

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
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Upcoming Events:

April 28	Booster Juice hot lunch
April 29	Staff Collaboration – school closed
April 30	HS Badminton Zones – Stettler
May 2	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
May 3	East Side Marios hot lunch
May 4	Parent Council meeting @ 6:00
May 5	Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 1:45
May 10	Mad Platter Catering hot lunch
May 11	HS City/County track meet - Camrose
May 12	Viking Cross Country race - Camrose
May 13	Staff Professional Learning – school closed
May 16-18	Ranch Camp – Grades 7 & 8
May 17	Subway hot lunch
May 18	Grade 6 PAT LA Part A
May 18	ECS Orientation
May 18-20	Ranch Camp – Grades 5 & 6
May 18	HS Areas track meet - Camrose
May 19	Rebels Cross Country race - Bashaw
May 23	Victoria Day – school closed
May 24	BEST Ham & Egger lunch
May 25	HS Zones track meet - Camrose
May 26	Panago hot lunch
May 27	Class Farewell
May 27	Staff Collaboration – school closed
May 31	Papa Johns hot lunch
May 31	Lifetouch Class pictures

of course, dates are subject to change

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Notes From Administration ~

Our weather has been back and forth for the last couple of weeks but we are starting to see glimpses of some extended sunshine and some nicer days on the way. Our high school students got to do some Spring skiing in the mountains this past month and we were treated to some great conditions that normally don't hang around this late in the season. A huge thank you to the students on this trip that were great representatives of our Bawlf School in every aspect.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Grades K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews last week. In our High school, we have seen the calendar turn into the 4th quarter and we have begun the end run. Our Junior High students have changed their options that they receive at Ecole Camrose Composite Composite High School and seem pretty receptive to these changes. At any time, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to teachers!

As many programs are now starting up with the change in weather, we would like to again thank BEST and the Bawlf Recreation Board for their continued support of our school in expanding the various activities that we are able to offer our students. Your support has been phenomenal for the growth of our students!

We continue to try and showcase our happenings in our school with our social media on Twitter and Instagram. We have been highlighting everything from our high school ski trip to our visit from Elder Brad Rabbit with our Grade's 4-12. Looking through also will show the great work that has been done within the classes as well.

Our SAVY group has focused on getting some clubs up and running for our students and they have been successful in offering a Games club in our library and our Art club which started up after school on Tuesdays. Our Ranch camp is still a go and we are planned for this to be happening May 16-18 (Grades 7 & 8) and also May 18- 20 (Grades 5 & 6). Village clean up is planned for next week, Thursday!

With the weather giving us some more hours of sunlight, it is important for all of us to remember that a proper sleep is still very important to our overall health!! It is essential!

Our badminton teams did a great job this past season in both the Junior High and the Senior High. In both groups, we had many that went on and a number of medal winners. Congratulations to all of the players and a huge thank you to Mrs. Holm and Mr. Munro for their coaching and great work with our students returning to this sport.

Thank you to all the parents, students, community members and staff who selflessly help promote and build our Wildcat culture. Our students work very hard as do all the stakeholders in their education. We are proud that they choose to be Wildcats and to further the legacy.

We are planning our ECS and High School orientation for our Grade 9s - check out later in the bulletin for information!

We are also planning on sending out surveys to families, students and staff to get some feedback to help us plan for next year. Please check your email for those!

Thanks for all your support! Go Wildcats!

School News

WILDCAT SPIRITWEAR! ~ Interested in Wildcat Spirit Wear? Check out our new online store at <https://bawlfschool.entripyshops.com/>.

Hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, water bottles, bags, so many choices and a lot of it is customizable! See the poster attached!

School Fees ~ All Term 4 fees have been applied to all students online accounts that the fees apply to (all Junior High student for the Complex fees in Camrose, all High School Art and Food Studies). All fees will be printed off and sent home shortly.

Kindergarten Registrations now accepted for 2022-2023
~ Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022. Mrs. Thomsen, our Kindergarten teacher, along with members of our school division team will be having a Success Starts Early orientation event for all pre-registered Kindergarten students on May 18th.

This is designed to help new Kindergarten students become familiar with the school prior to the beginning of the school year and give our team a chance to see the new students and screen for services.

We are also accepting registrations for any students that will be new to Bawlf School for the 2022-2023 school year, Grades One-Twelve. Registration forms can be picked up at the Bawlf School office (please call ahead) or found either on the Bawlf School or Battle River School Division websites. 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.

ALL Kindergarten registrants who require bussing MUST register with BRSO Transportation, regardless if they have an older sibling already riding the bus. Online registration for this opens on June 1st.

Travel Club ~ by Mr. Munro ~ The Greece/Italy trip topped the list of 'most memorable international travel club trips'. From the Acropolis in Athens to the Colosseum in Rome, the sites and history were second to none. Watching our students experience new cultures, try different cuisines, navigate their way back to the hotel, barter or pay full price, etc etc was worth all the "holding out", extra planning, and pushing for the trip to happen. This could not have been possible without the group of parents who knew that experiences like this for their kids are worth the risk. I believe we were one of the few groups in Canada to travel overseas this school year. We will begin the planning of our 2024 trip this fall. The location is yet to be determined.

Travel Club experience ~ by Sam Schiele

Our trip to Greece and Italy was a great experience. We got to experience many different foods, see different historical monuments and learn about the vibrant cultures of both countries. In Greece, we had the opportunity to see monuments like the Parthenon, Temple of Poseidon and Hadrian's Arch. We got to see firsthand the different scammers that want to sell you little trinkets for lucrative prices, such as when Connor gave 10 euros for a little cloth bracelet. Many of us put our bartering skills to use when buying souvenirs. We had the opportunity to try local cuisines such as moussaka, gyros and Greek yogurt. Our days were filled with hours on our feet or hours of karaoke while our bus driver, Costas drove us around the amazing country of Greece.

Italy was another adventure on its own. We had to take a 22-hour ferry ride across the Ionian and Adriatic to arrive in Italy. But once we arrived, we were in Lucia's, our tour director, home country. Unfortunately, our remaining days in Italy were spent with rain jackets and umbrellas with us but we just had to bundle up. We tried foods such as margarita pizza, different types of pasta and tiramisu. We got to see things like the Colosseum, the Trevi fountain, the amazing craft of leatherworking and our beloved teacher, Mr. Longhurst. It was a very enjoyable experience to see our teacher whom we haven't seen in almost a year. We spent our last couple of days visiting the ancient city of Pompei and some more visiting of Rome before we were at the Airport and were going to spend the next 13 hours flying back to Edmonton where our parents and families were waiting to meet us after not seeing us for 10 days. Great memories were made and many laughs were made and it was a trip that many of us will never forget.

Luckily nobody contracted COVID during the trip or in transit from one country to another. That was a worry that a lot of people had while on the trip. But we like to thank Mr Munro, Mr Yuha and Mrs Lyster for their time and commitment to make sure that this trip was as safe as possible but also fun. We wouldn't have been able to go on the trip if it wasn't for you guys so thank you.

Yearbooks – Don't delay! The 2022 Yearbook is shaping up to be pretty amazing, so don't forget to order one! Cost is \$30 to secure one for delivery in the fall, so don't delay! Cost is \$30 ~ drop off your payment to the office sooner than later! (Still a few 2021 yearbooks if you missed getting your copy! \$30 to the office.

🐾 **FNMI** ~ On April 25th, 2022, students from Grades 4-12 had the opportunity to learn the stories, experiences and history of a First Nations elder by the name of Brad Rabbit.

Mr. Rabbit gave the students an experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom.

He told numerous stories and taught the students about some of his community's beautiful cultural practices. The students were fortunate enough to take part in several traditional songs and had the opportunity to use Mr. Rabbit's drums. He also talked about the significance of the headdress. Many lucky students had the chance to try on the headdress that Mr. Rabbit brought with him.

SAVVY members were able to take part in a smudge, and several other ceremonial protocols.

Brad Rabbit's visit to Bawlf is all thanks to the help of the Bawlf admin team and Battle River Equity Coordinator, Eric Jensen. We hope to have Mr. Rabbit back in our building in the near future.



🐾 **Class Farewell** ~ Formal Class Picture: 6:00 p.m. at Bawlf School

Doors Open for Public at 6:15 ~ Ceremony 7:00 p.m. - School Gym

All 12's should be prepared to help take down the decorations the following Monday starting at 8:15 .m.

🐾 **High School Orientation for Grade 9's** ~ We have begun to talk about high school with our Grade 9s. We will be hosting our orientation to high school for our Grade 9's and their families on June 8th at 6:00 p.m. If students and families are not able to make it, please contact the school and we can send out a virtual link for the meeting.

🐾 **Village Clean up** ~ On May 5th the Kindergarten to Grade 9 Classes will be going around the Village of Bawlf to clean up. The Grade 4's have made maps of the areas that each class is responsible for. We will provide each class with gloves and garbage bags. Everyone needs to make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather and the job at hand. Thank you to the Village of Bawlf for donating the garbage bags and a treat for everyone when the job is finished! Thank you to Cara Huseby for donating dairy-free treats as well. Make sure you pick up all of the trash you see and don't litter!

🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Ranch Camp** ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ Excitement is building as the Grades 5 - 8 classes prepare for Ranch Camp. The Grade 7 & 8 classes are finally getting to attend their cancelled trip from May 2020. They had fundraised in November 2019 and will finally get the chance to visit Circle Square Ranch from Monday, May 16 - Wednesday May 18. The Grade 5 & 6 classes will trade spots with them on Wednesday, May 18 and stay until Friday, May 20. Permission forms and fees will need to be completed in the upcoming weeks. Thank you again to all of the parents and volunteers who have supported the fundraising efforts or are planning to attend as a supervisor. The students and staff appreciate the support and we couldn't do it without you!

BEST

Ham and Egger Lunch ~ Just a reminder that our next Ham and Egger lunch has been moved to May 24th. We are still looking for volunteers to help prepare that day. If you are able to help, please text Everly at (780) 679-8885.



Athletics



🐾 Junior High Badminton ~ by *Mr. Munro* ~ On April 14th, our Badminton teams travelled to Camrose to compete in the Division 3 (CCHS, Bawlf, New Norway, CKS, Bashaw, OLMP) badminton tournament. Division 3 has more JH students than the other 2 divisions combined which is why it is a great achievement for players to place in the top 3 in their grade/category. As a School, we placed 2nd overall behind only CKS. The top 2 teams from each category will be competed last Thursday in the Regional tournament.

Congratulations to the following winners from the Divisional tournament:

Gr 7

Boys Singles: Kai Burnstad

Girls Singles: Madelyn Herder

Gr 8

Girls Doubles: Alexis Dyck/Addisyn Weinkauf

Gr 9

Girls Doubles: Claire Dingman/Bailey Severson

Mixed Doubles: Colby Bendfeld/Megan Herder

This past Thursday, April 21st, the top 2 teams from our Divisional 3 tournament competed against Division 1 and 2 in the Regional tournament. All of our players medaled giving Bawlf School 3rd place overall behind Charlie Killam (1st) and Killam (2nd). Congratulations to all players! The results are as follows:

Gr 7

Boys Singles: Kai Burnstad: Bronze

Girls Singles: Madelyn Herder: Gold

Gr 8

Girls Doubles: Alexis Dyck/Addisyn Weinkauf – Silver

Gr 9

Girls Doubles: Claire Dingman/Bailey Severson: Silver

Mixed Doubles: Colby Bendfeld/Megan Herder: Gold

🐾 High School Badminton ~ by *Mrs. Holm* ~ Our high school badminton season has been underway these past couple of weeks. Wednesday, April 13th, we took 5 athletes to compete in the City/County tournament. They were: Singles - Eric Buchart, Makenzie Adloff and Casey Severson; Doubles - Amy Borman and Grace Harmider. Most advanced to the Areas tournament hosted the following Wednesday. After the completion of Areas, we had Amy and Grace qualify for Zones hosted in Stettler on Saturday, April 30th. Best of Luck to you!

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