

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 9 & 10	HS Volleyball @ Augustana tourney
Sept 14	Meet the Teacher/Powerschool intro night – 6-7 p.m.
Sept 15	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast
Sept 16 & 17	JH Volleyball @ Camrose tourney
Sept 20	School Terry Fox Run
Sept 20	Parent Advisory Committee meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept 22	BEST meeting – via Zoom
Sept 23 & 24	HS Volleyball @ Wetaskiwin tourney
Sept 24	JH Volleyball home tournament
Sept 27	Lifetouch school pictures
Sept 29	September bulletin comes out
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Sept 30 & Oct 1	HS Volleyball @ OLMP tourney
Oct 7	Panago pizza hot lunch
Oct 7	JH/HS Academic Awards Night @ 7:00 p.m.

of course, dates are subject to change



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Notes From Administration ~ *from Mr. Bartlett*

It's hard to believe that we are already finished our first week back and settling into classroom routines and learning. September already promises to be a busy month, as students and staff have settled into classes and plans are underway for many upcoming events.

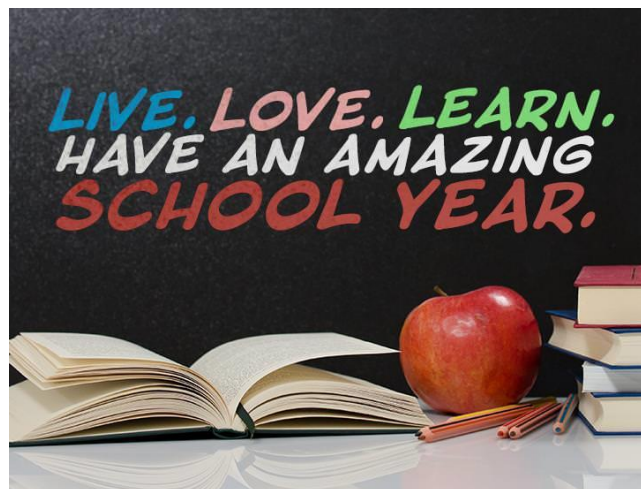
Although I have had the chance to introduce myself to the students and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the parents of Bawlf School. My name is Brock Bartlett and I am excited to join Bawlf School as Principal. I have been the Principal of Killam Public School for the last 5 years and was Principal in Forestburg prior to that. Thank you for making me feel welcome and having patience as I learn about the school.

Thank you to the School Council for putting on the annual "BooHoo" breakfast for our Kindergarten parents. Many parents attended the event with a mix of smiling faces and teary eyes. We are excited to welcome our youngest learners into our school.

Our Wildcat athletes have wasted no time in getting back into action with jr and sr high volleyball teams starting practicing with the first tournament being this weekend in Camrose. We had a great turnout of student athletes for these teams and we are thankful for both our staff and community coaches. Our Cross country runners from grades 4 to 12 will start next week after school to train for the various competitions that they will participate in this fall. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to come out and cheer on our Wildcats throughout the season!!! Go Wildcats!

Although it is no longer a requirement for parents to complete the Daily Checklist prior to students coming to school, it is still important that we do everything we can to keep our school community healthy. We appreciate that parents have kept their children home these past couple of years when they exhibit symptoms and we ask parents to continue this practice. This helps keep our school community healthy and greatly decreases the absences for all our students and staff throughout the year. As was the case last year, if students develop symptoms during the day, we will contact families to pick them up.

Thank you to all our parents who contact us when their child will be away. We also ask that you continue to make us aware of these absences. Parents are welcome to visit the school at any time but it is important that visitors check in at the office. Whenever possible, we will limit the disruptions to classes with visits or phone calls to classrooms during the school day.



School News

🐾 **Reminder** ~ Every school day, the doors open at 8:20 a.m. Please don't arrive prior to that. There is no supervision for students before this time.

🐾 **Reminder** ~ Please email **both** our Administrative Assistants, as well as your homeroom teacher, if your child is going to be absent or late. Both of them do not work every day so we don't want to miss any of these emails.

🐾 **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!

🐾 **Terry Fox Run** – Bawlf School will once again be participating in a school wide Terry Fox run on Tuesday, September 20th. Pledge forms and consent forms will be going home with students next week. Pledges can also be done on-line and information on how to do this is on the pledge forms. Traditionally Bawlf School has done a fantastic job of supporting this event so consider making a pledge and talking to your child about this event and what it means.

🐾 **JH/HS Academic Awards Night** ~ It is soon that time of year again to acknowledge our academic successes in Junior and Senior High AND we are back to celebrating it like we used to: on a Friday night on a long weekend so our previous Grade 12 students can attend! Celebration will be on Friday, October 7th at 7:00 in the gym. Those that are receiving awards will be given an invitation letter next week.

🐾 **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** ~ A huge thank you to Nutrien Rosalind (Dallas Barber) for sponsoring the Student Pancake Breakfast that will be held on Thursday, September 15th! We very much appreciated their commitment to our school community! When students arrive to school, they will be served pancakes, sausage and juice ~ a great way to kickstart the day! Thank you as well to Battle River Implements for the use of their huge portable grill to cook the pancakes. Any parents that have children with special dietary requirements, please email Mrs. Szott at bszott@brsd.ab.ca.

🐾 **Reading University** ~ Congratulations to our Wildcats that attended BRSD Reading University this past summer! Great work, everyone!

FSLW

My name is Chantal Heck and I am a Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Bawlf School. The Family School Liaison Program offers free emotional support and general counseling services to students Kindergarten to Grade 12. Any student experiencing challenges at home or at school that may affect their mental health or relationships is eligible for this program. FSLW's embrace relationship building and connection as the foundational tool for change. While setting attainable goals using a strength and relationship based approach, FSLW's work with students, caregivers and school staff to provide strategies and coping skills. The Family School Liaison Program prioritizes working collaboratively with school staff and community partners to ensure that each student receives 'wrap-around' support to best meet their needs. FSLW's also offer recommendations and referrals for support services outside of a school setting, should they better fit a student's needs. Referrals can be made by parents and school staff. Students aged 13 years and younger must have parental consent to participate in the program. Students over the age of 14 years may refer themselves and provide their own consent for services. Please connect with your child's teacher, the office, or Chantal to refer your child to the program. My email is check@brsd.ab.ca.

BEST

BEST will be having an Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The following positions are open for nominations:
Directors (1 year terms)

If you are interested in attending, please contact Everly Larson at 780-679-8885, and she will send you the Zoom link.

Parent Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Bawlf Parent Advisory Committee, I want to say Welcome Back to another school year. The Parent Advisory is a group of parents that meet with the principal, vice principal, staff representatives, and school board members every couple months to discuss and advise on matters relating to our school. We started the year off by hosting a Boo Hoo breakfast for ECS parents. Thank you to all parents that came out for coffee and snacks. And a big thanks to Emily Herder, Chelsea Bergstrom, and Colleen Konowalyk for organizing the event. Our first meeting this year will be held on September 20th at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to all parents/guardians with children in the school. And just a reminder, our first hot lunch will be October 4th. All lunches will be on the Healthy Hunger website in the next few days so please remember to pre order. Have a wonderful school year!

Athletics



High School Volleyball ~ A new year has started and along with that, a new volleyball season. The high school volleyball teams have been selected and we have a great group of very eager athletes! We are looking forward to a great year and hope to see lots of action on the volleyball court. Be sure to catch a couple of our games if you want to add a little fun to your life! League games will start sometime later in September, but our first tournament is September 9th & 10th at Augustana! Let's fill those spectator seats and cheer loud for our Wildcats! Thank you to our coaches: Mrs. Gjesdal for the girls and Mr. Munro for the boys.

Junior High Volleyball ~ Tryouts are happening right now ~ we are looking forward to seeing our Wildcat teams on the court soon!

Cross Country Running ~ The first practice will be on Monday! Those from Grades 4-12 that are interested are welcome to attend. You'll need running shoes and a water bottle. Meet in the Main Commons right after school, and practice will go from 3:30-4:15. Any questions, email Mr. Chanasyk.

Check us out on our website! <https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

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