

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events!

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| Sept 30 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Oct 1 | Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal @ 1:40-1:52 |
| Oct 2 | Professional Development – No School |
| Oct 12 | Thanksgiving Day – No School |
| Oct 20 | Parent Council AGM @ 6:00 p.m. |

Next Bulletin: October 22nd



Notes From Administration – Mr. Dimond

Hello Wildcat families!

This time of year is a busy time for all. We're seeing the combines running and harvest in full swing, here at the school we are busy as well. With a return to near normal, we have had to make some changes but we have not let that get in our way of delivering a high quality education to our students.

Our students have adapted well to the classroom environment and have done an amazing job of keeping each other safe with mask wearing where appropriate and keeping great hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. The cohort groupings and separated breaks have been something that we anticipated as very different, but our students have done a great job with this as well.

With the cold and flu season just around the corner, we know that students will be affected. The question many parents have is what does that look like in the school setting now.

We have attached the info page from AHS here as well as on our website. In the case of a student displaying symptoms of

COVID-19 within the school, we do minimize the student contact so that we can investigate these further. If a student is displaying these, we will contact home for a parental (emergency contact) pickup. The student will then need to be isolated for 10 days or a negative COVID test and the symptoms subside. If your child has pre-existing conditions that may mimic these symptoms (allergies, asthma, etc.), please request the form from the office so that we can have this on file for these purposes.

The use of the daily self assessment checklist still remains an important tool for our school community and I want to commend all families for doing such a great job with this. In the event that a student does remain home for an extended period of time, the main avenue for our students to keep up on the pace of their school work is the use of the **Google Classroom**. Parents can be added to these as well to be informed of the classwork. Feel free to contact your child's teacher to be added as a guardian in the classroom.

As we move forward, another question that has been asked is the inclusion of athletics within our school. Currently, our Senior Girls and Boys volleyball teams have been working in their cohort groups and are developing their skills in these groupings. At this time, inter school competition is not allowed in Battle River School Division so our teams are honing their skills in intersquad games and through practice play. Our Junior High teams will be meeting this week and we will be introducing this developmental cohort for them as well based upon interest.

It has been a busy time for all of us and the resilience shown by our school community has been very gratifying. I entered into this work this summer with a great deal of excitement around the great work of this school and the community and I have not been disappointed. This year has been a great start and I look forward to continuing this throughout the year. Commendations to the students, staff and community for such an impressive start. Wildcats truly are for **REAL**.

School News

🐾 **Secondary Academic & Athletic Awards from 2019-2020** ~ These are still being discussed – please stay posted!

🐾 **YEARBOOKS!** They have arrived and look absolutely amazing!! Kudos to the yearbook crew as they produced a stunning job of capturing the 2019-2020 year, both at school and at home! The company did send a few extra so we do have a couple for sale if you missed out or would like an extra copy! Call the office!

🐾 **Staff Meeting/Early dismissal times:** Next Thursday, October 1st, is the first staff meeting of the school year. For parents picking up students and town kids, release time will be 1:40, with the next bell at 1:42 for the start of the busses, ending at 1:52.

🐾 **Orange Shirt Day ~ Wednesday, September 30th** - Orange Shirt Day is an event, created in 2013, designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the Indian residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century—an impact that continues today. It is held annually on September 30 in Canadian communities, especially in schools with students and staff, where people are encouraged to wear an orange shirt.



From the Learning Commons

It is so wonderful to have our students back in school...we missed them! :)
We are looking forward to a great year ahead in the Learning Commons.

Library classes will look a bit different this year and this may change throughout the school year but for now there are guidelines for safely handling materials that will need to be followed. There will be no library classes held in the Learning Commons at this time. Unfortunately, students are not able to come to the Learning Commons and browse for a book to check out. Library classes will be held in the homeroom classes once every other week. Students are able to take their books home and keep them for 2 weeks and then return them to a bin that will be quarantined for 72 hours before they will be put back on the shelves.

Grades ECS - 3: I will be going to their classrooms during their scheduled library class with a mobile library and following regulations to safely allow them to check out library books. Library classes are scheduled for:

Week 1:
(Starting Sept. 14th)

ECS - Thursday
Gr. 1 - Wednesday
Gr. 2 - Tuesday
Gr. 6 - Monday
Gr. 7 - Tuesday

Week 2:
(Starting Sept. 21st.)

Gr. ½ - Wednesday
Gr. 3 - Monday
Gr. 4 - Thursday
Gr. 5 - Tuesday
Gr. 8 - Tuesday
Gr. 9 - Monday

Grades 4 - 9: These grades are able to access our Insignia Library Program and can request books through this system by signing on to their chrome books and going to:

<https://brsd.insigniaails.com>

- Go to the login key in the top right hand corner of the screen and sign in using their login and password.
- Once they are logged in their name should appear where the login key was.
- Choose “Bawlf” School from the drop down menu.
- Search by - Keywords (ie. Hockey or Dogs)/Title/Author/Series/etc. Or you may search by “Recently Viewed” or “Most Circulated”.
- Once you click on a book it should let you know if the book is “IN” (1-of-1 available at Bawlf School) which means that it is available to be reserved or they may add it to their favorites list to reserve in the future.
- They can reserve a book by simply clicking on the “Reserve” button.
- A message is then sent to the Library and it will be processed and delivered to the classroom labelled with their name.

*Students should also be able to request books from home or on any device using the Insignia System.

At-Home-Learning Students may also access the Insignia System to request books and pick them up here at the school drop off and return site which is the yellow bin just outside the school front doors.

Please let me know if you need any help with logging in to the Insignia System at home or if you have any questions or concerns regarding receiving books from our School Learning Commons.

Happy Fall Season! Take Care!

Mrs. Kroetsch
Learning Commons Facilitator



School Council

Parents and Guardians~

On behalf of the School Council I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child(ren) to the Bawlf School Community and to our council. The Bawlf School Council (formerly known as Parent Council) is a collective association of parents, teachers, secondary students, principal, vice principal, and staff representatives. Our purpose is to advise the principal and the school board on matters relating to the school. Our council works throughout the year with the school and is a means for parents and community members to work together to support and enhance student learning. We also play an active role in providing information to our parents and supporting our students and school. We believe that all members of the school community need to work together to provide the best possible environment for success for our students every day.

Our School Council members typically meet every other month, these meetings are open to all parents/guardians with children in the school. The dates for this school year will be decided at our AGM which will be held on **October 20, 2020**. More information to come regarding the AGM.

If you are interested in becoming a part of council we would love to hear your ideas and have you become involved in whatever capacity you are able. At the AGM we will be looking for nominations for a Vice Chair (2 year term) as well as 4 non-officer parent representatives. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards
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School Council Chair
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BEST

The BEST Foundation held their Annual General Meeting last night. Thank you to all who attended!

BEST Foundation board for 2020/21:

Vice President Everly Larson
Secretary Samara Schmidt
Treasurer Angela Meyer
Director Tara Miller

Unfortunately, the President position is still vacant. Everly Larson has agreed to stay on as Vice President for the year to support the board in transitioning in new members.

If you would like to submit your name for President or a Director role, please contact Everly Larson. 780-679-8885

The BEST Foundation is a non-profit society that fundraises to provide additional educational opportunities for Bawlf School students, opportunities that would otherwise not be available. In past years, this has included guest speakers, field trips, special presentations, all things that we realize are on hold. In the time being, this may provide opportunities to support the school in other important ways: purchasing equipment, working on the school yard or providing technology. We require parent volunteers on our board to ensure the support for students is available and that all grade divisions in our school are represented at our table. This is your time to share your ideas and be part of a great team.

Please consider contributing your time to support the work the BEST Foundation does in our school community.

Community News

🌸 The Rosalind 4H Club is gearing up for what will hopefully be a great and full year of 4H.

We are not just a beef club! 4H offers a huge variety of projects and if there is something your child is interested in that isn't an existing project it might fall under the Creative Options program. Some of the project categories include small animal, leadership, active living, and science and technology. Check out www.4hab.com for a list of project ideas. Our first meeting is going to be October 4th at 4pm at the Rosalind Hall. We meet monthly with a few exceptions and most project work is done independently at home. We will be following all current AHS guidelines during our meetings. If you have any questions please feel free to call Alison at 608-6052.

We also offer the Cleaver Kids program for children age 6-9. This program is an early introduction to 4H and is all about fun and hands on learning. For more info on this program please call Ashley Szott at 780-678-0176 or Stephanie Enright at 780-781-0828.

🐾 Thunderstar Minor Hockey Association and Play Skate 2020-2021. Is your child or children interested in playing hockey or just wants to learn to Skate? If so we would love to have them join our Thunderstars teams or Join Play Skate. Please call or text Darcie Brady @ 780-678-4444 or Mat Ponto @ 780-608-8479 or email thunderstarsmha.registar@gmail.com before October 15th, 2020. *Please see information sheet in attachments*

Check us out on our website!

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

PLUS!

Find us on Twitter!

@BawlfSchool

