

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events!

Jan 25 – Edo Japan hot lunch
Jan 25 – Bio 20/Science 24 final exam
Jan 25 – Elem Farm Safety presentations
Jan 28 – Chemistry 20 final exam
Jan 28 – Math 10 final exam
Jan 28 – JH Options Hot dog sale
Jan 28 – K/1/3 Lego presentations
Jan 28 – JH Bball @ Bashaw
Jan 29 – K/2 Lego presentations
Jan 30 – Science 30 Diploma
Jan 30 – Homemade hot lunch (Pancakes)
Jan 31 – Semester break – school closed
Jan 31- Feb 2 – HS Bball Quad tournament
Feb 1 – School Closed
Feb 1 & 2 – JH Bball @ Augustana tournament
Feb 4 – JH & HS report cards go home
Feb 4 – JH Bball @ CCHS
Feb 4-8 – JH Options Bottle Drive at school
Feb 5 – East Side Marios hot lunch
Feb 6 – Family Literacy Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Feb 7 – Wok Box hot lunch
Feb 7 – HS Bball host Forestburg
Feb 7 – Staff Meeting – 1:50 dismissal
Feb 8 – Comic Book Fair in Library 9:30-3:30 p.m.
Feb 8 & 9 – JH Bball @ Charlie Killam tournament
Feb 8 & 9 – HS Boys Bball @ Ponoka tournament
Feb 11 – Panago hot lunch
Feb 12 – HS Bball @ New Norway
Feb 13 – BEST Ham & Egger lunch
Feb 13 – Minidunkers @ Daysland
Feb 13 & 14 – JH Outdoor Education trip
Feb 14 – HS Bball @ Daysland
Feb 15 – Staff PD Day – no school
Feb 15 – HS Bball tourney Hay Lakes (some games here)
Feb 18 – Family Day – no school
Feb 19 – HS Bball @ Viking
Feb 20 – Minidunkers host Forestburg
Feb 21 – Subway hot lunch

February 21st – Next Bulletin



Notes From Administration – by Mr. Gau

Once again, it has been a busy month as our high school students have been finishing up first semester course work and began writing final exams. Good luck to all the students that are writing finals and a special thanks to all of our teachers and administrative assistants for their extra help in preparing for these finals and making sure our transition into semester two goes smoothly.

January and February tend to be months of extreme temperatures and it is important that students dress for these conditions. Please check with your children to make sure they have all the necessary attire. Our bus drivers will also be helping to monitor this and will have conversations with students if necessary. We all want to ensure our students are safe and prepared.

Please continue to check the Bawlf School website for a schedule of the HS final exams and semester 2 timetables as well as notices around fieldtrips and other important information. We appreciate the extra support parents continue to provide to our students and teachers as many of you have volunteered your time to act as chaperones and parent supervisors. In addition, please see additional information around upcoming school fundraisers that can be found later in this bulletin, as well as attached.

Our basketball teams continue to compete hard in their league and tournament play. Many thanks to all of our coaches for their continued commitment and coaching

expertise as Bawlf Wildcats continue to excel on the basketball court. It is also great to see so many parents out to games, cheering on our school.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar Survey provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar Survey uses a set of indicators consisting of results from surveys from students, parents and teachers around the quality of education. Parents of students in grade 4, 7, and 10 should receive a survey from Alberta Education. You can also do the survey online by going to the link provided on our website and using the random access code that was mailed out to you. In addition students will also be completing these surveys online. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences at school. Participation in the survey helps to provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage stakeholders to participate in this opportunity. Survey results are usually available to school authorities in May and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-year Education Plan and Annual Results Report.

Just a reminder that there will be no school on January 31 and February 1. Enjoy the long weekend.

School News

Trapper Visits Grade 3 - Dean Fahner came to our class on January 11 and shared information about how animals adapt to their environment. He brought furs, traps, videos, information and stories to help us better understand why and how people and animals adapt to the changing environment. We study adapting to the environment in our Social Studies. Thank you Mr. Fahner.



Family Literacy Night - Come join us for Family Literacy Night on Wednesday, February 6th from 5:00-7 p.m. in the Elementary Commons area. You must register for this evening. 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. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please call or text Alison Stang at 780-608-6052. *Please see attached registration form.*



Happy Harbor's Comic Book Fair is coming to Bawlf School!

The Learning Commons will be hosting a Graphic Novels & Comic Book Fair on Friday, February 8th 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>

Grades 3 & 4 go to the Bull Congress! On Wednesday, January 23rd, they travelled to the CRE in Camrose and had a great day of learning! They learned about farm and fire safety, the agricultural industry, proper identification systems, veterinary care and auctioneering. What a great day!



Travel Club by Mr. Munro ~ Congratulations to the 20 High School students who have joined the Travel Club and are completing their required research projects for the up-coming trip to the Czech Republic, Austria, and Croatia. Their presentations are intended to educate the students on many of the sites that we will visit in these places. Our trip is approaching quickly, as we depart in 54 days. When I receive our departure package in a few weeks, we will have our departure meeting with all Travel Club parents and students to discuss all final items.



Young Writers Group Update by Jaelyn Schacher ~

In our writers group we discuss topics like how we communicate through the art of writing, illustrations, and storytelling. Each time we meet we focus on different aspects of writing to broaden skills and vocabulary as much as we can in the time we have. It is really fun to create together.

I would like to share with you how our young writers responded to the question “Why do we write?”

- “To get my mind off things that are bother me....”
- “Because I feel peaceful....”
- “To be creative of my thoughts and what I think....”
- “To spend time making a story....”
- “To tell stories....”
- “To communicate emotion. To make connections with readers of my work....”
- “To create a reason that someone is inspired, happy, and smiling.....”
- “To fulfill my inner desire to write and be artistic.....”

The students have chosen pen pals from within the group and will be writing letters as well as receiving them from each other (they are very excited to do this via mail). We are also very excited to have the opportunity to showcase a variety of the writers’ projects they have been working on at the upcoming Literacy Night (Feb 6th). We hope you can join us to help them celebrate their talents.

We will be meeting every Tuesday after school in the library from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Feel free to drop in and join us.

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 adress. 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.

HSSU is sponsoring “Hat’s on Fridays” on February 8th, 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.

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.

School Council & BEST News

BEST: Fundscrip orders continue to flow in online. Total raised so far this year is over \$2500! If you would like help getting set up with an online account, give Everly ([780-679-8885](tel:780-679-8885)) or Leanna ([780-781-4973](tel:780-781-4973))

a call. We’d be happy to help! Online accounts open up more options to you: reloadable cards, e-cards (emailed), and the option to set up monthly recurring orders, mailed directly to you! On fundscrip.com use the BEST Foundation's supporter code: **UDJFXB**

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered plants through Wipf’s Greenhouse! Flower orders raised over \$900.

Only 3 meetings left this year. Parents, you are welcome to join us and learn how we support Bawlf School students with the funds raised. Next meeting is March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Parent Council: Upcoming School Council Meetings: March 19 and May 14 both at 7:00pm. The AGM will be held on June 11 at 7:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of council please contact Christee at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Alberta Education is in the process of a curriculum redesign for K-12 programming. If you are interested in learning more, please visit: <https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development/?searchMode=3>. The goal is to have the K-4 programming implemented for the September 2020 school year.

Your School Council: Christee Langkamp, Charlene Irvine, Terry Lynn Sereda, Erin Reimer, Ainsley Severson and Alison Stang.

Hot Lunch/Breakfast programs: The Wildcat Grab & Go program will be offering muffin Mondays once a month until the end of the school year. We are pleased to also be offering some cereal Fridays. If you would like to come in and help out on the cereal days, please contact us at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

The Hot Lunch program will be offering a trial lunch day from Extreme Pita on March 4th. A hot lunch survey will be going to parents in February as well, please take the time to do the survey and provide feedback on the Hot Lunch Program.

Athletic News

JH Girls Basketball by Ms. Marusak ~ The team is heavy in to their busy basketball season. The Junior High Girls have remained undefeated but have faced some tough competition in league and tournaments. Both the Girls' and Boys' teams are headed to the Augustana tournament on February 1st and 2nd and will go to Bashaw on January 28th and CCHS on February 4th for league. Go Wildcats!

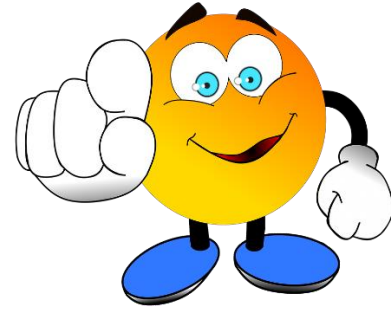


JH Boys Basketball by Mrs. Banack ~ The Junior High boys' basketball team is midway through their season now. They hosted their own tournament in December and attended the CCHS Boston Pizza Classic, this past weekend. With four home games being played to date, the team conquered their first victory for themselves this past Monday against Charlie Killam. The boys are always full of determination and showing steady improvement of their basketball skills. The team has two more away games remaining on their schedule for the season: next Monday in Bashaw and the week after at CCHS.

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

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!

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almost daily of what's happening
in our classrooms with exciting
experiments, projects and
planned events!
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