

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
Achieving Excellence

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Upcoming Events:

Feb 26	<i>Hat Day! Minimum \$1 donation to wear your hat all day at school</i>
March 2	<i>Papa John pizza hot lunch</i>
March 3	<i>Parent-teacher interviews Gr 9-12</i>
March 4	<i>Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 1:44 p.m.</i>
March 18	<i>Chopped Leaf hot lunch</i>
March 23 & 24	<i>Lifetouch school pictures (see scheduled below)</i>
March 29	<i>Spring break begins</i>

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Notes From Administration

~ by Mr. Dimond

Happy 100th day of school (just passed)! Our kids have been doing a great job for these 100 days and we are very proud of them. We had students celebrating this occasion in a great deal of ways.



If you know of families who are interested in ECS (fifth birthday falls before December 31st, 2021), please let them know that ECS registration is open. Check out our website for information.

Just a note that the Grades 9-12 parent teacher interviews will be telephone or Google Meets and that they are just around the corner. These will happen on Wednesday, March 3rd. These are a really good time to check on progress within the quarter system and to touch base with teachers about those strong strategies that work for your child.

Bawlf School is celebrating Pink Shirt Day today to raise awareness of the opportunity to stand up against bullying. On this day, students around Canada add a pink component to their ensemble to make the statement public.

This month saw a number of things happening in our school for some exciting pieces. Our Grade 4 students were part of a “virtual” author visit and got to learn some great techniques for writing. Thanks to Kevin Miller for joining our class and helping them learn more about the literary world and the opportunities within.

In the “Beard be Gone” competition, our school did an **amazing** job of raising much needed items for the Food Bank. Our school raised 927 items for the Food Bank and our Division 1 students will be voting on the facial hair style for Mr. Chanasyk this week. They contributed a whopping 260+ items to have the right to make his decision on his facial hair. A great job was done by all of our students in raising items for this cause in these tough, economic times.

Our students began skating at the outdoor rink here in Bawlf and what a great time to be on the ice! With the milder temperatures, many students really enjoyed being outside and having that change of pace in their day. Many thanks to the Bawlf Recreation Board and the Village of Bawlf for letting us use their facility.

We will be having school pictures here in the school on March 23rd and 24th. With the protocols that we need to be following, we decided to move this over two days so that our kids could be highlighted with proper time. If your child misses one of these days, we will do our best to make sure that we get them in on the next day.

With the restrictions that have been moved on February 8th, we have moved forward with our basketball teams doing some developmental work with our coaches. This week will see our young athletes working on individual skills and getting back on the court. We feel that it is important for our athletes to continue to grow and be involved in this

developmental stage as they continue their progress. It's also just great for them to stay active!

Lastly, our school has branched out into another method of communication. We have now got an official Instagram account where we will be posting messages and announcements alongside our Twitter account. Many people find these easier to track and we will continue to use our email and bulletin as methods of communication. Our account is "onthebawlf" if you are inclined to follow.

Thank you to all the parents, students, community members and staff who have made this a great 100 days in the Bawlf School in these times. True resilience has been shown by our Wildcats as they continue to Achieve Excellence in all that they do. Go, Wildcats!

School News

🐾 BEARD BE GONE!

WOW! Everyone must be sick of the beard! The school community really stepped up! We counted 927 items to donate plus the cash from the February's Friday Hat Days! Congratulations to Division 1 (Kindergarten-Gr 3) as 260+ items were donated by them! So awesome! Keep posted with the results of how the students voted which beard option they think would suit Mr. Chanasyk best. Should be interesting!



🐾 **Virtual Author Visit** ~ On February 4th, the Grade 4 class were visited virtually by Kevin Miller, a Canadian author. He is the author of the Milligan Creek series. He taught us about the writing wheel. It has the plot, the character, and the theme. Writers should try to treat each one equally. We planned out a story with him. When you are planning you should start with a 'What if' question. We also asked him questions. It takes a long time and many revisions for him to write a book! We had a fabulous time and he inspired us to write more! Thank you Mrs. Kroetsch for organizing that special event!

🐾 Kindergarten Registrations now accepted for 2021-2022

~ Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age on or before December 31, 2021. Mrs. Thomsen, our Kindergarten teacher, will hopefully be having an orientation class for all pre-registered Kindergarten students, but it will be dependent on Covid protocols. This is designed to help new Kindergarten students become familiar with the school prior to the beginning of the school year. Orientation day for new ECS students will be held prior to the end of the school year. If we are unable to hold this event, pre-recorded videos of all items will be sent via email to all parents.

We are also accepting registrations for any students that will be new to Bawlf School for the 2020-2021 school year, grades one to twelve.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Bawlf School office (please call ahead) or found either on the Bawlf School or Battle River School Division websites.

Birth certificates are required as part of the registration package, as well as legal land description and your 9-1-1 address. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Bawlf School at (780) 373-3784.

🐾 **School Fees** – Fee invoices were sent home with JH & HS students last week. Term 3 fees were applied, only for JH Complex fees and HS Art.

🐾 **Lifetouch school pictures** – A reminder March 23rd and March 24th on your calendar as these are the dates for individual school pictures. At this time, class pictures will not be taken.

The schedule will be as follows (in this order):

March 23: Kindergarten, Grades 1, 1/2, 2, 3, 7, 8

March 24: Grade 12, 11, 10, 4,5,6,9

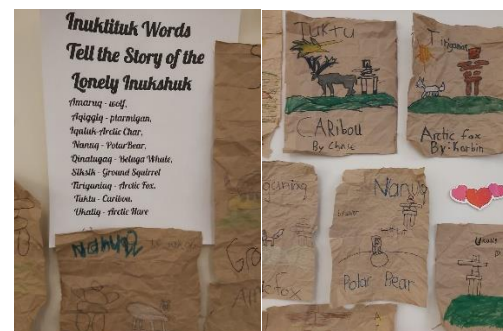
(Grade 7 & 8 have to be done on Tuesday as they are gone to CCHS Wednesday mornings)

🐾 **Grade 3 has been busy! The Grade 3 class has been doing some amazing things in Language Arts and Social that they want to show off!**

Poetry: (Outcome: I can share ideas in a variety of ways). February is Poetry month is Grade 3 South and we learned about different kinds of poetry and wrote some acrostic poems to share.

Social Studies, Diversity: (Outcome: I can share my learning of the Inuit language of Inuktitut). We learned about the Inuktitut language and created pictures on fake hide to represent the language.

Social Studies, Communities of the World: (Outcome: I can explore the characteristics that shape communities in other parts of the world). We created legends on maps of Peru, India, Ukraine and India showing both economic and land formations of that country.



🐾 **Archery, anyone?** Do you like Archery? Are you interested in helping out with Archery, teaching students about it, and assisting with an Archery program? If yes, please contact Mr. Chanasyk at the school! Email him at mchanasyk@brsd.ab.ca or give him a call at 780-373-3784.



🐾 **Class Farewell info for Grade 12's** ~ Class Farewell is scheduled for **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Moving into 2021, the administration will be organizing a few scenarios over the coming months for this celebration. AHS Restrictions and safety will be the determining factor.

The Grade 12 pictures that are on **Friday, April 23rd**. This is a Staff Collaboration Day so there are no classes that day. In addition, the pictures will be taken at the **Bawlf Community Hall** on main street, not at the school.

Cost for each student will be \$25 for the sitting fee. This is payable to the school. Please do not send payment until we are certain this is going ahead. Any reordering of pictures will be done through Smart Photography by each student. Black gowns will be provided through Smart Photography. They will be laundered and pre-packaged for each student.

No flowers will be provided.

No caps will be provided. If you would like a cap, you will have to purchase your own and bring it with you. If ordering, it is recommended to order right away. Here is a Canadian website that carries them: <https://www.gradcanada.ca/>

Sometime in March, a schedule will be sent out for students to sign up online. Available appointments will begin at 10:00 and end at 2:00, as they will have two cameras going.

🐾 **Yearbooks** for the 2020-2021 school year are available for ordering. Delivery will be in the fall. Cost is \$30 per book, payable to Bawlf School. Let the office know if you wish to pay for it online. The sooner the better as once they are all spoken for, that is all there is!

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Wipf's Greenhouse Fundraiser

Thank you so much to everyone who ordered flowers and veggies from our Wipf's Greenhouse Fundraiser! We raised over \$1400! We will let everyone know when the plants are available to be picked up.

Casino Fundraiser

The BEST Foundation casino fundraiser was cancelled unfortunately. We will be rescheduled once things start opening up, and I will be looking for volunteers yet again! Stay tuned...

Parent Council

We would like to extend our appreciation to President's Choice Charity for Children as well as the Show Kids You Care Foundation for their contributions to our Breakfast/Nutrition Program. Our students greatly appreciate having breakfast snacks available to them daily, as well as chocolate milk, muffins, and bananas on occasion!

Community News

2021 Bawlf Baseball and Softball Registrations ~ Please see in the attachments the registration form for this upcoming season. Please return forms by March 22nd to Ainsley Severson by mail, email or text a picture of form. Please do not return them to the school. Mail to: Box 152, Bawlf, T0B 0J0, or email: backseverson@gmail.com, or text to: 780-608-7361. Fees are not due with the registration, as they will be collected at the start of the season when teams and season is confirmed.

Camrose Family Resource Centre ~ The Camrose Family Resource Centre offers programs on everything from parenting to dealing with stressed kids to family games nights, coffee time for parents and much more. Their services are available throughout all BRSD communities, at no charge and right now programming is available online. Check it out: <http://www.camrosefrcc.com/>

Check us out on our website!

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

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