

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events!

Jan 24	Wok Box hot lunch
Jan 24	Social 30 Part B Diploma
Jan 24	English 20 final exam
Jan 24	Math 10C midterm exam
Jan 27	Social 10 midterm exam
Jan 27-29	HS Ski trip
Jan 27-30	Literacy Week ~ Learning Commons
Jan 27	Author visit @ 1:00 p.m.
Jan 27	Literacy Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Jan 27	Minidunkers host Daysland
Jan 27	JH Basketball hosts Charlie Killam
Jan 27-29	Lego Projects – K-3
Jan 28	Grade 4 – Teacher’s Pet Catapult
Jan 30	Science 30 Diploma
Jan 30	East Side Marios hot lunch
Jan 31	Semester break – school closed
Feb 3	Second semester begins
Feb 3	JH/HS Report cards
Feb 3	Mad Platter hot lunch
Feb 3	Minidunkers @ Forestburg
Feb 4	Drug Session & School Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Feb 4	HS Boys basketball @ Cornerstone
Feb 5	Ham & Egger lunch
Feb 6	Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50 p.m.
Feb 6	HS Basketball @ Bashaw
Feb 7	Papa John’s hot lunch
Feb 7	Farm Safety presentations – K-6
Feb 10	Minidunkers host Killam
Feb 11	Extreme Pita hot lunch
Feb 11	HS Basketball hosts Daysland
Feb 12	JH Ski trip to Red Deer
Feb 13 & 14	Teachers Convention – school closed
Feb 17	Family Day – school closed
Feb 18	HS Basketball @ Hay Lakes
Feb 19	Homemade hot lunch (Taco in a Bag)

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Notes From Administration – Mr. Gau

Once again, January has been a busy month as our high school students have been finishing up first semester course work and began writing their final exams. Even through the cold temperatures and bus cancellations, a number of our students managed to make it into school to receive extra help from their teachers and prepare for their final exams. Thank you to all that made that effort and good luck to all students in your upcoming exams. In addition, as we transition into the second semester, I would like to thank both of our administrative assistants for helping prepare the new courses, timetables, report cards, and for making sure this transition goes smoothly. Your hard-work is truly appreciated.

January and February tend to be months of extreme temperature change and it is important that students dress for these conditions. Please check with your children to make sure they have all the necessary attire for all school activities, including skating, field trips, athletics, etc. 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 field trips 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 on these trips.

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. Thanks again for all the parents that have also helped at our home tournaments and for the support of running our concessions.

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 homepage (half way down, on the left) and using the random access code that was mailed out to you. In addition, students in these grades 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 all 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.

School News

🐾 **Congratulations, Jenna! Our 2019 valedictorian, Jenna Tennant, was recently awarded the prestigious W.M. MacDonald scholarship.** Two scholarships are awarded in the fall of each year for students who are entering a full time post-secondary program. Students must be a graduate of Bawlf, Bashaw, Daysland, or New Norway or CCHS and reside in County Of Camrose. Her exceptional academic, leadership, and citizenship skills awarded her the academic scholarship this year. She is attending the University of Saskatchewan taking a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. Jenna, we are very proud of you!

🐾 **More Building in Grade 3** ~ The grade 3's built wooden tool boxes this month thanks to Lane's dad, Bryan Bjorge, who both donated and cut the materials for this Science project. We also built (BRIDGES) with plastic this month when Lego Expert:Create and Learn came to school to do in class field trips with K-3 grades.

🐾 **Literacy Week Next Week!** It will be a busy and amazing week next week in our Learning Commons! It kick starts off on Monday, with "Literacy Day" when author Sigmund Brouwer will be at our school doing a presentation starting at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. That evening, "Literacy Night" occurs when our special guests will be the Camrose Kodiaks! The next few days will see some "Book Testing" and a "book" mini golf course! Check out the details in the attachments! It's going to be fantastic!



🐾 **Camrose Bull Congress** ~ The grades 3, 3/4, and 4 were bused to the Bull Congress on Wednesday, January 22nd to learn about who and what is involved in our Agriculture Industry in the Camrose area. Each year the students receive a free lunch, goodie bags, and an abundance of knowledge from veterinarians, fire fighters, Power Line Safety Specialists, UFA tagging / animal identification experts, auctioneering and many more valuable lessons and information. This is always a very interesting and fun day for our students. Check out the pictures on our school Twitter account (@BawlfSchool)!

🐾 **Math Help!** ~ Mr. Munro and Mr. Chanasyk are offering some math help afterschool on Tuesdays until 4:30. It is open to anyone in junior high or high school, but students need to be willing and focused. Meet in Mr. Munro's room!

🐾 **YEARBOOKS!** Get your yearbook! Once again, we have a limited quantity so order yours right away! Last year, we ran out and there was families that didn't get one, so order early to avoid disappointment. Our yearbook is for all students, K-12. The cost is \$30, cheques are payable to Bawlf School. Delivery of the yearbooks are in the fall, near the beginning of October. Send in your orders and direct them to the Office.

🐾 **Travel Club** ~ Members of the school travel club who will be travelling to Greece and Italy in April of 2021 will be holding 2 fundraisers, Little Cesar's Pizza Kits and VIP Meats. The fundraisers will run from February 11th to March 13th with a tentative delivery date of March 17th (will be confirmed closer to the date). If you would like to order from either of these please reach out to a travel club member during that time or you can email Mr. Munro or Christee Langkamp (christee7@gmail.com) to request a form.

🐾 **High School Students' Union** ~ Random Acts of Kindness Week will run from Monday, February 10th to the 12th. That is a short week so your acts of kindness should be extra special! You will reveal your identity on Wednesday, February 12th when you make a favourite lunch to your special person!



🐾 **Green Certificate** ~ Mr. Clayton Roe is the new Off-Campus Coordinator for BRSD. He will be coordinating the parent-student meetings this fall for new trainees of the Green Certificate program as well.

Here are the testing dates for those enrolled:

February 25, 26, 27

May 27, 28, 29

Permission forms will be sent home closer to those dates.

🐾 **International student host families wanted!** Create family and cultural memories, experiences and opportunities for your children to be involved in exchanges and travel to other countries.

Host family costs are offset by monthly honorariums. A great cultural experience for your family. For more information, contact Shara Lynn Weller at jsweller@telus.net or call/text 780 608 8430 or contact homestay@gpicanada.com.

🐾 Young Writers Group ~ The Bawlf Young Writers Group will be meeting Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. after school in the main commons area. All are welcome. Our group works on various activities to deepen our love of writing. We read inspiring literature and discuss topics which allow the students to share and learn from each other.

Before Christmas, we were studying the beauty of language and the art of communication. To kick off this week I asked the students to draw their favorite emoji. I had them write what they felt it means and had them pass it to their left / that person wrote what they thought it meant and so on around the circle. The students were surprised by how different each other's responses were. It was an exercise to deepen their understanding of language and how this new style of communication (emoji and text/messaging) can leave a lot of room for misinterpretations. We had a fun discussion about this and that whether they have something to communicate in school, work, family, or friends, how it is important to use the clearest form of communication by actually speaking in person whenever possible. Encouraging human connection, and when not an option – letting their written words be precise and intentional.

We also worked on name poems. They all turned out beautifully. Attached are a couple of submissions the students wished to share.

If your child is interested in joining us contact Jaclyn 780-608-9786.

School Council

Council's upcoming meeting dates: Feb 4/2020 (tentative) Presentation will go forward regardless. March 10/2020, May 12/2020 and the AGM on June 9/2020. Attached to the newsletter is a poster detailing three upcoming parent sessions that we will be offering. February 4 is a presentation on Drugs and Alcohol (this for parents and staff), February 25 we are offering the Kids Have Stress presentation (this is geared towards ECS-Grade 6 age children) and on March 10 we are offering a Teens Stress presentation. Although it is not mandatory to RSVP we are asking that parents please try to do so in order to let the presenters know how many people will be there. If you are able to come please email bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com or text 780-678-7165.

Hot Lunch Program

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that have come in to sort, distribute and make our lunches as well as those families that have offered to donate to our homemade lunches. Without this support we would not be able to offer this program the staff, students and council are very grateful for the continued support. If you would like to volunteer to come in and help with making the home made lunches in February March and April please email bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Also if you would interested in donating food items towards these lunches please email us for a list of what we will need.

We would like to thank the Battle River Community Foundation for their generous grant that we received to go towards our Grab & Go Breakfast program ~ we truly appreciate the support for our students!

BEST

Wipf's Greenhouse fundraiser is on now! Paper order forms will go home with students this week. To place an order online and e-transfer payment straight to BEST go to: <https://form.jotform.com/200175537615251>

New this year, is the option to buy a \$40 gift certificate. Those will be available in early May, just in time for Mother's Day.

Funds raised by BEST provide educational opportunities for students - field trips, presentations, and bussing to events. Thank you for supporting BEST Fundraisers throughout the year!



Athletic News



🐾 Junior High Boys Basketball ~ The boys have found success and challenges during the early part of the season. They have come out with three great performances at tournaments with a third place finish in Ryley, second place finish at our home tournament and a first place finish in Hay Lakes. We are looking for that same success when it comes to the regular season as we head into the final few games and towards the playoffs. All the boys have developed nicely over the season, from becoming more confident in their shooting to their suffocating press defense. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season has to offer and to the opportunities that will present themselves in both regular season games and upcoming tournaments.

🐾 Junior High Girls Basketball ~ The cold weather has not been cooperating with us as we have struggled to get some practices in since returning from the break. However, the Junior Girls have still had continued success as a team. They took part in two league games against CCHS and OLMP and came out with wins for both. They also took part in the Hay Lakes Doug Lyseng Classic Tournament January 11th and defeated Daysland in the final. Way to go, Wildcats!

🐾 Minidunkers (Gr 5 & 6) ~ We are hosting a game vs Daysland on Monday, January 27th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. ~ come cheer us on!!!

Community News

🐾The David Knipe Memorial Library is looking for a volunteer board member. If you are interested contact Fern Reinke or Betty Crow at 780-373-3882 or email bawflibrary@prl.ab.ca. Come check out the library to see all the services we have to offer.

Check us out on our website!

<https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

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