting and we are thankful for their work and their willingness to support the students! Even with all the restrictions, there are so many wonderful things happening in our school!

All of this doesn't happen without the support of great people. Thank you to our coaches (both staff and community!), staff, bus drivers, and parents! To everyone supporting our school community, thank you!

Today, we presented our Junior and Senior High school students with Academic and Athletic awards from 2019-2020 school year. We are so very proud of all our students, who are great students in the classroom and talented athletes. Mr. Dimond and Mr. Chanasyk handed out the Awards and pictures were taken to be included in the yearbook. A full listing of award recipients are in the attachments.

We would like to thank everyone for participating in Orange Shirt Day on September 30th and for raising awareness around truth and reconciliation and building positive relations. Also to all of our students and supporters for participating in the Terry Fox Run on September 29th. Bawlf School has been participating in this national event for over twenty years and this year we raised \$2,185 to raise awareness and funds for cancer research! Thank you for your support!

On October 2nd, our staff participated in our first Staff Collaboration Day of the year. We gathered together to collaborate on diagnosing student needs after a month of instruction. We used this time to develop more ways on how to support students to ensure they experience one year's worth of growth from where they were last year. This time was spent to review information we have on reading levels, math understanding and indicators such as attendance or wellness that helps us to know how to best support students. We also presented scenarios of interrupted learning (Scenario 2 or 3) to proactively plan for such an event. One main result of this would be the utilization of Google Classroom for core

classes. It was a very busy and productive day for all staff with the focus being very student centered.

Report cards for Grades 1-12 are set to go home on Tuesday, November 10th. Please keep in mind that the purpose of report cards are to provide effective communication of student learning as a means of improving student learning. We have held our first round of Parent Teacher Interviews with a focus on student wellness and re-connecting with students and families. If you were not able to attend or if you have questions or concerns, please let your child's teacher know.

Also please remind your children of appropriate dress for the cold weather in addition to our procedure of removal of wet or dirty shoes/boots upon entering the school. Students may be refused entry onto the bus if they are not dressed for the weather. Thank you in advance for your help around these issues. Also if you are requiring immediate assistance around transportation, the "after hours emergency number" is 1-844-773-2773 (1-844-773-BRSD).

Did You Know?

Bawlf School and Battle River School Division are within Treaty 6 Territory. Treaties in Canada are between the Crown and signing First Nations and reflect the worldviews and understanding of identity of the signing peoples. The intent and provisions of the treaties do not end. This was assigned through a ceremonial and sacred agreement that incorporates the spirit and intent for treaties to last, "as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."

School News

🐾 **Report cards** ~ All students from Grades 1-12 will be receiving report cards on November 10th. Parents of Kindergarten students, the first report card you will be receiving will be February 1st.

🐾 **School Fees** – were sent home with all students at the beginning of this month, and are due by October 31st. You can pay online (instructions are at the bottom of the invoice), or pay via cheque (payable to Bawlf School).

🐾 **Student Accident Insurance** ~ this information has been updated on the BRSD website to include some additional claim information. Please click on this link to find out:

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/student-insurance>

🐾 **YEARBOOKS!** We have two left from last year if you are interested! Call the office!

🐾 **Wildcat Clothing!** The Bawlf High School Students Union is organizing school clothing orders through Sportfactor once again. Please see the information in the attachments. Deadline for the online store is Friday, November 20th. Delivery will be to your address with NO guarantees arrival before Christmas.

🐾 **Terry Fox Run** ~ Kudos to our Wildcat community for rallying together and supporting our online Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope run! We raised \$2,125.00 this year which all goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. Great work!

🐾 **Halloween Fun Day** ~ With no school on Friday, October 30th, on Thursday, October 29th, we have come up with a plan that will let our school community be able to enjoy some normalcy.

Everyone can plan on coming to school with their costumes on (we will let the bus drivers know this will be happening so they make sure they know it's OK to pick up goblins and ghosts!). This will ensure that parents can help with getting students ready. Students are able to wear them all day if they wish, or remove them whenever they would like, just please make sure a change of clothes is sent along. Since they will be getting on/off the bus and sitting in class with costumes, please make sure they are comfortable and vision is not impaired. Current mask rules will still apply for that day. Our yearbook group will be taking pictures of all students, two at a time to ensure social distancing, and then will be creating a slideshow that can be seen in every classroom by the end of school that day.



Regarding special treats, students are allowed to bring their own to enjoy that day, but no sharing of these can take place.

Looking forward to seeing all the amazing costumes! We trust that this event will allow our students to enjoy the day and have some fun!

From the Learning Commons

Textbooks

Each year students receive textbooks from Bawlf School to be used in their classes. Textbooks are issued according to a barcode number that is found on the front cover of each textbook; this is to track and ensure that students return the same textbooks that they were issued. It is highly recommended that each student put their name on a label inside the front cover of their textbooks (if another student uses their textbook and it becomes damaged or lost, your student is still responsible for the textbook signed out to them).

Students are responsible for the proper use and care of the textbooks issued to them and to return them to their school when they have completed their course or the school year is ending. The replacement cost for textbooks is significant: from \$50 to over \$150 per textbook. Given the expense of replacing textbooks you can understand the financial impact if they are not returned. With this in mind any lost or damaged textbooks will be charged to the students Rycor account. Please help us in keeping down this cost of textbook replacement.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter!

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Unfortunately we are unable to have our traditional Scholastic Book Fair this year which was normally held in November during Parent-Teacher Interviews. We would like to try something new and hopefully just as exciting this year. This year we will be hosting a Scholastic Virtual Book Fair for 2 weeks from November 16th - 30th.

There will be a link shared with our school community which will provide access to an online Scholastic Book Fair Store. When you click this link, there is a login process at the beginning of the shopping journey. Then, you enter the Virtual online store. The merchandise is organized the same as it would be at our past Book Fair...by grade level, category, genre, etc. The book covers are shown and there are summaries of each title and the price is clearly listed. So the experience is very much like any other online shopping. If you like the book, you add it to your cart and proceed to checkout. Methods of payment will include the standard methods for online shopping. There will be a shipping fee of \$6 for orders under \$35 and orders over \$35 will ship for free. The books are then shipped directly to the child's home and not to the school. Books should be delivered to homes within 1 - 3 business days.

Please help us in making this year's Virtual Scholastic Book Fair a huge success as our Book Fairs in the past! Please watch for further details and flyers to be sent home with students closer to the Book Fair date in November.

School Council

School council held our AGM on October 20th, it was great to be back in the school. The minutes from the meeting will be posted on the school website within the next couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone who came out, it was a productive and informative meeting.

Your School Council for the 2020-2021 school year:

Chair - Christee Langkamp

Secretary - Trudi Duhmeme

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Christee Langkamp

Breakfast Program Coordinator - Terry Lynn Sereda

Non-officer parent reps - Michelle Van Petten, Erin Reimer, Chelsea Bergstrom, Stephanie Enright

Council meetings will be held November 18, January 20, March 17 and the AGM will be held on June 16. All meetings will start at 6 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff for your hard work and for making our kids feel welcome and safe in spite of the new normal they have to learn in.

Christee Langkamp
Council Chair

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Fundscrip

We are holding our Fundscrip Contest again this year! Please see the information and order form in the attachments! Remember, you can sign up at any time to purchase gift cards at [fundscrip.com](https://www.fundscrip.com) with supporter code UDJ FXB.

Camrose Energy

We are excited to announce that BEST has been chosen as a recipient of the Community Partner Program for Camrose Energy. Not only is Camrose Energy donating \$20 for every person that registers with them, they are also donating 10% of the yearly profit of all who are signed up! Contact Tania Greenwald for more information at (780) 781-2718.

BEST Committee - 2020/2021

Jacqueline Dickinson, Everly Larson, Samara Schmidt, Angela Meyer, Tara Miller, and Corina Thue.

Next Meeting

November 24, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

All parents are welcome! Please RSVP to bestfoundation91@gmail.com to receive the Zoom code.

Check us out on our website!

<https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

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