

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
Achieving Excellence

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Upcoming Events!

Feb 20	HS B & G basketball hosts Daysland
Feb 21 & 22	HS Boys basketball @ Ponoka tourney
Feb 21 & 22	HS Girls basketball @ Stettler tourney
Feb 24	Minidunkers host Viking
Feb 24	Subway hot lunch
Feb 25	100 th day of school
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27	East Side Marios hot lunch
Feb 27	“Hats on Thursday” – pay \$1 to wear your day all day – donation to Crohns and Colitis
Feb 28	Staff Collaboration Day – school closed
Feb 28 & 29	Hosting BRSD JH Girls Basketball finals
Feb 28 & 29	HS Boys & Girls basketball @ Hay Lakes tourney
March 3	Grade 12’s to Citadel Theatre
March 4	Homemade hot lunch (Pulled pork)
March 5	Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50
March 5	Multiples Day (twins, triplets, quads, create your own multiples group)
March 6	Staff Collaboration Day – school closed
March 6	Grade 12 – Cap & Gown pictures
March 9	Minidunkers @ Sedgewick
March 10	Papa Johns hot lunch
March 10	BEST/Parent Council meeting
March 16	Elementary report cards
March 19	Minidunker tournament in Viking

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Notes From Administration – Mr. Chanasyk

Happy February! We are fully into second semester and planning for next year has begun. If you know of families who are interested in ECS (fifth birthday falls before December 31st, 2020), please let them know that ECS registration is open. Check out our website for info.

A big welcome to Jinui Kwon who joins our grade 9 class from South Korea! He will be with us until June and a big thank you to our grade 9’s who have helped Jinui make Bawlf home for the next couple of months.

Bawlf School’s Literacy Week had an amazing variety of activities, including a special visit from Alberta author Sigmund Brouwer. Mrs. Kroetsch planned an amazing week! Many families joined us for Literacy Night and the Camrose Kodiaks came out to help. We would like to thank them and all who attended to make the night a success! Thank you to Mrs. Kroetsch, Mrs. Schacher, Mrs. Borman and all the volunteers for putting everything together!

It is still cold outside, so please ensure students are dressed for the weather!

We had Lego workshops for ECS to Grade 3, a Catapult workshop for our Grade 4’s, Farm Safety for ECS to Grade 6, JH high and HS ski trips, and all five basketball teams are winding down with playoffs coming. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and coaches for organizing and making these events happen. And thank you to all the hot lunch volunteers, it is greatly appreciated!

Bring a donation and you can wear a hat for “Hats on for Crohn’s and Colitis” the next two Thursdays (February 20th and February 27th).

Congratulations goes to many of our Wildcats for their outside of school accomplishments - see Community News for more info.

A big thank you to the Bawlf Recreation Association for their support! See the article later on for details.

Report cards were handed out for our junior high and senior high students earlier this month and we thank teachers for the time that they have spent on them to provide feedback on student’s strengths and things students can work on. If you have questions about how your student(s) is/are doing, please ask their teachers. Elementary report cards will be coming out March 16th.

Senior high students have access to myPass and myBlueprint to keep track of their courses and grades and to help prepare them for life after high school. myPass is run by Alberta Education and has the official credit count and has a checklist students can

look at to see how they are progressing towards graduation. Students should go into myPass after Semester 1 to see that their courses are in there and to see their credit count. Junior high and senior high students also have access to myBlueprint. Grade 7-10 students have been working on post-secondary possibilities using this site, so please talk to your student about how they have been using this site!

School News

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS:

As you know, our schools are important community gathering places. As a result, businesses and individuals may try to take advantage of our spaces to distribute promotional materials of various kinds at schools or school events. In some cases, permission is sought and obtained prior to the distribution, in other cases, the promotional materials are not authorized.

We are writing to advise you that our School Division and Schools do not, and indeed cannot, endorse products or services which may be advertised at our facilities. Our Board, administration, teachers and all staff must be focused on meeting the educational and related needs of our students and community. We cannot, and do not investigate the merits and quality of any service or product offered that may have been promoted at a school or event.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENTS!
Please ensure your child has inside shoes to wear. Too many students are wearing their outside boots/shoes inside the school OR are going sock-feet all day. This is a huge safety concern as students could step on something or stub toes and Gym participation is affected. Also, wearing outside footwear inside the school means leaving a mess as well as slippery conditions.

Literacy Night ~ We had many families join us to celebrate reading during our Family Literacy Night on January 27th. A huge "Thank you" goes out to the Schacher family for all their contributions to the meal, decorations, activities and prizes. Thank you to Mr. Gau for barbecuing the hot dogs and to the Young Writers Group and Mrs. Kelland for all their assistance with setting up and the clean up after the event. Thanks to Mrs.

Kroetsch for lending us many games and activities from the library. Many thanks to the Camrose Kodiaks for coming out to read and do activities with our families, and for donating so many awesome prizes! Our kids had a blast hanging out with such great role models! Thank you to all the families who attended. It was a fun and exciting evening!

Legion Winners ~ Congratulations to our Wildcats that achieved success at the Legion Branch:

Shaye Flemming	2 nd , Intermediate Essay
Griffin Van Petten	Honourable Mention, Intermediate Essay
Brook Schacher	2 nd , Intermediate Poem
Rayna Hafso	2 nd , Junior Colour Poster

Kindergarten Registration for Bawlf School – We are now accepting registration forms for ECS for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age on or before December 31, 2020. 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. Orientation day for new ECS students will be held prior to the end of the school year.

We are also accepting registrations for any students that will be new to Bawlf School for the 2020-2021 school year, grades one to twelve.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Bawlf School office or found on the Bawlf School website. Birth certificates are required as part of the registration package, as well as legal land description and your 9-1-1 address. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Bawlf School at (780)373-3784.

YEARBOOKS! Order your yearbook! We are already 25% sold! We have a limited quantity so order yours right away! Last year, we ran out and there were 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 is in the fall, near the beginning of October. Send in your orders and direct them to the Office. Your name is will not be on the list until payment is received.

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 Caesar'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.

🐾 **Thank you, Bawlf Recreation Association for the donation of 2 ping pong tables for our students!** The new tables arrived from Sportfactor on February 5th ~ thank you to the handful of high school students who helped bring them in and put them together! Our students are loving them and competition is heating up in HS PE! Thank you, Bawlf Rec! Your ongoing dedication to our school is so very appreciated!



🐾 **Green Certificate** ~ Mr. Clayton Roe is the Off-Campus Coordinator for BRSD.

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.

🐾 **School Fees** – Second semester school fees have now been added to JH & HS student accounts. These fees are for JH Complex fees (the Comp) and for HS option classes. Remember, you can pay online or pay via cheque (Bawlf School). Invoices were sent home with students on Wednesday.

🐾 **Grade 12's heading to the Citadel** ~ Tuesday, March 3rd, the Grade 12 class will be heading to Edmonton to see the performance "As You Like It" at the Citadel theatre. Thank you to BEST for making this field trip happen! We cannot wait!

From the Learning Commons

We had a very busy **Literacy Week** in the Learning Commons:

- Grades ECS - 9 enjoyed author Sigmund Brouwer's Rock 'n Roll Presentation in the Gym. Mr. Brouwer had everyone up dancing and singing along while he relayed his message about fostering excitement for writing in students.
- Grade 6 did a wonderful job of transforming the Learning Commons into a restaurant with their "Book Tasting". Students had fun choosing from the menu and "tasting" a variety of fun books.
- A 9 hole "Book" Mini Golf Course was set up in the Learning Commons for students to test their luck at putting and trying for a hole-in-one.
- Library classes had fun making letter bracelets, lego letters, coloring bookmarks, playing literacy games, a book scavenger hunt, figuring out who was who in the Guessing Game - Guess the Teacher's Favorite Childhood Book as well as entering to win prize draws.

Last week for "**Random Acts of Kindness**" we read stories about being KIND and made a "Kindness Tree" filled with heart shapes labelled with ideas of ways we can be kind to one another.

Library Classes are participating in the **Scholastic "Classroom Care - For the Love of Reading 2020" Program**. We're reading 100 books to help kids in need across Canada. Scholastic will be donating up to 200,000 books to kids across the country!

During Spring Break in March Grades ECS - 3/4 will be able to participate in the **Usborne Read-A-Thon** if they choose. A representative from Usborne Books will be at the school the morning of March 13th to do a presentation and hand out forms to classrooms.

School Council

Council's upcoming meeting dates: May 12th @ 6:30 p.m. and our AGM June 9th @ 6:30 p.m. We will not be having a meeting in March as we are having a parent session in its place.

[INTERESTED IN JOINING YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL???](#)

[We will be electing a Vice Chair as well as 4 Non-Official Parent Reps at our AGM this year. If you would like more information on these roles please email us \[bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com\]\(mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com\).](#)

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Drug Presentation that took place earlier this month. It was an entertaining and informative evening.

Attached to the newsletter is a poster detailing two upcoming parent sessions that we will be offering. February 25th we are offering the Kids Have Stress presentation (this is geared towards ECS-Grade 6 age children) and on March 10th 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 help with the lunches (Trudi Duheme, Tara Wenstob, Cheslea Bergstrom, Tanya Bergquist, Alison Stang, Leanne Nelson, Crystal Kelland, Tanya Welch, Miriam Rookmaker) as well as those families that have donated to our Taco in a Bag Lunch. Thank you to Wild Rose Food Services for your generous donation to this lunch. 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 March and April please email bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Also if you are interested in donating food items towards these lunches please email us for a list of what we will need.

By popular demand we will also be offering two more Booster Juice dates this year, stay tuned for those days.

It's been a great year with our Grab and Go Breakfast program. A big THANK YOU to all the staff that help with our bagel days and to the parents who come and help. It is greatly appreciated. We will be enjoying some fruit, yogurt parfaits, waffles, bagels, breakfast wraps, cereal & muffins in the upcoming months. If you have any suggestions on items you would like served for the kids or added to our GRAB & GO baskets, please don't hesitate to email: tjsereda@hotmail.com. Thanks!

BEST

BEST is Grateful for All the Support!

Thank you to the following people for contributions to the Ham & Egger Lunch in February!

These lunches continue to be a successful fundraiser for BEST due to the wonderful support we get from families:

Donations from: Lisa Gallon, Linda Pederson, Gail Flemming, Shannon Barber, Sandra Borman, Alison Stang, Julie Huseby, Colleen MacDonald, Everly Larson, Joanne Raynard and Chelsea Bergstrom.

Volunteers who helped prepare: Kait Davies, Alison Stang, Juliana Morris, Crystal Kelland and Dana Read.

Thank you so much for your donations and time!

If you would like to be contacted to donate or volunteer for the next ham and egger lunch, please contact:

Miriam Rookmaker (780) 781-2147

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🐾 High School Boys Basketball ~ The HS boys have been playing a lot of basketball recently. We have had some strong games against good teams. At the tournament in New Norway we struggled in the first game due to numbers. The second game saw us win a nail-biter against Sedgewick, winning by 1 on a freethrow with 2 seconds left on the clock. We ended up winning the Consolation. The season is coming to a close with two important games and two final tournaments. We hope that through consistent play, we can make it to Zone qualifiers this year.

🐾 Junior High Boys Basketball ~ The season for the Bawlf Junior High Wildcats Boys came to an end on Monday, February 10th with a playoff loss to the Charlie Killam Cougars. Despite the early exit from the playoffs, the coaching staff feel this was a remarkably great season for the players. From placing in the top three in every tournament we entered to the personal growth shown by each athlete. From watching Tyler Nikiforuk embrace a leadership role, enjoying Griffin's positive attitude and his dedication to the game no matter the score, to Brock showing us that it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog. Having a positive athlete like Michael on the team who could always be found trying to better himself to the infectious smile and tenaciousness of Ethan to having a glue guy like Cory who was especially important this year as he helped bring along the younger players while providing a reliable shoulder for the older players to lean on. Seeing newcomers to the team like Erick, Dom and Nathan adapting to the offence we were running and watching second year players like Scott, Ben and Austin bring their games to new levels showed us that the program is in good hands as we watch the grade 9's move to high school. There were a lot of ups and downs this season but we wouldn't have traded the experiences with these young men for anything. ~ Sharon Banack and Lucas Banack

🐾 Junior High Girls Basketball ~ The girls have been battling hard and have remained focused and undefeated all season. They recently took part in the Charlie Killam tournament on February 7th and 8th where they finished first against OLMP. The girls are working hard in practice and patiently awaiting Regionals where they have their eye on gold. Mrs. Lyons and I are so proud of all of our players this year as we have witnessed tremendous improvement since the start of the season. Bawlf School has the privilege of hosting Regionals on the girls side this year which takes place on February 28th and 29th. I hope to see you there! Go, Wildcats!

🐾 Minidunkers (Gr 5 & 6) ~ The Minidunkers have had a great start to the season. We spend all of our time working on basic skills and that is beginning to show in our recent games again Killam. We have two more games left followed by a tournament on March 19th at Viking.

Community News

🐾 **Alberta Winter Games** – Big Wildcat high fives to the following students who participated in the Alberta Winter Games last weekend in Airdrie/Canmore: **Kobie Larson** and **Levi Severson** (Biathlon) and **Justin Pederson, Taryn Watson** and **Edyn Van Brabant** (Volleyball) – all represented Zone 4. We are VERY proud of you all! The memories and friends made at these Games will last a lifetime!

🐾 **Encounters with Canada ~ Grayce Flemming** and **Samuel Schiele**, both Grade 10 students, spent February 8-15th in Ottawa. They were housed in the Terry Fox Youth Centre and spent time touring around the City where they saw the House of Commons, War Memorials, and the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, just to name a few sites. They also attended an Ottawa Senators NHL game. There were representatives from most Canadian provinces in attendance, with the largest group from Alberta and British Columbia. They met a lot of new people and created friendships that they will cherish for many years to come!

🐾 **Congratulations, Bryn!** Bryn Weinkauf, Grade 9, travelled to Newfoundland February 5-9th to participate in the Bantam Girls Global Hockey game! She was 1 of 2 girls that went that represented Alberta! She reported that it was a terrific experience and thoroughly enjoyed the hockey game as well as the touring they did in Newfoundland. Way to go, Bryn!

🐾 **Rosalind Soccer** ~ Upcoming 6-week season, every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ Rosalind Sports Grounds, starting May 6th (weather permitting). For kids aged 4-12 years. Cost is \$25/child, cheques payable to Rosalind Rec Association. Please text/call 780-678-5739 for more information.

🐾 **Bawlf Fundraiser Concert** ~ Presented at the Bawlf Community Centre. Canadian Folk music with Celtic, Bluegrass and Country – a concert with Saskia and Darrel: The Great Plains. Saturday, March 7th @ 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the Bawlf Country Store or call Kathleen @ 780-373-2250 or John @ 780-608-5747.

🐾 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.

🐾 **FREE! FREE! FREE!** ~ Daysland Public Library is welcoming Red Deer College who will be bringing some science based programs to our library! Coming February 29th, they will be putting on 2 programs for us: **AI Machine Learning** (Gr 3-5) @ 10am -11:30am: Students will play a game of Pictionary to demonstrate how computers use

algorithms to develop better search engines, then explore programs like google QuickDraw and have fun learning about artificial intelligence and its uses in the real world

Sphero Mini Golf (Gr K-2) @ 1pm-2:30pm: This activity will teach young children how robots work by following a program. They will learn the basics of programming through making a course for a programmed Sphero to navigate based on their commands

Children 8 and under must have an adult with them. Please register at Library (780-781-0005). This is a free program!

🐾 **At About Time Productions**, we believe that every child has the potential to be a star! Through our classes in dance, drama, musical theatre, our musical theatre summer program, our workshops, and our musical production programs, we help each individual student reach personal development goals, gain confidence, and discover their passion in a safe and non-competitive environment. This year, our musical production program is putting on the campy, B-movie classic, Little Shop of Horrors. About Time Productions is so excited to bring this amazing musical back to Camrose. Not only do our young performers get the opportunity to sing, dance, and act, but they also get to become learn a new genre of musical! Our Production of Little Shop is appropriate for audiences aged 7 and up, and is an hour and a half in length, with a 20 min intermission! We will be offering a FREE relaxed performance on March 4th at 2:00pm for any school and organizations that want to offer a live theatre experience to their special education students and clients. Our relaxed performance will include dimmer lighting, no alarming sounds, a comfortable environment where people are welcome to come and go as much as they like. This is not only a great show for people with a variety of different abilities, but it is also welcome to older community members, members of the community who have new little ones, and anyone who would like to attend a performance with sensory awareness. This FREE performance has been granted due to the sponsorship of the City of Camrose. Donations to ATP's bursary and scholarship program are welcome and appreciated at the door. If you would like to come to either event, please do not hesitate to send an email to info@abouttimeproductions.ca or give us a call at 780-800-0869. Thank you for your time and hope to see you at the show! Sam Yanosik, ATP President

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