

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 21 – Panago hot lunch
Sept 21 & 22: HS Volleyball @ Wetaskiwin
Sept 24 – JH Golf @ Forestburg
Sept 25 – HS Volleyball @ Bashaw
Sept 26 – Subway hot lunch
Sept 27 – Terry Fox Run – school based
Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 27 – Cross Country race – New Norway
Sept 28 – School Closed – Staff PD
Sept 28 & 29: HS Volleyball @ OLMP
Oct 1 – Lifetouch school pictures
Oct 2 – HS Volleyball @ home vs Daysland
Oct 4 – Wok Box hot lunch
Oct 4 – Cross Country race - Hardisty
Oct 4 – Staff meeting – early dismissal (1:52)
Oct 5 – Aquatic Pursuits Gr 1-6
Oct 5 – JH/HS Academic Awards @ 7 p.m.
Oct 8 – Thanksgiving Day – School closed
Oct 9 – HS Volleyball @ home vs Forestburg
Oct 9 – Panago hot lunch
Oct 12 – School closed
Oct 16 – BEST Ham & Egger lunch
Oct 16 – HS Volleyball @ Hay Lakes
Oct 18 – Subway hot lunch
Oct 19 & 20 – HS Volleyball @ Morinville
Oct 23 – HS Volleyball @ home vs New Norway
Oct 31-Nov 14 – Scholastic Book Fair

October 25 – Next Bulletin

September already promises to be a busy month, as students and staff have settled into their classes and plans are underway for many upcoming events. Staff arrived early on Friday, September 7 as they prepared pancakes and sausages for the entire school at our “Welcome Back” breakfast. Thank you to all staff for making that event a success and to the Breakfast Program for supplying the groceries. It was a great opportunity for students and staff to gather, discuss their summer activities, and enjoy a hot breakfast prior to classes. In addition to welcoming all of our new students, Bawlf School would like to extend a warm welcome to our international students Aeri Chung and Irene Bernad De Olano that are joining us from Japan and from Spain. Aeri will be in our grade eleven class, while Irene will be joining our grade ten class. Hosting international students is a great opportunity for our school community to learn more about other countries and cultures and we look forward to getting to know them. We are also pleased to welcome a new staff member to our school. Ms. Melisa Marusak has been hired to teach our FSL program in addition to grade 7 Language Arts and grade 8 Social Studies. We are very excited for her to join our staff and look forward to working with her this year.

September 5th and 6th marked the first days for the start of our two classes of Kindergarten students and their families to our school. Thank you to Parent Council and BEST for setting up the BOO HOO breakfast and welcoming our new families into our school community. It is a very exciting time for our kindergarten students and our families and we know they will have a great year.

Our Wildcat athletes have wasted no time in getting back into action as both our volleyball and x-country running teams have begun to prepare for their respective seasons. Cross country runners from grades 4 to 12 have been meeting after school to train for the various competitions that they will participate in this year. Their next race is on Thursday, September 27, hosted by New Norway School and then on Thursday, Oct. 4 at Allan Johnstone School in Hardisty. Our high school students have Zones on October 10th. Go, Wildcats!

Notes From Administration – by Mr. Gau

Welcome all students and families to the start of another great school year. It doesn't seem possible that we have already been back in class for almost three weeks. We hope that all of our students, staff, and their families had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready to get into the swing of things.

Plans are also underway for our grade five and six Mini-Slammers season, and their league play will start shortly. Junior high volleyball teams have also began practicing and will be beginning their league games in the upcoming weeks. Our senior high teams competed in their first tournament and began league play this week. We hope that many of you will be able to come out and cheer on our Wildcats throughout the season!!!

Many of you would have received a message from “School Messenger”, which is a service that helps us push messages out to families in a timely manner. You can receive messages by phone, email, or text. For the most part, we will only use this service for emergencies or school wide events. If you would like to change your preferences for School Messenger, check out our website for more information. There is also a School Messenger app that can be downloaded to receive notifications on. Thanks for staying connected!

With the transition into the new school year we also have many new families that are unaware of our drop off and pick up procedures at the beginning and ends of the school day. We are asking that if you drop off your student in the “parent lane” to make sure you pull over to the far right so that traffic still has the opportunity to pass when leaving. It is also very important that ALL students use the crosswalk at the front of the building and that students and parents do not cut across the road. Our bus drivers have asked that we remind parents and students of this. Bawlf School has completed two evacuation drills and we will have another evacuation drill and a lockdown drill in October. Thanks to the staff and students for doing a great job preparing for emergencies and promoting a safe environment.

Thank you to all parents that have already submitted their completed registration forms to the office. If you have not had a chance to submit these yet we would ask that you please get these into the office as soon as possible. In addition to these being an Alberta Education requirement, they also provide updated contact information that we require in case of an emergency. School fees will also be issued next week. We encourage you to use the new online payment system which can be accessed from our website. If you are paying by cheque, please make sure school fees are submitted separately from any other extracurricular fees such as athletics, year book, or hot lunch. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Once again, the Regional Rural Children’s Centre is offering an Out-of-School program for our students after school or on PD days. This is an amazing program for working families, to help make it possible to work and know your children are being cared for. If you are interested in finding out more about these services, please call Terry-Lynn Sereda at (780) 608-4434.

A reminder that there is no school on September 28, as our staff will be participating in a day of collaborative learning. Once again, we welcome you back to the start of the school year and look forward to another successful year with all of our students.

School News

 **Orange Shirt Day** – September 27th

What is Orange Shirt Day?

Orange Shirt Day is a day of remembrance and an act of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual Canada-wide event to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools. It grew out of a gathering of survivors held in Williams Lake, British Columbia in 2013, where Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph Mission residential school shared her experience of having her new orange shirt taken on her first day. September 30 was picked as the date because it is the time children had to leave their homes and return to the schools.

Goals of Orange Shirt Day:

Truth then reconciliation

- Develop an awareness of our shared history
- Acknowledge the legacy of residential schools
- Take action in the spirit of reconciliation and building positive relations

 **Family School Liaison Worker** at Bawlf School ~ Hello!!!

My name is Lyndell Drever and I’m the Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Bawlf School. I will be at the school Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I live on a grain farm with my husband, 2 children, and our donkeys, dogs, cats and horses. I am a registered Social Worker and I am very grateful for the opportunity to work in your school and to build relationships with the students, families and staff.

My role as the FSLW is to:

- Offer support services to students, families and/or groups focusing on safety, mental well-being, and the healthy development of children.
- Involve appropriate community agencies by providing referrals.
- Ensure that students and families seeking assistance are involved in the decisions that affect their lives.
- Provide education and counselling to children, youth, and parents to help them positively manage challenging issues and events.
- Enhance personal strengths and coping skills.
- Provide classroom presentations on a variety of topics related to healthy relationships and development.

I look forward to my time with you! If you have any questions please contact me at ldrever@brsd.ab.ca or 780-672-6131 ext 6420, Have a great day!

Lyndell Drever

🐾 Hurrah! The 2018 Yearbooks have arrived. If you think you purchased one and have not yet received it, please contact the office. Once again, the book is a permanent record of the past school year and the result of an incredible amount of work. There are still yearbooks available and they can be purchased at the office for \$45.

Unfortunately, over the last few years, yearbook sales have dropped to the point where not enough books are being purchased to defray production costs. If you wish to continue the tradition of the Bawlf School Yearbook, please pre-order your 2019 yearbook.

🐾 Picture day is fast approaching! On Monday, October 1st, Lifetouch will be here to picture all students and staff, as well as take class pictures! Say cheese!



🐾 Green Certificate – Mandatory Green Certificate Parent/Student Orientation meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Commons. Grade 10 students interested in the program, and a parent must attend if they wish to sign up. Please contact Mrs. Kruchten for more information.

🐾 JH/HS Academic Awards Night – Please note the date changed that was previously set in June. Awards Night will be on Friday, October 5th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. These Awards are based on the 2017-2018 school year marks. Only those that will be receiving Awards have been given invitations.



School Council & BEST News

Welcome back to another school year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the volunteer form that was emailed out. We are working on getting back to everyone who requested more information on school council as well as reaching out to everyone who offered to volunteer for our programs. Thank you to everyone who has donated and offered to donate to our breakfast and lunch programs.

The Breakfast program is back in full swing and it's nice to see that the students are enjoying those morning snacks. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Terry Lynn Sereda as this year's Breakfast Program Coordinator. We look forward to having her join us on council this year.

The online lunch ordering program is also up and running with the first hot lunch coming up on September 21st. Just a reminder that if you want to participate in the hot lunch program you will need to register with Healthy Hunger. We welcome any feedback on the online program and if you have any questions or concerns with the program please email bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

School council met on September 11th. It was a great first meeting to start out the school year. The minutes from that meeting will be posted on the schools website within the next

few days. For more information on council and our programs please visit the parent tab on the schools website.

Your school council for the 2018-2019 school year:

Chair: Christee Langkamp

Vice Chair: Charlene Irvine

Non-officer parent representatives:

Alison Stang

Pam Sweet

Ainsley Severson

Erin Reimer

Breakfast Program Coordinator: Terry Lynn Sereda

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Christee Langkamp

Just a reminder that council meetings are open to all parents. Our meeting dates can be found on the school calendar.

Athletic News

🐾 **Wildcat Volleyball:** Here are the rosters for our Wildcats this volleyball season. Wishing all teams the best of luck! Congratulations to both High School teams who won the Consolation events in the Augustana tournament in Camrose last weekend!

HS Boys:

Reagan Baumle

Nolan Bergquist

Brenden Irvine

Brandon Johns

Travis Krayco

Jesse Lewicki

Devin Naslund

Sheldon Nelson

Kyler Stevenson

Wade Stordahl

Thomas Sware

Cale Yurkoski

Coach: Tara Myers

HS Girls:

Irene Bemad De Olano

Payton Cherry

Casara Holm

Shalane Munro

Autumn O'Donnell

Kori Sheets

Chloe Thirsk

Mya Van Brabant

Megan Van Petten

Jordyn Watson

Halle Weinkauff

Coach: Brenda Holm



JH Boys:

Scott Barber

Austin Cunningham

Michael Dingman

Austin Herder

Ben MacDonald

Justin Pederson

Jhake Rubio

Cory Sereda

Casey Severson

Jesse Steil

Wyatt Tennant

Griffin Van Petten

Coach: Erin Sharp

JH Girls:

Mackenzie Bratrud

Madison Dyck

Grayce Flemming

Shaye Flemming

Emily Grouette

Claire MacDonald

Rya Miller

Lena Morin

Hope Reimer

Ashley Siewert

Edyn Van Brabant

Taryn Watson

Bryn Weinkauff

Coaches: Emma Gjesdal

Mark Chanasyk

🐾 Cross Country Running has begun! Our Wildcat runners are participating today in the Viking race in Camrose to kick off our season. Next up is the Spartan Tough race near New Norway on September 27th! They sure named that race right! Lastly, we head east to the Hardisty Invitational on October 4th. This race is for all grades (4 and up), but it features the BRRJHAA Regional Championships for Grades 7-9. Good luck, Wildcats! Thank you for Mr. Chanasyk and Mrs. MacDonald for coaching and supervising!



🐾 Wildcat Golf Teams: Our HS Golf team braved the bitter cold and competed in Zones on Monday, September 17th. Devin Naslund, Aaron Borman, Owen Tomaszewski, and Cameron Irving represented Bawlf School and did very well. Congratulations to Aaron who had the lowest score on our Wildcat team! Good Luck to our JH Wildcat Golf team as they head to Forestburg on Monday, September 24th for BRSD JH Golf Regionals!

Welcome to Fall!

Community News

Thunderstar Minor Hockey: Is your child or children interested in playing hockey this year? Hockey will be starting the beginning of October. New this year: if your child or children have never played hockey at the initiation or Novice level, fees are greatly reduced for this year. If you would like more information or to register, please call or text Darcie Brady at 780-678-4444 or email dbrady130@gmail.com before September 20th.



Thunderhawks Pond Hockey registration will be held on October 30th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Daysland Arena. Ages 5-17. Call Deb Kirk at 780-374-2278. See information in attachments.

*Check out
our website for all the info!*
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Rosalind 4-H Beef Club is holding its first meeting on September 30th @ 7: 00 p.m. at the Rosalind Hall. New members are welcome!

