

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events!

Feb 21 – Literacy Night 5-7 p.m.
Feb 22 & 23 – BRSD JH Girls Basketball Regionals @ Daysland
Feb 22 & 23 – HS Boys bball @ Ponoka tourney
Feb 25 – PJ Day – 100th day of school!
Feb 27 – Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27 – Green Certificate testing @ Vermilion
Feb 27 – Chopped Leaf hot lunch
Feb 27 – Minidunkers bball @ Killam
Feb 27-28-Mar 1 – JH Ski trip
Mar 4 – Extreme Pita hot lunch
Mar 4 – Minidunkers bball hosts Viking
Mar 6 – Edo Japan hot lunch
Mar 7 & 8 – Teacher Convention – school closed
Mar 11 – Minidunkers bball hosts Sedgewick
Mar 12 – Panago hot lunch
Mar 14 – Wok Box hot lunch (*rescheduled from Feb 7*)
Mar 14 – Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50 p.m.
Mar 18 – Report cards for Elementary students
Mar 19 – BEST/School council meeting @ 7 p.m.
Mar 20 – Subway hot lunch
Mar 21 – Aquatic Pursuits in Killam Gr 1-6

March 21st – Next Bulletin

Notes From Administration – by Mr. Chanasyk

Happy February, everyone! Second semester is in full swing and we are excited to host our Literacy Night tonight and anticipate a large showing of students and parents! A big thank you to Mrs. Kroetsch, Mrs. Borman, Mrs. Stang, and Mrs. Schacher for all their work in putting tonight together, and for their flexibility in re-scheduling the evening due to the weather.

Despite missing several days at the beginning of the semester, staff have been working hard to ensure that course outcomes

will be covered. While it is not the perfect start, plans are in place so that students are taken care of, and we will ensure another successful semester for all students.

Just a reminder that at no time are vehicles to be in the bus lane when busses are loading or unloading. We have also had vehicles come into the bus lane, pick up students, and then back out to the street. This is also not ok. If there is no room in the drop off lane, or you must park closer to the school, please wait until busses have left. Thank you for your attention to this.

We have had several questions about the bus route cancellations. It is a very tough decision to make and the focus of the decision is on student safety. If you have questions, please read Administrative Procedure 131 on the BRSD website under the Division tab. We thank you for your cooperation around this.

There continues to be many things going on and we are so thankful for all the support and planning that goes into everything. Basketball is winding down and we wish our teams the very best in their final competitions. We are very appreciative of our coaches and our parents for their support! Hot lunches have been wonderful, thank you to the organizers and to the parents for helping sort them out, it is greatly appreciated! And there are many more things going on.

Report cards were handed out for our junior high and senior high students last week and we thank teachers for the time that they have spent on them to provide feedback on student's strengths and things students can work on. If you have questions about how your student(s) is/are doing, please ask your teachers. Elementary report cards will be coming out March 14th.

On our Professional Learning Day last week, staff were involved in a variety of things including learning about numeracy, literacy, career development, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit understandings. Other staff collaborated on math and science and our literacy intervention kits. We continue collaborating on how to best meet the needs of all of our students and the planning that we do on Collaboration Days is carried out in our classrooms.

Senior high students have access to myPass and myBlueprint to keep track of their courses and grades and to help prepare them

for life after high school. myPass is run by Alberta Education and has the official credit count and has a checklist students can look at to see how they are progressing towards graduation. Students should go into myPass after Semester 1 to see that their courses are in there and to see their credit count.

Junior high and senior high students also have access to myBlueprint. Gr. 7-10 students have been working in this site so please talk to your student about how they have been using this site. Please talk to your student about how they have used these resources.

Thank you for your time. Hope to see you around the school.

School News

100th day of school! Grade one has been keeping track of our school days and they are ready to celebrate the 100th day of school on Monday, Feb. 25! The grade ones wanted to have a Pajama Day to mark this exciting milestone and invited the rest of the school to wear their PJs as well. High school students have some fun activities planned for the class and the grade ones will be busy with literacy and numeracy activities involving 100. We will share some of our activities in the next Bulletin.

LEGO building in K/1/2/3! Thank you BEST, for sponsoring and for giving these classes the opportunity to build curriculum based science projects in our classrooms with Lego! Wow, 2 great days with Jeanny Fisher, the Create and Learn presenter (January 28th and 29th).



Class Farewell – An information letter has been sent home, and the Grade 12's have had two classroom meetings already. We will hold another one at the end of February. Cap & Gown pictures will be done on Friday, April 12th (Staff PD day, school is closed). Please talk to your Grade 12 student for any additional information.

Travel Club by Mr. Munro ~ The Bawlf Travel Club is starting to get excited as the departure day fast approaches! We leave on Tuesday, March 19th and return March 29th. Our first stop is in Prague, Czech Republic where we will stay and tour for 3 days. We will visit the largest castle in the world, the Terezin Nazi concentration camp, and other interesting sites. From there, we travel to Vienna, Austria, where we will see Ringstrasse, the Parliament, Rathaus, Schonbrunn Palace, etc. The remainder of the trip (5 days) will be spent in Croatia, one of the most scenic places in the world. Most of us are hoping for warmer than normal weather on the trip!

Kindergarten Registration – Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age before December 31, 2019. Register your child at the school office or call the school office at 780-373-3784 for more information as soon as possible. Birth certificates are required as part of the registration package, as well as legal land description and 9-1-1 address. Mrs. Thomsen, our Kindergarten teacher, will be having an orientation class for all pre-registered Kindergarten students. This is designed to help new Kindergarten students become familiar with the school prior to the beginning of the school year.



Junior High Ski Trip ~ the time is almost here! The annual ski trip is all planned and ready to head out. The Bi-West bus will be here on Wednesday morning and we head out to Lake Louise around noon! We are all looking forward to 2 great full days of skiing on Thursday & Friday. We will then depart and head back home, arriving home late Friday night. A very huge thank you to Mr. Munro and Mrs. MacFadyen for ALL the work it takes to make this memorable experience happen. Plus, to all the parent supervisors that are coming along, a big thank you! Let's hit the slopes!!



HSSU is sponsoring "Hat's on Fridays" on February 22nd and March 1st. Donate a minimum of \$1 to wear your hat all day in school! This year, we are supporting Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

High School Students and Parents! Check out our website, under the Students tab, look at the Scholarship link. There is a list of all the scholarships available to apply for, as well as other post secondary information that is very valuable! Lots to know!



🐾 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. ~ Mrs. MacFadyen

School Council & BEST News

BEST:

THANK YOU to the following people for generously volunteering their time and/or donating supplies for the Ham and Egger lunches so far this year:

Volunteers that helped prepare Ham and Eggers

- Tina Masson
- Kim Harmider
- Danielle Vriend
- Tanya Greenwald
- Kait Davies
- Janice Steil
- Julie Huseby
- Tanya Bergquist
- Alison Stang

Donations

- Tina Masson
- Alison Stang
- Janice Steil
- Tanya Bergquist
- Mrs MacDonald
- Mrs Borman
- Mrs MacFadyen
- Kim Harris
- Amber Latreille
- Danielle Vriend
- Rosanne Anderson
- Marilyn Hay

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Council would like to thank the coordinators of Literacy Evening; Jaclyn Schacher, Janice Kroetch, Sandra Borman, and Alison Stang. They put a lot of time and energy into planning this event and it is greatly appreciated, we also appreciate everyone being accommodating with the date changes.

A Foods Program survey regarding the Breakfast and Hot Lunch programs will be emailed out to all families in the very near future and we would appreciate each family would take the time to complete it and to provide some feedback.

Council will be meeting on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Bawlf School Council (Christee Langkamp, Charlene Irvine, Erin Reimer, Ainsley Severson, Terry Lynn Sereda and Alison Stang)

Athletic News

🐾 JH Girls Basketball by Ms. Marusak ~ The Girls have had a stellar season! They have worked very hard and continue to get stronger and stronger. The team has just finished first in their league and have also won first in all their tournaments making them undefeated so far this season. The girls are off to Regionals on February 22nd-23rd in Daysland with their eye on gold – first game is Friday night starting @ 7:00 p.m. so come and cheer them on! Keep up the hard work and and Go, Wildcats!



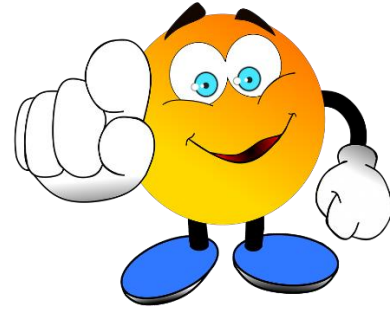
🐾 JH Boys Basketball by Coach Lucas Banack ~ How quickly the season has come and gone for the Junior High Boys Basketball team. Thirteen young man put themselves to the test night in and night out from December through February. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch these young men develop their skills on the basketball court and more importantly off the court. They more than rose up to the challenges presented to them; not just from the coaching staff but their opponents as well. Thanks to the parents, fans, staff, junior high girls basketball team and volunteers for coming out to support our athletes throughout the season. A special thanks to the young men who I had the honour of coaching this season and to our assistant coach and biggest supporter Sharon Banack for all she has done for our basketball program this season. I look forward to watching these young men develop further as athletes and great people over the next few years.

🐾 HS Girls Basketball by Coach Al Dyck ~ The High School Girl Wildcats are looking to finish strong. They are 6 and 2 in the last week. We have one final playoff game and if we win, we will host the Zone Qualifier next weekend. Keep up the good work!

🐾 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.

🐾 2019 Bawlf Baseball and Softball Registration ~ Registration is due by March 15th. Forms were given out to all students, and can be handed in to the office. Any questions or concerns, please contact Ainsley Severson @ 780-608-7361.

Things you should do:



***Check us out on
our website!***

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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!

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