

# The Bulletin



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## *Upcoming Events!*

March 22 – deadline for online Bawlf School clothing order (link on school website)  
March 22 – Staff PD Day – School Closed  
March 25 – Spring break begins  
April 1 – Classes resume  
April 3 – Wok Box hot lunch  
April 4 – Jersey Day  
April 4 – Staff Meeting – early dismissal  
April 8 – Panago hot lunch  
April 8-12 – HSSU Game Show week  
April 11 – JH Badminton Divisionals - Camrose  
April 12 – Staff PD Day – School Closed  
April 12 – Cap & Gown pictures for Grade 12  
April 15 – JH Art project  
April 15 – Report cards for JH and HS  
April 15 & 16 – JH Outdoor Ed field trip  
April 16 – JH Art field trip  
April 17 – Student Led Conferences  
April 17 – HS Badminton City/County Playdowns  
April 18 – Subway hot lunch  
April 18 – JH Badminton Regionals - Camrose  
April 19 – Good Friday – School closed  
April 22 – Easter Monday – School closed  
April 23 – Chopped Leaf hot lunch  
April 24 – HS Badminton Area Playdowns  
April 25 – East Side Marios hot lunch  
April 25 – Grade 4/5/6 Science Fair

*April 25<sup>th</sup> – Next Bulletin*

Congratulations to our junior high girls' basketball team for placing first at the Regional Championship. The Girls had an outstanding season going undefeated in all league and tournament play. I would also like to thank all of our other school teams for very successful seasons and showing huge improvement throughout their seasons. A special thank you to all of their coaches for their hard work and dedication to our basketball athletes. Good luck to our mini dunkers as they compete this Thursday in their final tournament in Daysland.

Starting this month our badminton athletes have also started preparing for their upcoming season. Our junior high students began practices this week and our senior high practices began last week. Please watch for more information regarding upcoming practices and tournaments which will be coming out soon.

A special thank you to Mrs. MacFadyen and Mr. Munro for all their hard work in organizing and supervising the JH ski trip. Thank you as well to all our parent volunteers who went along to supervise. This is an amazing opportunity for our students and we know they will come home tired but with many fond memories.

As we move towards the last months of the school year, we are already in the midst of planning for the fall. Over the next few months we will be busy with budgeting, staffing and preparing programming and time tables. We would like to remind any parents of children that are planning on attending ECS in the fall to please come into the school and register their son or daughter if they have not already done so. Also, if you are moving away and your child(ren) will not be at Bawlf School next year, please contact the office so that we can have an accurate count of our student numbers. It is important as we plan for programming in the fall that we have a good sense of the number of students that will be attending. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this. In the next few months please watch for information regarding upcoming orientation days for students going into ECS, grade 7 and grade 10.

As we approach the upcoming spring break, we hope that all of our students, support staff and their families have a relaxing and much deserved long holiday.

## **Notes From Administration – by Mr. Gau**

March has been another busy time around the school as teachers prepared for elementary report cards, ski trips, and many other school-wide activities. In addition, there are a variety of extra-curricular activities that will continue to keep students and staff busy while they anxiously await the upcoming spring break.

## School News

**Grade 4/5/6 Science Fair** ~ The Grade 4/5/6 Science Fair will be taking place during the afternoon of Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is always an exciting time for the students and a great opportunity for them to display their knowledge. Students and teachers of other classes, as well as parents and grandparents of Grade 4/5/6, are welcome to come and check it out.



**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 12<sup>th</sup> (Staff PD day, school is closed). Please talk to your Grade 12 student for any additional information.

**Travel Club** ~ is currently experiencing a trip of a lifetime! They departed for Prague this past Tuesday, where they will visit the Czech Republic, Austria and Croatia! We know they are having a great time and will come back with many great memories of their experience!

**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.



**Literacy Night was a HIT!**



Thank you to everyone who came out and joined in the fun at our Literacy Night! We apologize for the need to cancel and rescheduled twice and for your patience during this time. A big thank you to our parent volunteers, Mrs. Stang and Mrs. Schacher, the School Writing Club, BEST and the Schacher Family for their food donations, the Camrose Kodiak's for door

prizes and to staff and anyone who helped out in any way to make this evening a success!!! We could not have done it without you! But of course a huge thank you to our very special guests Ms. Wendy Davidson for sharing her book with us and to the "Stars" of the evening The Camrose Kodiak's! We hope everyone enjoyed Literacy Night this year.



**Grade 12 Scholarships!** Grade 12 students received Bawlf School scholarship information this week. Rutherford scholarship application, student loan information, and specific Bawlf School scholarships were discussed. This information can also be accessed on the Bawlf School homepage under Students > Scholarships

**HS Food Class field trip to Zimmer Holsteins ~**

Did you know that a single Holstein produces an average of 75L of milk per day? The High School Foods class were fortunate to go to Zimmer Holsteins to see the operation of their robotic milking barn. The students saw first hand how the robot milks the cows, how the computer system monitors the cow's health, and where the milk is stored until it gets picked up every other day. Thank you to Duane and Vicky Zimmer for the tour and answering all questions.





**Bawlf Young Writers Group update** ~ The writers group is going strong and continuing to study and create poetry, characters, and impromptu writings. Most importantly, the students support each other in their love of writing and literacy. The group enjoys creating and expanding on their ideas, vocabulary and general understanding of philosophy of many fun topics.

Last week we dove into the meaning of the beautiful poem written long ago by Emily Dickinson titled "Hope". With our group members ranging from grade 2 to grade 10, the understanding of the poem and the beauty of hope showed universal. Each time we meet, I encourage time to discuss at least one piece of writing that will trigger feelings that may be challenging to express in order to give the kids a safe space to learn how to put words to deep emotion. This skill is one that will help them for all time.

Moving forward into spring we will be working on writing short stories. The students have all expressed a desire to do this so here we go.....

The writers have included in this newsletter a number of works they wished to share, many of which stem from a project we worked on last week: *Use at least five color words to write a poem titled "A Rainbow of Feelings"*. Please find these in the attachments.

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring break ~ Jaclyn Schacher

**Happy Harbor Comic/Graphic Novel Book Fair** ~ (This event had to be rescheduled due to the cold weather in February)

The Learning Commons will be hosting a Graphic Novels & Comic Book Fair on Tuesday, May 28th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This is a one-day event. Along with the latest Graphic Novels and Comic Books being available for purchase, Happy Harbor's Comic Book Fair brings along 2 professional comic creators and will be there to talk one-on-one to students about their art!

Please watch the CTV News segment below:

<http://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=889205&binId=1.1203428&playlistPageNum=1>

**Usborne Read-A-Thon** ~ Grades ECS, 1, 2 & 3 will be participating in an Usborne Read-A-Thon during the Spring Break.

Heather Bratrud with Sowing Seeds & Great Reads will be at the school on Wednesday, March 20th & Thursday, March 21st to hand out packages and explain how the Read-A-Thon works to students and teachers. Packages will need to be handed into the school by April 2nd. 50% of the student's pledges go to the student to purchase books. Usborne Books will be here in the Learning Commons on Tuesday, April 2nd from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Wednesday, April 3rd from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm for students to order their books. The other 50% of the pledges will go to the Bawlf School Classrooms to upgrade their classroom libraries.

*Remember: The Top Reading Classroom will get an ice cream party! Have fun reading during the break!!!*

**HSSU** sponsored "Hat's on Fridays" for three Fridays in February and March where students had to donate a minimum of \$1 to be able to wear their hat in school all day. We raised a grand total of \$313! All of these proceeds will be donated to the Crohns and Colitis Canada Foundation. Pictured here are Grade 12 students Jenna Tennant, Danielle Robitaille and Everly Sroka forwarding the raised funds to Shirley Lyster, who presented to our high school students in the fall a Crohns and Colitis information session. Shirley's son, Cam, passed away in 2017 from complications of the disease, and she saw a need for increased awareness among our youth. The HSSU decided to focus on this charity this year.



**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

**🐾 You are Beautiful!! ~ Hello Bawlf Families!**

I know that I am sure grateful for the beautiful weather that we have been having and hope that you are enjoying it as well! The attached video was shared with me and I thought you might enjoy it as well. Remember how beautiful you are and don't be afraid to tell others how beautiful they are!!

Enjoy the break!!

Lyndell Drever- FSLW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW8BDgLPZkI&feature=youtu.be>

## School Council & BEST News

### **BEST:**

#### **BIG BOX FUNDRAISER APRIL 17**

BEST's next fundraiser is Big Box Greeting Cards! On April 17th, a Big Box of birthday cards will be going home with the youngest student in each family in the elementary.

Boxes may be purchased for \$33, \$11 from each sale supports BEST and opportunities for Bawlf School students. We ask that you show your friends, family and neighbours and collect orders for boxes. Orders are due back by April 30. If you choose not to participate, that's ok -- please return the box as soon as possible.

For every 3 boxes sold, students will earn an entry into draws for prizes!

Class with the highest sales will win a pizza party!

### **PARENTS NEEDED!**

There are several positions on BEST with terms ending come June. 1 and 2 year terms available. Join us at our next meeting May 14 at 6 pm to see what we do. We aim to meet 2nd Tuesday of Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May and AGM in June. Meetings are usually under an hour, and you get to have a say how fundraised dollars benefit your child's learning experiences in Bawlf School.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

The Bawlf School Council was asked to participate in a panel discussion at the Alberta Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton around the importance of school councils and the types of collaboration that happen between school councils, schools and school divisions in rural areas. This presentation included representatives from Division Office (Diane Hutchinson) a Board Member (Karen Belich) along with a school council chair (Christee Langkamp). It was an honor to be asked to represent BRSD at such an event. We had 30 minutes to speak (which included a question period) about all the great ways we collaborate and work together to create a dynamic and responsive school community. We have been asked to now present as a "kick-off" on at the Alberta School Councils Association Annual Conference in April.

Once again, our School Council met on March 19. We had a great discussion around the cancellation of busses, ASCA resolutions and survey results from our Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Council will be meeting again on May 14 at 7 pm, and we encourage all parents to attend our meetings. As always, we are actively looking for new members next year. If you are interested in joining council please email [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com) or contact Christee Langkamp at 780-678-7165. Information regarding council, our role, minutes, and operating procedures can be found on the school's website under the families tab.

Thank you again to everyone who came out to support literacy evening and a huge shout out to the organizers who did an amazing job putting this together.

Christee Langkamp

Your school council members (Christee, Charlene Irvine, Terry Lynn Sereda, Alison Stang, Ainsley Severson and Erin Reimer)

### **BREAKFAST/HOT LUNCH PROGRAMS:**

Information on both of these programs and their purpose can be found on the school's website under the families tab.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey that was sent out to all families. Council works hard on these programs and we appreciate the feedback and support with these. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have donated their time to help with hot lunches, muffin days and cereal mornings.

The Breakfast Program at Bawlf School, coordinated by School Council, provides a nutritious snack daily to ensure no child starts their day hungry. Many of our students have long bus rides and a quick snack before class provides the nutrition required to settle them into their first class and be ready to learn. This program is free of charge to the school community. It is open to all students. All people in need should have access. This program is a school council parent-run program with help from some staff and students. Any volunteers are encouraged to have a snack with the students as we feel that the positive social interaction with one another enhances the program. This program is made possible by the generous donations of school families and grant monies. Because we work with a limited budget and because we do receive grants we have to follow certain guidelines of what we can serve. We do try to accommodate all students. Special thank you to Superstore for the grant we received from PC Children's Charity to help offset costs for our program.

The Hot Lunch Program was formed in 2010 stemming from a request from high school students looking for alternative healthy, affordable hot lunch at the school. The program is a school council parent volunteer program that offers many delicious meals on a weekly basis to students and staff. The aim of the program is to provide this service to our school community at a reasonable cost to parents while at the same time generating some extra funds for the school. With changes to policy and parent concerns, we have lessened our homemade

hot lunches for the 2018-2019 school year. Next year we are looking to expand this but will need to prepare this food at the school. This will require many more volunteers and donations. From the survey we heard that the lunches are expensive, we do try to keep costs down as much as possible for all families. That being said costs from restaurants did increase this year, so we choose to make the program this year more about a service for families than a fundraiser. We hope to be able to keep the program within reasonable cost ranges.

If you would be interested in donating to either of these programs or have any questions please contact us at [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

## Athletic News

**🐾 JH Girls Basketball by Ms. Marusak ~** What a great season! All the hard work the girls put in paid off as we headed to Daysland in February and won gold against New Norway in the final. This has made for a completely undefeated season and the girls are quite proud of their persistence and dedication. As a first year head coach, the girls welcomed me to the Bawlf Wildcats with open arms and we grew and developed together. Lots of fun was had and every girl made significant improvements throughout the season. I must commend this team for their comradery towards each other and their sportsmanship towards other teams. I want to thank my assistant coach, Erin Keohane, who dedicated her time coming to practices, cheering the girls on and offering kind words of advice when needed. I also want to thank the referees, score keepers, bus drivers and any other staff members that helped out this season to make things possible. Lastly (but definitely not least), I would like to thank our fans for their encouragement and our parents for running concession, driving players around and being our biggest cheerleaders and supporters. I'm proud of what the team has accomplished this season. Thank you again!



**🐾 HS Girls Basketball by Coach Al Dyck ~** I was really happy with how the season ended. We came five points away from making it to Provincials. The girls really came together in the last month and that's the reason for our success. I would like to thank this school staff for their support along with the parents that supported us. I would like to thank Lissi and Julia for their help.

**🐾 HS Badminton by Mrs. Holm ~** High school badminton is getting started in our school. We had a couple of practices last week and will get into full swing after spring break. We do have a couple of areas open if anyone is interested. The dates are as follows: City/County April 17th at CCHS, Areas April 24th at CCHS, Zones April 29th at various schools in Camrose, and Provincials this year will be in Calgary on May 4th and 5th.

## 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.

**🐾 Rosalind Youth Soccer ~** Youth Rec Soccer league is happening in Rosalind this spring. This program will be a 6 week season, every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rosalind Sports Grounds, starting May 8<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). For kids aged 4-12 years. Cost is \$25/child and cheques are payable to the *Rosalind Rec Association*. All information, forms and updates will be posted on our Facebook group: Rosalind youth rec soccer. Please message on Facebook or text 780-781-0828 for more information. Please see form in the attachments.

**🐾 Wedding Shower** for Hillary Banack and Scott Broughton on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at the Bawlf Lutheran Church. Guests please bring lunch.

**🐾 Coaching Soccer Opportunity ~** Rosalind Soccer Association is looking for volunteer coaches. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching any JH/HS high students on Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting May 8<sup>th</sup> and going for 6 weeks. Please contact Stephanie Enright @ [stephaniej\\_0822@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniej_0822@hotmail.com). Coaches are responsible for setting up the nets, running a 30-minute practice/drills followed by a 30 minute game. Coaches also have to keep the equipment and bring to each practice.

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