



# The Bulletin



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**BAWLF SCHOOL**

*Achieving Excellence*

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**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



## Upcoming Events:

Dec 21 – School Closed

Dec 22-Jan 6 – Christmas Break

Jan 7 – First day back

Jan 7 – JH Bball hosts OLMP

Jan 8 – Panago hot lunch

Jan 8 – BEST/Parent Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 10 – HS Bball host Hay Lakes

Jan 10 – Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50

Jan 14 – English 30 Part A diploma

Jan 14 – JH Bball hosts New Norway

Jan 16 – Subway hot lunch

Jan 18 – Staff PD – School closed

Jan 18 & 19 – HS Boys basketball @ New Norway

Jan 18 & 19 – JH basketball @ CCHS

Jan 21 – JH Bball hosts CK

Jan 22 – East Side Marios hot lunch

Jan 23 – Math 30 diploma

Jan 24 – English 30 Part B Diploma

Jan 30 – Science 30 Diploma

*January 24th – Next Bulletin*



## Notes From Administration – by Mr. Chanasyk

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us and we only have a week to go until we are on Christmas break! Once again, Bawlf School has been very busy and involved in many school-wide activities to celebrate the Christmas season. A special thank you to Mrs. Kruchten, Rebecca Bridger, the High School Students' Union, and all parents for organizing the annual turkey dinner on December 2nd. The money raised from this activity will be used to help support HS student activities throughout the year. Thank you if you helped or came out!

On November 30 our staff participated in a Professional Learning Day on educational technology, numeracy, literacy,

and the new curriculum that is planning on coming out next September. Staff also worked together to begin conversations around our students' literacy and numeracy data. In addition, staff began to plan out next steps and interventions needed to support struggling students that may need additional support. These conversations are really important in making sure that all of Bawlf's students are Achieving Excellence!

December has also been a busy month for our sports teams as both our JH and SH teams have kicked off their basketball seasons. Our JH Wildcats hosted their annual Bawlf tournament this past weekend, thanks to Mr. Munro and our coaches Mr. Banack, Mrs. Banack, and Miss Marusak, and Dr. Gail Flemming for their work in making it a great tournament. Good luck to all teams in their upcoming tournaments. Go, Wildcats!

A special thank you to Mrs. Barber, Mrs. MacFadyen, and all the staff that helped put together the Christmas Concert Performance. We had an afternoon dress rehearsal on Monday, December 18th at 1:30 p.m. and the evening performance began at 7:00 pm. We are so proud of our junior high drama class, all of our band classes, as well as the elementary classes who worked so hard and we hope you enjoyed the performance! Thank you to everyone for bringing a food bank item as well!

As part of an annual Christmas tradition, Bawlf School Community and special guests were treated to a school-wide Christmas luncheon on December 19th. Thank you to Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Szott and all the staff and parents that helped make this happen (Michelle Beattie, Cheryl Henderson, Lori Thompson, Gail Flemming, Crystal Kelland, Isabelle Yurkoski, Gail Flemming, Trudi Duheme, Kate Davies, and Trevor Szott). This activity could not have been possible without our generous sponsors and donations. Thank you to Ember Resources, R and L Landcare and Janitorial Services, John and Christee Langkamp, and all the parents and students that brought items for this event. This is just another great example of what it means to be a supportive and caring school community!

With winter upon us; we are in the season of bus route delays and cancellations and we would like to remind everyone that there is a change to the notification system. If there is a change to the bus schedule, it will appear in an ALERT banner at the top of the school and BRSD website. If there is no banner visible, all routes are running as scheduled. Every family

affected by a bus route delay or cancellation should also receive an automated phone message. It is also important that students dress appropriately for the weather during these cold winter days!

As an annual check-up on the education system, Alberta Education conducts surveys of parents in grades 4, 7, and 10 to provide an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. This process includes surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are available in multiple languages, are anonymous, and ask questions about experiences with Bawlf school. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. Thank you for participating!

On behalf of all the staff at Bawlf School, please accept our very best wishes for the holidays and enjoy the break. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th. Merry Christmas!!

## School News

**Battle River Online Students** – the deadline to submit assignments is Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> by 9:00 a.m.!

**Family Literacy Night** - Come join us for Family Literacy Night on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm in the Elementary Commons area.

We will have a used book swap, activities, and special appearances by a guest reader and the Camrose Kodiaks!!

A light supper will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to help out please call or text Alison Stang at 780-608-6052.

**Young Writers Group Update by Jaclyn Schacher** ~ Our Bawlf Young Writers Group has been SO fun. The students joining us seem to really love what we have touched on so far. They have expressed interest in story writing, comic book writing and poetry. We have some really passionate writers!! Many of these students have been working on stories in their personal time and truly love the designated time to simply enjoy writing. Many of them wishing to someday be published writers.

We begin each session with about 15 minutes of journaling (I leave this to their personal choice as to however they wish to fill up their journal). The topics we have covered so far include

our inner critic, I am encouraging them to set aside critical thoughts during the creative process. Leaving the formal editing until the end. We have had fun with metaphors and a writing games that brought about lots of giggles while practicing writing in the midst of a time sensitive situation. To end off the sessions we are utilizing the remaining time to simply write and be creative. During each session I read them poems or short stories to help inspire. As a special assignment we wrote some anonymous Christmas letters to some special seniors as a way to share our writing as a gift. They will be dropped off this week.

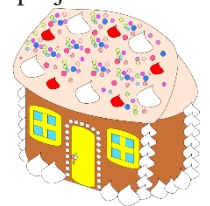
I am really enjoying working with all these talented young writers. They are all really supportive of each other. The older ones model great dedication for the younger ones, and the younger ones keep it light hearted. They all appreciate that their interest in writing has brought them together. We are currently looking at what dates might work to continue the program after Christmas – stay tuned and please contact me @ 780-608-9786 if your child is interested in joining the group. We are hopeful we can find a day of the week that will work for everyone. Merry Christmas!!!

(examples of their written work are in the attachments to the Bulletin)

**YEARBOOK INFORMATION! PLEASE READ!** Thank you to everyone who has already purchased a 2018 yearbook. There are still several left. Over the past few years, our sales have been declining. Initially we cut back on the number of books we were ordering and have made every effort to keep the costs down, but there are unsold books for several years. So this year, we are trying something new, a soft covered yearbook. The book will still be a full color, 56 page book, but the cost will be reduced to \$30. If we do not sell enough books this year, it will be the last year for a Bawlf School Yearbook.

I have been the coordinator for twenty years, and I think that a yearbook is an amazing snapshot of the school year and a great keepsake. (Plus you can use it to prove your spouse might not know everything!) I have worked with over 100 students, and every group has put their own unique stamp on our school's history. I think it would be a great shame to lose it. Please consider ordering a 2019 yearbook today. Drop off a cheque or \$30 at the office.

**Grade 3 Building Continues!** We built our Gingerbread Houses on Thursday, December 13th. This project covers outcomes for Science, Social, Art, Health and Language Arts. Com Tech 10/20 class helped the grade 3s. A huge thank you to the Vriend Family for sponsoring this project. In addition, thank you to Mrs. Stang, Mrs. Rookmaker and Mrs. Paulson for coming in to make the icing a head of time. Also, thank you to members from Mr. Gau's leadership class for helping get the walls assembled ahead of time. Merry Christmas from the Grade 3 Class!



**High School Students' Union Turkey Supper** ~ A huge thank you to all students, parents and any staff who served, washed dishes, donated food, or just enjoyed the HSSU Turkey Supper on December 3rd. Despite the weather, high school students and parents served over 270 people a delicious meal. Special thank you to Mrs. Bridger for all her work in the kitchen. What a great community event!

**Christmas Concert by Mrs. Barber** ~ On behalf of the students and staff of Bawlf School, I would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who attended our annual Christmas Concert. The students spent many hours practicing and were excited to perform for a welcoming audience. A special thank you for everyone who made a donation to the Camrose Food Bank. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday surrounded by family and friends. Merry Christmas!

### School Council & BEST News

**BEST:** The support for Fundscrip this year so far has been FANTASTIC! Supporters have raised \$2512.51 by buying gift cards through BEST, surpassing last year's entire total already (2397.28) with 6 months left to go! We are so excited to see the increase in support this year! Thank you to all families who gathered additional Fundscrip orders from family and friends. Congratulations to the Sereda family, lucky winners of a \$50 gift card in the Fundscrip Christmas Contest.

By now you have received forms for the Wipf's Greenhouse orders. (Check the backpacks ... ;) Funds raised by BEST help cover costs of field trips and other educational opportunities for our students. Orders due back by January 9th. Plants will arrive in May. Please share with family and friends over the break!

On behalf of the BEST Foundation, have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!  
Board members: Leanna Banack, Gail Cunningham, Everly Larson, Dana Read, Miriam Rookmaker and Helene Schielke.

**Hot Lunch/Breakfast programs:** As this year comes to a close council would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the lunch program volunteers that have come into the school to assist with the sorting and distributing of hot lunches. Without your help the program would not be able to happen.

Also thank you to Mrs. Joanne Miske, Mrs. Shannon Barber and the leadership class for all of your help with the breakfast program. We are looking forward to having a few cereal and muffin mornings after the Christmas break.

If you have some time to come in and help out with the lunch program or for cereal mornings please contact Christee @ [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### Athletic News

Basketball season is here and our Wildcats are in full swing!

Here are our rosters for this season:



#### HS Girls

Aeri Chung  
Halle Huseby  
Dallis Irvine  
Sevanna Isaac  
Shalane Munro  
Danielle Robitaille  
Kori Sheets  
Natasha Siewert  
Everly Sroka  
Mya Van Brabant  
Jordyn Watson  
Coach: Al Dyck  
Asst Coach: Julia Dyck  
Asst Coach: Lissi Dyck  
Manager: Chloe Thirsk

#### HS Boys

Reagan Baumle  
Brenden Irvine  
Cameron Irving  
Travis Krayco  
Jessey Lewicki  
Chase Masson  
Colton Raynard  
Kyler Stevenson  
Wade Stordahl  
Thomas Sware  
Owen Tomaszewski  
Coach: Paul Lange  
Asst Coach: Chris Raynard

#### JH Girls

Makenzie Bratrud  
Madison Dyck  
Grayce Flemming  
Shaye Flemming  
Emily Grouette  
Makena Huseby  
Makayla Raynard  
Hope Reimer  
Isabella Schacher  
Ashley Siewert  
Edyn Van Brabant  
Taryn Watson

#### JH Boys

Scott Barber  
Parker Bratrud  
Michael Dingman  
Ethan Hegholz  
Austin Herder  
Ben MacDonald  
Tyler Nikiforuk  
Justin Pederson  
Jhake Rubio  
Cory Sereda  
Casey Severson  
Quinten Stevenson  
Brock Sware  
Griffin Van Petten  
Coach: Lucas Banack

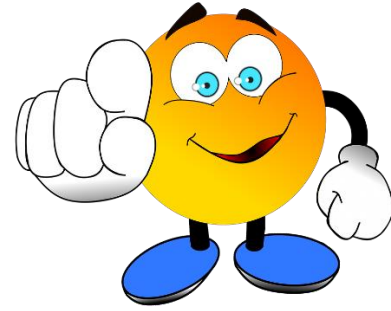
Coach: Melisa Marusak

**JH Basketball by Ms. Marusak** ~ The busy basketball season is off to a great start this year. On December 14th and 15th our junior high teams hosted Ryley, Charlie Killam, and Hay Lakes in our Wildcat Invitational tournament. The junior boys played their best but came up short against some tough competition. Hay Lakes boys ended up winning gold in the finals with Ryley taking home silver. On the girls side, our junior girls worked hard and took home gold with Hay Lakes earning silver. Both teams are adjusting to new coaches this season and working hard to further develop their skills and game. Excellent job this weekend, Wildcats!

## Community News

**Bawlf History Book!** Please contact either Ron Pederson @ 373-2255 or Dale Uglem @ 373-3743 to order your copy! All orders require a \$40 deposit. Books will be available at the Homecoming in 2020. If you would like to order the original book, they cost \$100 and must be paid in full. Orders can be mailed to: Bawlf History Book, Box 82, Bawlf, T0B 0J0. Also, check out our Facebook page: Bawlf History Book.

## Things you should do:



**Check us out on  
our website!**

**[www.brsd.ab.ca/school/bawlf](http://www.brsd.ab.ca/school/bawlf)**

**ALSO!**

*Did you know that you can subscribe to the school calendar of events? Click on the “View Calendar” link on at the top right corner of the “Events Calendar” section of the homepage. On the next page, click the RSS Feed icon or “Subscribe” in the top right corner to get the link to subscribe!*

*Thank you to the following  
sponsors for our  
Christmas Luncheon:*

*Ember Resources  
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John & Christee Langkamp*

**PLUS! Find us on Twitter!  
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almost daily of what’s happening  
in our classrooms with exciting  
experiments, projects and  
planned events!  
Check. It. Out.!!!**