

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Nov 22-24 – HS Girls 1A Volleyball Provincials
Nov 27 – Theatre in Daysland Gr 2/3/4/5/6
Nov 28 – Mad Platter Catering hot lunch
Nov 30 – Staff PD Day – school closed
Nov 30/Dec 1 – HS G Basketball @ Breton
Dec 2 – HSSU Annual Turkey Supper @ Rosalind
Dec 5 – Wok Box hot lunch
Dec 6 – Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50
Dec 6 – HS Basketball hosting Bashaw
Dec 10 – Panago hot lunch
Dec 14 – School closed
Dec 14 & 15 – JH Home Basketball Tournament
Dec 14 & 15 – HS Girls Basketball @ Coaldale
Dec 14 & 15 – HS Boys Basketball @ Hay Lakes
Dec 17 – Christmas Concert
Dec 18 – Annual Christmas Luncheon
Dec 18 – HS Basketball @ Ryley
Dec 20 – Subway hot lunch

December 20th – Next Bulletin

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Remembrance Day Service which was held just before the November break. We were very fortunate to have our local Legion members take part in our service again this year. Thank you to Mrs. Barber for organizing this event and to all the students that took part in the reading of poems and special readings, in addition to our band students who played O Canada and another song of Remembrance.

Our scholastic book fair was a huge hit again this year. Thank you to all the students and parents that came out to support this event. The money raised will be used to purchase additional books and resources for our library (Learning Commons). Thank you Mrs. Kroetsch for your hard work, extra time and energy you gave in making this a huge success.

On Wednesday, November 21st, the High School Students Union led a pep rally to send our HS girls volleyball team off to Provincials. Best of luck in Bassano this weekend and know that we will be cheering for you! We also took this opportunity at our rally to acknowledge the successes of all our cross-country and volleyball athletes. Great job to all of our teams for a fantastic season. A special acknowledgement goes out to our JH girls team for winning the gold medal at Regionals and going the entire season in league and tournament play undefeated! We are very proud of this accomplishment. Thank you to all of our coaches and parents for your contributions to the teams and for your continued support during this volleyball season. Go, Wildcats!!

A reminder that next Friday, November 30th, there will be no school for students, as staff will be attending a school-based professional learning day. Staff will spend the day collaborating around changes to the new curriculum and will be working in divisional teams to analyze student data. They will use this evidence to help plan supports and interventions for struggling students and pursuing ways to challenge all learners. In addition, to this collaborative time, all staff will explore digital tools and apps to help support students and engage students in their learning. Staff will also continue to build upon their experience and foundational skills from the last PD day related to First Nation, Metis, and Inuit peoples. We are excited to have this time together, with the intention of supporting our staff and students around “Achieving Excellence” for all students.

Notes From Administration – by Mr. Gau

It is hard to believe that we are nearing December and the first term is already behind us. We hope that students, staff and their families were able to enjoy the November break as many of you will start preparing for a very busy December. The time before Christmas holidays will go by very quickly as we prepare for many exciting events that will be offered at Bawlf School.

Thank you to all the parents who came out to parent-teacher conferences. We hope that the conversations you were able to have with your children’s teachers were informative and you were able to reflect upon their successes, challenges, and strategies for improvement. If you were unable to make the interviews, and would still like to connect with your child’s teacher, please feel free to contact them directly. I would also like to remind you that the Parent Portal is available to parents and is a great way for you to be aware of your children’s progress. The link for the portal is located on our Bawlf Website and if you are having trouble with your username or passwords, please contact the school for assistance.

November is also a time when much of our planning and goal setting for the current year has been completed. Our school's Three Year Plan and Annual Report was submitted to the Division this week. Staff worked collaboratively to determine strategies that would help reach our school division and school goals and they also determined what evidence will be used to ensure we have reached these goals. A draft copy of this plan was presented to school council this week and we look forward to any feedback that they provide to us. Our Administrative team will meet with Board and Division office members next month to present our plan and it will be available on our website in the near future for all stakeholders to see.

As we approach the holiday season, and amidst all the extra-curricular activities that are scheduled, it is important that we maintain our focus on student achievement. We are asking that all parents that arrive at the school to please check in at the office and if you arrive at the end of the day to pick up your child, to please wait in the front waiting room next to our office. This will help eliminate any unnecessary distractions and allow our teachers to complete their lessons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In addition, please keep checking our website for upcoming information.

Cold and Flu Season is upon us! If your child is sick, please do NOT send him/her to school. They should be kept home to avoid spreading germs to other students and staff. Please don't forget to phone or email the school with any absences. 780-373-3784 serickson@brsd.ab.ca; bszott@brsd.ab.ca.

School News

Our Christmas tree is going up soon! Once again, we'd like to invite all students and staff to bring their own ornament to put on to make the tree a true school family tree! Please make sure they are non-breakable. Plus, if you want them returned home, make sure they are labelled. Don't send ornaments that are expensive or are family treasures!

Also, for Grades K-9, parents please be on the lookout for a slip coming home as to what to send, if you can, for the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 18th. This luncheon is a huge highlight of our school year as everyone loves the school community coming together to enjoy the Christmas spirit and have a Christmas meal together. We are fortunate to have sponsors for this event to make this possible.



🐾 Young Writers Group ~ Yes, we have an after-school writers group for those that love writing, poetry, short stories & journaling! Students from Grades 6-12 are welcome to join! They will meet Mondays after school from 3:30-4:30 until Christmas in the JH commons area. If you are interested, please contact facilitator Jaelyn Schacher at 780-608-9786, or just show up and try it out!

🐾 Christmas Concert ~ Monday, December 17th ~ by Mrs.

Barber ~ Again this year, we are presenting two performances for our Christmas Concert; an open dress rehearsal at 1:30 pm and our evening performance at 7:00 pm. We ask that all students attend both performances to share their performances with both audiences. This way, they have the opportunity to see the other performances, too. There will be a collection box for the Camrose Food Bank. Please consider contributing non-perishable items such as Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, cereals and canned goods to this worthy cause. Please choose which performance will suit your schedule and plan to attend!



🐾 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.

🐾 Parent Portal ~ is available to parents! Grades 7-9 students have gone in to the portal in Health class to set up passwords and to take a look at what is in the portal. Ask your student for a tour!

🐾 JH Students Union ~ It's here!

The Junior High Dieleman fundraising products have arrived! Look for students to be delivering the items you purchased in the next few days. Thank you for your awesome support. If there are any problems, please email smacfadyen@brsd.ab.ca.

🐾 Grade 3 Building has begun! (Topics B and C in Science: Building With and Testing A Variety of Materials)

We started our building unit in November and have so far built with clay and wood. Our balancing clay animals are on display in the classroom. Our toolbox project was hammered away with the help of Mrs. Kruchten's class on November 7th. The gingerbread houses will be built in December and once we get some snow to build with, we will be constructing outside.

🐾 War Amps Remembrance Day Service in Grade 3: On November 9th, Bennett and his mom held a Remembrance Day service in grade 3 remembering the soldiers that both died and survived needing help from the War Amps to help them live normal lives after the war. We laid poppies on a wreath and then drafted potential prosthetics for Bennett. At the end, there was a display that is still set up in our classroom with items for the grade 3s to take and enjoy.

🐾 Annual High School Students' Union Turkey Supper – it's that time of year again! This long-standing tradition of this supper proudly continues on Sunday, December 2nd at the Rosalind Hall. Here is the scoop:

- 1) All high school students and one of their parents are asked to work one shift that Sunday.
- 2) This is the major fundraiser for our HSSU. The funds raised help pay for the various spirit-building activities throughout the year (Halloween, Show'n'Shine, etc.).
- 3) If you or your child cannot make your shift, please switch with another family or find a replacement, and ensure that your requested food is sent. We serve approximately 300+ people that day, so all the help and food is very much needed and appreciated.

It is realized that this is a significant commitment for all parents and students, and that this is already a very busy time of year. However, every year, when we see our students contributing and taking part in such a community event, we understand how important this tradition really is to our communities. Please accept my sincere thanks for supporting the HSSU ~ Mrs. Kruchten.



****NOTE** - Those High School students who had romaine lettuce on their slip to bring that night, please contact Mrs. Kruchten at the school.**

🐾 Congratulations to our Bowling Wildcats! Great work to Dakota Ekelund (Grade 10) and Taryn Beattie (Grade 11) who have done some amazing bowling lately! Taryn won Provincial Gold in 5 pin bowling and Dakota's team earned a Provincial Silver! Way to go!

🐾 Learning Commons (a.k.a. the Library) News!
A big thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year!!!



Congratulations you helped raise \$3,115.48 worth of new books and resources for our school library. We could not have done it without your support.

Also, here are some other things that have happened:

- The Grade 1, 4 and ECS had fun reading with flashlights. The ECS were great at spotting the letter "K". Thank you for sending in flashlights for us to use! Hopefully we can do more reading by flashlight in the future.
- The Grade 3 and 4 participated in the Camrose Kodiaks Read to Succeed program. Each student set a reading goal and have kept track of the books they have read over the past month. Each student will get into the Kodiaks game for FREE on Saturday, December 1st. @ 7:00 pm. Students have the chance to win many great prizes and every participant will be rewarded with a new book! Thank you to the Camrose Kodiaks for this great program!
- ECS, Grade 1 and Grade 2 have been paired up with the Junior High students for Reading Buddies. Once a month the Junior High students read a book they have chosen to their buddies. The Grade 2 class is able to read from their readers to their Junior High buddies as well.
- Our Grade 6, 7 & 8 have just started participating in the Rocky Mountain Book Awards program. We will be reading a number of selected Canadian books over the next few months and they will rate and do a review on each. In March they will vote on their favorites. Our school will be entered for a chance to win the complete set of the 2019 and 2020 titles and a chance to win a free author visit.
- We have a new library news board which will display quotes, inspirational and motivational sayings, information and challenges for the students to participate in.
- Students have been finding "Super Reader" cards secretly hidden within books throughout the library. When a student finds a "Super Reader" card in their book they bring it to the Learning Commons to choose a small prize.
- Grade 4 & 6 have been participating in the "Bookmark challenge". Each week they can get a hole punched in

their bookmark for each book they read during the week. Once they have read all 20 books they earn a treat.

- In ECS and Grade 1 we have been learning about other books besides storybooks called Reference Books...books that we can learn about things. We read a book about pumpkins and did an experiment. Afterwards we tasted roasted pumpkin seeds.
- The Christmas books are now on display and we are looking forward to reading many of them. Students will be searching for our “Elf on the LIBRARY Shelf” soon.
- Please feel free to stop in and check out our Learning Commons.

🐾 Halloween was done up spooky-great! Kudos to

all students (and parents) who put together some amazing costumes! The Elementary had their costume parade at 2:00 in the gym and the JH/HS had their parade at 12:05. Here are the winners for the JH/HS costume competition:

Scariest: Shalane Munro & Kori Sheets

Best Group/Duo: Kyla Nemeth & Cale Yurkoski

Funniest: Cory Sereda

Most Original: Everly Sroka & Christopher Pohorelic

Most Creative: Ethan Hegholz

Best Overall: Shelby Hafso



🐾 Travel Club ~ The Travel Club will be doing two fundraisers simultaneously:



and



From November 1st to November 26th students will be selling Purdy's Chocolate from the Christmas Campaign.

From November 5th to November 30th students will be selling VIP Meats. If you would like to order from either or both of these fundraisers, please contact one of the students going on the trip or you can contact Mr. Munro (BMunro@brsd.ab.ca) or Christee Langkamp (Christee7@gmail.com) for an order form.

The Travel Club thanks you in advance for your support.

School Council & BEST News

🐾 BEST ~ Fundraising this year has had a fantastic start! Fundscrip has raised over \$1900 so far. Thank you for your support! Watch for the holiday order Fundscrip order forms to come out soon!

We will also be running a spring flower basket order over the Christmas holidays. Preorder supertunia, geranium, and tomato baskets through Wipf Greenhouse for delivery in May.

Athletic News

🐾 High School Girls Volleyball ~ The Bawlf Wildcats Senior Girls Volleyball team is once again Provincial bound! This year, they are off to Bassano to compete at the 1A Provincial Championships! We will be representing the Central Zone wildcard birth. They left yesterday after our school held a pep rally to cheer them off with all our good cheers and vibes!

We hosted the Zone playoffs this past weekend and the girls placed second in their pool, losing to CACHS. They then defeated both Forestburg and Bashaw to make it to the final where they once again faced CACHS, but lost to them in the third set.

Watch live action of our High School Girls in Bassano at Provincials today, tomorrow and Saturday! Check it out at www.asaa.ca, click on Provincial Championships, then Volleyball, then 1A Girls. Follow and cheer them on!

🐾 Junior High School Girls Volleyball ~ Our Junior High Girls Volleyball season finished up this past week. The girls competed hard all season, and capped it off with a huge win in the Regional Final over Daysland in a very close second set 27-25. Congratulations, girls! We will be sad to have our grade 9 girls (Emily, Grayce, Hope, and Lena) move on and we wish them all the best in their future volleyball adventures. We now look forward to next year and would like to congratulate Ashley, Bryn, Claire, Edyn, Rya, Shaye, and Taryn in grade 8 and Madison and Makenzie in grade 7 on a really great year. It was a pleasure to work with this great group of kids and see them grow in their skills and team play throughout the year. A big thank you to all our supporters and caregivers for all of their support and to Mr. Munro for organizing our season and tournaments. Also, a big thank you for our coaches, Mrs. Gjesdal and Mr. Chanasyk for all the time and effort coaching and helping the girls become the best they could be!

🐾 Grade 5 & 6 Minislammers' final tournament by Mrs. Barber ~ Congratulations to all of the teams participating in the Year-end Mini-slammers Volleyball Tournament that was held on Thursday, November 8th, in Bawlf. There were 14 teams present, representing schools from Forestburg, Daysland, Viking, Sedgewick, Killam, and Bawlf, with each team having 4 games. Thank you to everyone who assisted in any part to the success of this tournament. Many positive comments were received from coaches and parents alike.

On behalf of the staff at Bawlf School, we would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered time to work at our concession last week, and all of the parents who donated items. It was a great time and we would like to thank Mrs. Steil, Mrs. Stang and their crew of fantastic volunteers who provided the hot lunch and ran the concession for the day. All proceeds are going towards offsetting expenses for the grades 5 and 6 classes to attend Ranch Camp this spring. It was truly amazing and we really appreciate your contribution.

We would like to thank the staff for their patience while the tournament engulfed our school, as well as the junior and senior high school students who volunteered to referee and keep score. Lastly, we would like to thank all of the students from our school for their participation and great sportsmanship. It was great to see such enthusiasm and effort. Great job!

Up next: Basketball season!!



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our website!
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